

Maryland Department of Health - Overview

MISSION

We work together to promote and improve the health and safety of all Marylanders through disease prevention, access to care, quality management, and community engagement.

VISION

Lifelong health and wellness for all Marylanders.

KEY GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Goal 1. To improve the health status of Marylanders and their families by assuring the provision of quality primary, preventive and specialty care services.

Performance Measures	2021 Act.	2022 Act.	2023 Act.	2024 Act.	2025 Act.	2026 Est.	2027 Est.
¹ Infant mortality rate for all races	6.1	6.2	5.7	5.6	5.5	5.4	5.3
¹ Infant mortality rate for Non-Hispanic Black infants	9.8	10.3	9.0	8.8	8.7	8.5	8.3
¹ Percent births with first trimester care	71.8%	69.7%	69.3%	70.9%	72.5%	74.1%	75.7%
¹ Teen birth rate per 1,000 women, ages 15-19	11.3	10.8	10.8	10.3	9.9	9.4	9.0

Goal 2. To promote healthy behaviors, prevent infectious diseases, and ensure accurate public health surveillance.

Performance Measures	2021 Act.	2022 Act.	2023 Act.	2024 Act.	2025 Act.	2026 Est.	2027 Est.
¹ Percent of two-year-olds with up-to-date immunizations	75%	75%	76%	76%	76%	76%	76%
¹ Rate of primary/secondary syphilis per 100,000 population	11.8	12.7	14.2	12.4	14.8	15.5	16.1

Goal 3. To reduce the proportion of Maryland residents currently engaged in tobacco-related risk behaviors detrimental to their health and the health of others.

Performance Measures	2021 Act.	2022 Act.	2023 Act.	2024 Act.	2025 Act.	2026 Est.	2027 Est.
¹ Percent of middle school students who currently smoke cigarettes	1.3%	1.2%	N/A	1.1%	N/A	1.0%	N/A
¹ Percent of high school students who currently smoke cigarettes (all ages)	3.6%	3.2%	N/A	3.1%	N/A	3.0%	N/A
¹ Percent of adults who currently smoke cigarettes	10.1%	9.6%	9.1%	8.6%	8.1%	7.6%	7.1%

Goal 4. To prevent chronic diseases and disabilities, detect cancer early, and ensure accurate public health surveillance.

Performance Measures	2021 Act.	2022 Act.	2023 Act.	2024 Est.	2025 Act.	2026 Est.	2027 Est.
¹ Overall cancer mortality rate per 100,000 population estimate	136.8	136.7	137.8	135.1	132.5	130.0	127.5
¹ Heart disease mortality rate per 100,000 population estimate	160.1	155.8	149.7	153.3	151.5	150.0	147.9

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Goal 5. Reduce the incidence of HIV/AIDS in Maryland and extend life for people with HIV/AIDS in Maryland.

Performance Measures	2021 Act.	2022 Act.	2023 Act.	2024 Est.	2025 Act.	2026 Est.	2027 Est.
¹ Number of new HIV diagnoses	757	769	733	598	533	469	404
¹ Number of new AIDS diagnoses	444	405	443	357	328	299	270

Goal 6. Adopt cutting edge scientific technology to improve the quality and reliability of public health laboratory practice and detect treatable hereditary disorders to prevent intellectual disability, other defects, and death.

Performance Measures	2021 Act.	2022 Act.	2023 Act.	2024 Act.	2025 Act.	2026 Est.	2027 Est.
Turnaround time for newborn screening tests (days)	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Number of genetic amplification methods to detect emerging and re-emerging infections	42	44	46	48	50	52	54

Goal 7. Provide treatment services that decrease substance abuse and improve social functioning.

Performance Measures	2021 Act.	2022 Act.	2023 Act.	2024 Act.	2025 Act.	2026 Est.	2027 Est.
Percent increase in employment at completion of substance related disorder (SRD) treatment	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Percent of adults that showed a decrease in the number of arrests	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Percent of Public Behavioral Health Services (PBHS) SUD service recipients with three or more behavioral health related ED visits	1.4%	1.3%	1.1%	1.2%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total number of PBHS SUD service recipients	104,586	104,701	108,702	114,485	N/A	N/A	N/A

Goal 8. Increase the abilities of people with mental illness to live successfully in the community.

Performance Measures	2021 Act.	2022 Act.	2023 Act.	2024 Act.	2025 Act.	2026 Est.	2027 Est.
Percent of adults that gained or maintained employment	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Percent of adults who report being satisfied with their recovery	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Percent of PBHS MH service recipients with three or more behavioral health related ED visits	1.0%	0.9%	0.8%	0.8%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total number of PBHS MH service recipients	227,372	243,531	261,240	276,358	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Goal 9. Provide community-based services to an increasing number of eligible individuals with developmental disabilities.

Performance Measures	2021 Act.	2022 Act.	2023 Act.	2024 Act.	2025 Act.	2026 Est.	2027 Est.
Number of individuals receiving case management services	25,294	24,754	25,138	24,620	25,282	25,770	26,180
Number of individuals receiving community-based services	18,839	19,374	19,748	20,501	20,748	20,901	21,301

Goal 10. Improve the health of Maryland's adults and children.

Performance Measures	2021 Act.	2022 Act.	2023 Act.	2024 Act.	2025 Act.	2026 Est.	2027 Est.
Percentage of elderly and individuals with disabilities receiving state-funded services in community alternatives versus nursing	64%	64%	65%	65%	65%	65%	65%
Percent of eligibles aged 1 to 20 years who received preventive dental services	50%	51%	51%	52%	52%	52%	53%

Goal 11. Improve the quality of care to residents in nursing facilities.

Performance Measures	2021 Act.	2022 Act.	2023 Act.	2024 Act.	2025 Act.	2026 Est.	2027 Est.
Number of days to initiate investigation	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Goal 12. Increase participation with small, minority-owned, and veteran-owned businesses.

Obj. 12.1 The MDH Office of Contract Management and Procurement will increase Minority Business Enterprise (MBE), Veteran-Owned Small Business Enterprise (VSBE), and Small Business Enterprise (SBE) participation by 5 percent annually.

Performance Measures	2021 Act.	2022 Act.	2023 Act.	2024 Act.	2025 Act.	2026 Est.	2027 Est.
Number of contracts with SBE participation issued annually	N/A	N/A	N/A	140	1,450	1,500	1,500
Number of contracts with VSBE participation issued annually	N/A	N/A	N/A	20	50	60	60
Number of contracts with MBE participation issued annually	N/A	N/A	N/A	135	1,037	1,050	1,050
Total SBE, VSBE, MBE contracts issued annually	N/A	N/A	N/A	281	2,537	2,610	2,610
Total number of contracts issued annually	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,195	40,683	41,000	41,000
Percent SBE, VSBE, MBE contracts issued over total contracts issued annually	N/A	N/A	N/A	24%	6%	6%	6%

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¹ 2025 data is estimated.