

# 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                        | 2019 Act. | 2020 Act. | 2021 Act. | 2022 Est. | 2023 Est. | 2024 Est. | 2025 Est. |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Infant mortality rate for all races         | 5.9       | 5.7       | 6.1       | 6.5       | 7.0       | 7.5       | 8.0       |
| Infant mortality rate for African-Americans | 9.3       | 9.9       | 9.8       | 11.2      | 11.9      | 12.7      | 13.5      |
| Percent births with first trimester care    | 69.9%     | 70.2%     | 71.8%     | 69.0%     | 69.3%     | 69.6%     | 69.9%     |
| Teen birth rate per 1,000 women, ages 15-19 | 13.9      | 13.0      | 11.3      | 11.2      | 10.5      | 9.8       | 9.2       |

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

| Performance Measures                                      | 2019 Act. | 2020 Act. | 2021 Act. | 2022 Act. | 2023 Est. | 2024 Est. | 2025 Est. |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Percent of two-year-olds with up-to-date immunizations    | 75%       | 74%       | 75%       | 75%       | 75%       | 76%       | 76%       |
| Rate of primary/secondary syphilis per 100,000 population | 14.4      | 14.4      | N/A       | 12.7      | 14.4      | 14.0      | 13.6      |

**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   | 2019 Act. | 2020 Act. | 2021 Act. | 2022 Act. | 2023 Est. | 2024 Est. | 2025 Est. |
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| <sup>1</sup> Percent of middle school students who currently smoke cigarettes          | N/A       | N/A       | 1.3%      | 1.2%      | N/A       | 1.1%      | N/A       |
| <sup>1</sup> Percent of high school students who currently smoke cigarettes (all ages) | N/A       | N/A       | 3.6%      | 3.4%      | N/A       | 3.2%      | N/A       |
| <sup>2</sup> Percent of adults who currently smoke cigarettes                          | 12.7%     | 10.9%     | 10.1%     | 9.6%      | 9.1%      | 8.6%      | 8.1%      |

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

| Performance Measures  | 2019 Act. | 2020 Act. | 2021 Act. | 2022 Est. | 2023 Est. | 2024 Est. | 2025 Est. |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Overall cancer mortality rate per 100,000 population estimate | 144.6     | 142.3     | 139.9     | 137.6     | 135.3     | 133.0     | 133.0     |
| Heart disease mortality rate per 100,000 population estimate  | 150.3     | 154.0     | 152.4     | N/A       | N/A       | N/A       | N/A       |

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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         | 2019 Act. | 2020 Act. | 2021 Act. | 2022 Est. | 2023 Est. | 2024 Est. | 2025 Est. |
|------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Number of new HIV diagnoses  | 927       | 715       | 760       | 757       | 662       | 591       | 521       |
| Number of new AIDS diagnoses | 483       | 399       | 442       | 398       | 204       | 141       | 79        |

**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  | 2019 Act. | 2020 Act. | 2021 Act. | 2022 Act. | 2023 Act. | 2024 Est. | 2025 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 | 38        | 40        | 42        | 44        | 46        | 48        | 50        |

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

| Performance Measures  | 2019 Act. | 2020 Act. | 2021 Act. | 2022 Act. | 2023 Act. | 2024 Est. | 2025 Est. |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Percent increase in employment at completion of substance related disorder (SRD) treatment  | 36%       | N/A       | N/A       | N/A       | N/A       | N/A       | N/A       |
| Percent of adults that showed a decrease in the number of arrests   | 63%       | 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 | N/A       | 1.1%      | 1.4%      | 1.3%      | 1.0%      | 1.3%      | 1.3%      |
| Total number of PBHS SUD service recipients   | 116,536   | 122,219   | 104,340   | 104,301   | 105,544   | 107,549   | 109,162   |

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

| Performance Measures   | 2019 Act. | 2020 Act. | 2021 Act. | 2022 Act. | 2023 Act. | 2024 Est. | 2025 Est. |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Percent of adults that gained or maintained employment                                       | 34%       | N/A       | N/A       | N/A       | N/A       | N/A       | N/A       |
| Percent of adults who report being satisfied with their recovery                             | 73%       | 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 | N/A       | 2.1%      | 0.9%      | 0.9%      | 0.8%      | 0.9%      | 0.9%      |
| Total number of PBHS MH service recipients   | 225,278   | 222,966   | 233,854   | 244,890   | 256,949   | 267,227   | 275,912   |

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

| Performance Measures                                     | 2019 Act. | 2020 Act. | 2021 Act. | 2022 Act. | 2023 Act. | 2024 Est. | 2025 Est. |
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| Number of individuals receiving case management services | 23,012    | 23,445    | 25,294    | 24,754    | 25,138    | 26,002    | 26,560    |
| Number of individuals receiving community-based services | 17,306    | 18,116    | 18,839    | 19,374    | 19,748    | 20,148    | 20,548    |

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

| Performance Measures   | 2019 Act. | 2020 Act. | 2021 Act. | 2022 Act. | 2023 Act. | 2024 Est. | 2025 Est. |
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| Percentage of elderly and individuals with disabilities receiving state-funded services in community alternatives versus nursing | 58%       | 60%       | 64%       | 65%       | 64%       | 68%       | 69%       |
| <sup>3</sup> Percent of eligibles aged 1 to 20 years who received preventive dental services                                     | 55%       | 43%       | 50%       | 51%       | 51%       | 52%       | 52%       |

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

| Performance Measures                     | 2019 Act. | 2020 Act. | 2021 Act. | 2022 Act. | 2023 Act. | 2024 Est. | 2025 Est. |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Number of days to initiate investigation | 34        | 33        | 1         | N/A       | N/A       | N/A       | N/A       |

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

**Obj. 12.** 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   | 2019 Act. | 2020 Act. | 2021 Act. | 2022 Act. | 2023 Act. | 2024 Est. | 2025 Est. |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Number of contracts with SBE participation issued annually                   | N/A       | N/A       | N/A       | N/A       | N/A       | 200       | 200       |
| Number of contracts with VSBE participation issued annually                  | N/A       | N/A       | N/A       | N/A       | N/A       | 40        | 40        |
| Number of contracts with MBE participation issued annually                   | N/A       | N/A       | N/A       | N/A       | N/A       | 1,500     | 1,500     |
| Total SBE, VSBE, MBE contracts issued annually                               | N/A       | N/A       | N/A       | N/A       | N/A       | 1,740     | 1,740     |
| Total number of contracts issued annually                                    | N/A       | N/A       | N/A       | N/A       | N/A       | 76,500    | 76,500    |
| Percent SBE, VSBE, MBE contracts issued over total contracts issued annually | N/A       | N/A       | N/A       | N/A       | N/A       | 2%        | 2%        |

## NOTES

<sup>1</sup> Survey not conducted in 2019 and 2020. 2022 data is estimated.

<sup>2</sup> 2022 data is estimated.

<sup>3</sup> 2023 data is estimated.

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## OPIOID OPERATIONAL COMMAND CENTER (OCC)

### MISSION

The Opioid Operational Command Center's mission is to coordinate Maryland's statewide response to the opioid crisis so that fatality numbers decline.

### VISION

The OCC envisions a healthier Maryland where individuals have equitable access to care and where opioid and overdose-related harms are reduced through comprehensive and coordinated efforts between state and local partners.

### KEY GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND PERFORMANCE MEASURES

#### Goal 1. Improve opioid overdose mortality.

**Obj. 1.1** By December 2026, Maryland will have an improved overdose mortality rate.

**Obj. 1.2** By December 2026, Maryland will implement Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) models into 200 Maryland Primary Care Program (MDPCP) practices.

| Performance Measures                             | 2019 Act. | 2020 Act. | 2021 Act. | 2022 Act. | 2023 Est. | 2024 Est. | 2025 Est. |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Opioid overdose mortality rate                   | 38%       | 45%       | 43%       | N/A       | N/A       | N/A       | N/A       |
| The number of MDPCP practices using SBIRT models | 117       | 157       | 321       | 350       | 354       | 374       | 394       |

Quarterly and Annual Reports: <https://health.maryland.gov/vsa/Pages/overdose.aspx>