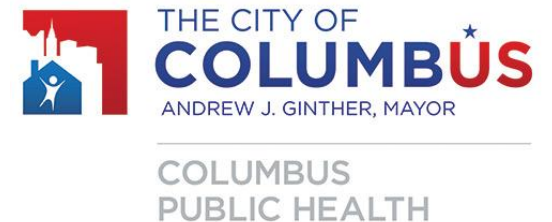


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Key Community Health Indicators

Community Health Assessment Update

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Annual CHA Update

As an accredited public health department, Columbus Public Health is required to produce a community health assessment every 5 years (most recent HealthMap 2022). Included in this assessment are data related to:

- Leading causes of death
- Infectious disease
- Infant health
- Chronic conditions and health behaviors
- Insurance status

The Key Community Health Indicator (KCHI) dashboard presents a subset of indicators to provide an annual update to this assessment.

- Includes measures for Columbus, Franklin County, and Ohio
- Updated with most recent available data
- Data from 2016 onward accessible with the “Filter by Year” feature
- Indicator dot color shows if measure improved, got worse, or did not change from the previous year

2025 Dashboard

Key Community Health Indicators

2025 Annual Community Health Assessment Update

	Columbus 2024	Franklin County 2024	Ohio 2024	Columbus: 2023 to 2024		
Leading Causes of Death (Age-adjusted rate per 100,000 residents in a 3-year period)						
Heart disease	172.4	165.0	186.5	181.1	172.4	Improved
Cancer	145.0	144.0	158.7	145.7	145.0	Improved
Accidents	93.8	85.0	71.1	103.5	93.8	Improved
Stroke	46.0	45.0	46.7	45.1	46.0	Got worse
Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	37.5	36.0	41.9	39.2	37.5	Improved
COVID-19	23.0	22.0	27.4	48.6	23.0	Improved
Other Causes of Death (Age-adjusted rate per 100,000 residents in a 3-year period)						
Accidental overdose	55.2	47.0	36.4	65.1	55.2	Improved
Diabetes	19.6	19.0	26.2	22.3	19.6	Improved
Suicide	13.2	13.0	15.1	12.7	13.2	Got worse
Life Expectancy (Years; calculated for 3-year periods)						
Life expectancy	76.1	77	76.9	75.2	76.1	Improved
Infectious Disease (Incidence rate per 100,000 residents)						
Chlamydia	770.8	664.0	415.9	909.3	770.8	Improved
Pertussis	13.7	16.0	15.0	3.6	13.7	Got worse
Syphilis	33.0	28.0	12.3	52.1	33.0	Improved
Tuberculosis	6.1	6.0	1.7	5.6	6.1	Got worse
Infant Health (Incidence unless otherwise noted)						
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)	8.2	7.0	6.6	8.6	8.2	Improved
Low birthweight	10.5%	10.0%	8.8%	10.2%	10.5%	Got worse
Preterm births	12.0%	11.0%	11.0%	10.9%	12.0%	Got worse
Very preterm births	2.2%	2.0%	1.7%	2.1%	2.2%	Got worse
Chronic Conditions and Health Behaviors (Prevalence)						
Current e-cigarette use	7.0%	7.0%	8.1%	12.6%	7.0%	Improved
Current smoking	11.2%	9.0%	14.1%	12.9%	11.2%	Improved
Depression	30.2%	29.0%	26.6%	29.1%	30.2%	Got worse
Diabetes	10.5%	13.0%	13.1%	13.4%	10.5%	Improved
Overweight or obese	69.9%	70.0%	70.0%	69.5%	69.9%	Got worse
Insurance Status (Prevalence)						
Uninsured	13.7%	12.0%	9.1%	13.0%	13.7%	Got worse

Filter by Year

Choose a report year. (Note that data lag by 1 year.)

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Improved

Got worse

No change

No data

All data analyzed by Columbus Public Health's Office of Epidemiology.

[View detailed notes and source information here.](#)

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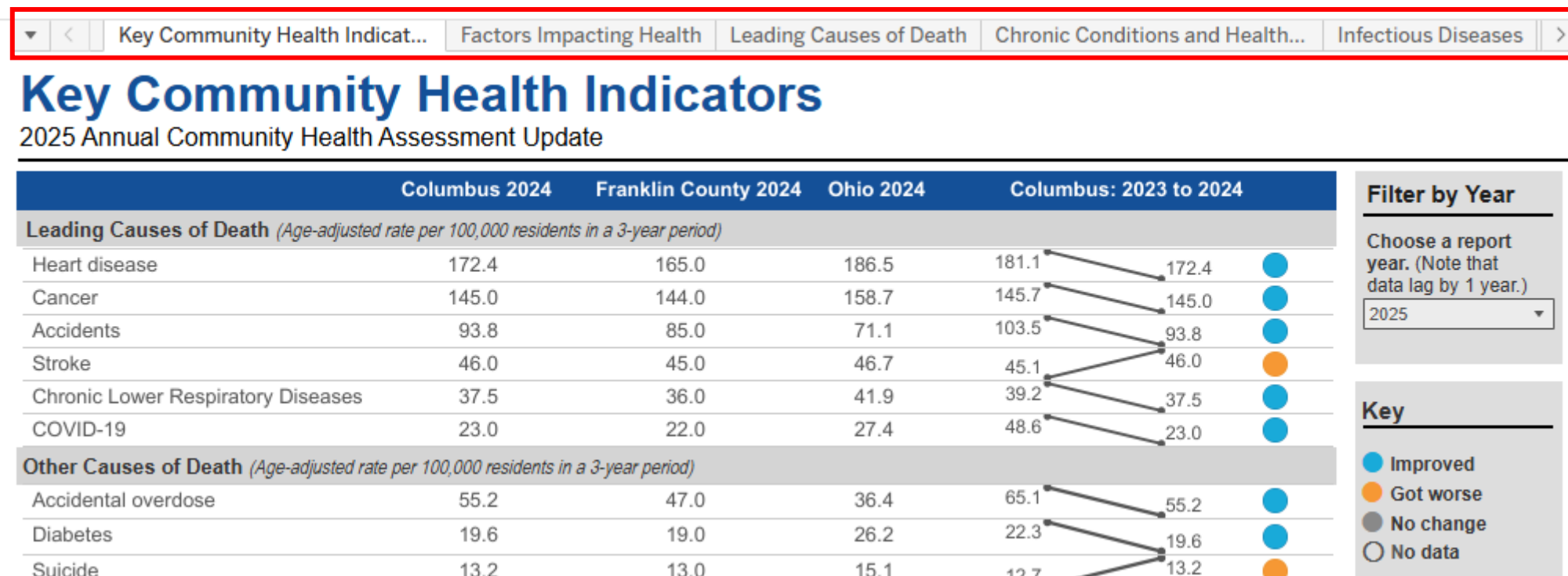
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COLUMBUS PUBLIC HEALTH

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Exploring the Dashboard

Use the arrows across the top of the dashboard to view all available tabs.



Explore Health Topics

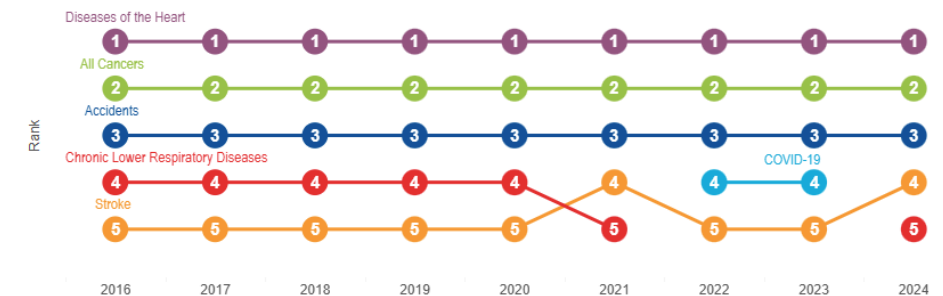
- Leading causes of death, chronic conditions and health behaviors, and infectious diseases each have their own dashboard pages that show:
 - Trends over time
 - Differences by sex
 - Differences by race/ethnicity
 - Differences by education (chronic conditions/health behaviors only)

Mortality

Leading causes of death

Top 5** causes of death, Columbus

Hover over a bubble to see the number of deaths and age-adjusted rate in a given area and time period.

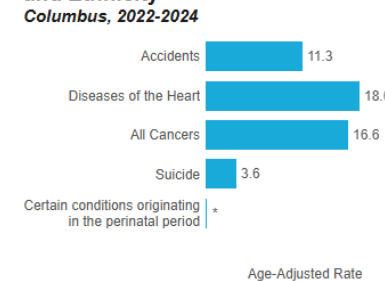


Filter by Area

Choose an area to see top-ranked causes of death.

Columbus

Top 5* Causes of Death by Race and Ethnicity Columbus, 2022-2024

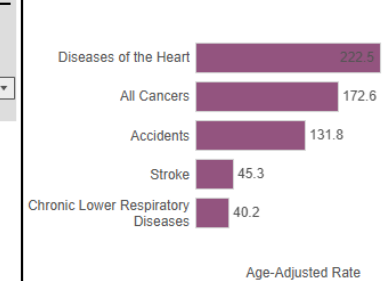


Filter by Race or Ethnicity

Select a race or ethnicity from the dropdown.

Two or more races

Top 5* Causes of Death by Sex Columbus, 2022-2024



Filter by Sex

Select male or female from the dropdown.

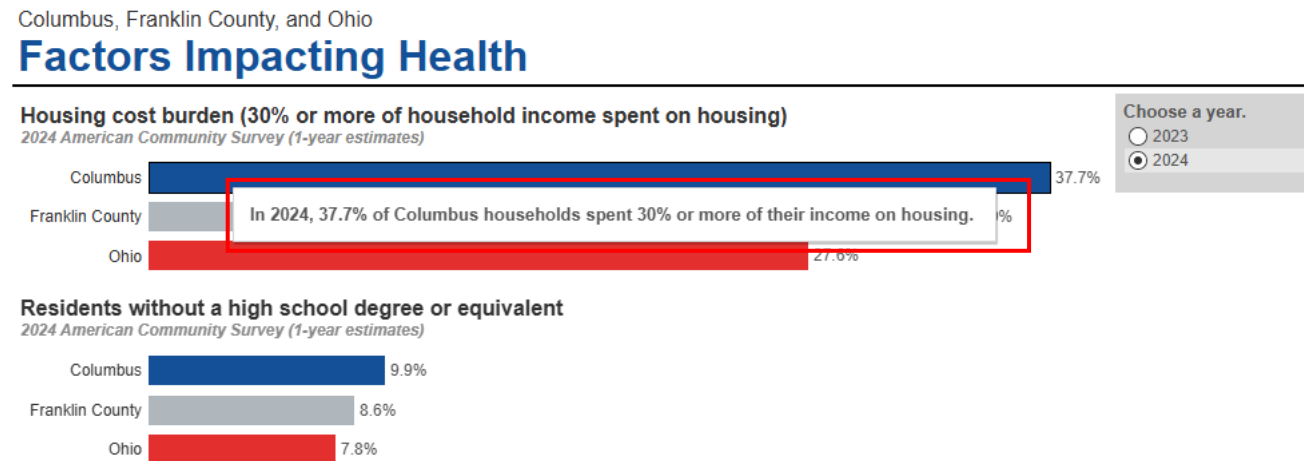
Male

* Rates based on fewer than 10 deaths are unstable and not shown.

**Please note, leading causes of death are ranked by the number of deaths, not the age-adjusted rate. Depending on the age distribution of a specific population, the age-adjusted rate may or may not rank in the same order as the number of deaths.

Explore Factors Impacting Health

- Hover over a data point to read the takeaway.



Explore Data Notes

- Navigate to the “Data Notes” tab to learn important information about the data.

▼ < Factors Impacting Health Leading Causes of Death Chronic Conditions and Health... Infectious Diseases CHIP **Data Notes** Additional Data >

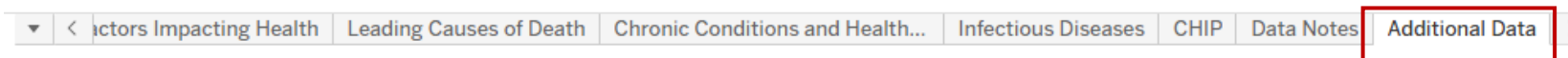
Key Community Health Indicators

2025 Data Sources & Notes

Causes of Death and Life Expectancy	<p>Ohio Department of Health (ODH) Bureau of Vital Statistics, accessed via the Data Ohio Portal (DOP). Protected Mortality file, 2022-2024. 2024 data are preliminary, current as of October 2025. Columbus and Franklin County population counts for age-adjusted rate (ADR) calculations are from the US Census Bureau American Community Survey (ACS) 1-year estimates, Tables S0101 and B01001. ODH specifically disclaims responsibility for any analysis, interpretations, or conclusions. ADRs for Ohio were pulled directly from DOP report builder and are current as of October 2025.</p> <p>"Leading causes of death" are a specific subset of underlying causes of death defined by the National Center for Health Statistics. Only these leading causes are ranked (by number) in tables and graphs depicting leading causes. For more information on leading causes of death, see https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nvss/leading-causes-of-death.htm. Death data are combined over three years to produce more stable rates. ADRs are standardized rates that minimize the effect of differences in age compositions across different populations. ADRs were calculated using the 2000 US Standard Population. Life expectancy is calculated from a life table and is the average expected number of years of life from birth for someone born during 2022-2024, according to the current mortality experience of persons in the same population. Life expectancy calculations and ADRs for Columbus are based on death counts in ..</p>
Chronic Conditions and Health Behaviors	<p>Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System Survey (BRFSS) Data. Atlanta, Georgia: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 2024. BRFSS data used in these analyses were obtained from the Ohio Department of Health (ODH), supported by CDC. Use of these data does not imply that ODH or CDC agrees or disagrees with the analyses, interpretations, or conclusions in this report.</p> <p>Indicators show the percent of adults ages 18 and older reporting these behaviors and conditions. All BRFSS questions rely on self-report from the respondent. The prevalence of depression and diabetes is for those who have ever been diagnosed. The prevalence of current smoking is specific to cigarette use. E-cigarette use includes e-cigarettes or other electronic vaping products. Overweight or obese means a body mass index (BMI) of 25.0 or greater.</p>

Explore Additional Data

- The “Additional Data” page contains links to topics not covered in detail within the KCHI dashboard.



Additional data

Columbus Public Health and its partners regularly produce data reports and dashboards, on topics including infant mortality and infant health; suicide; and overdose and addiction.

Key Findings

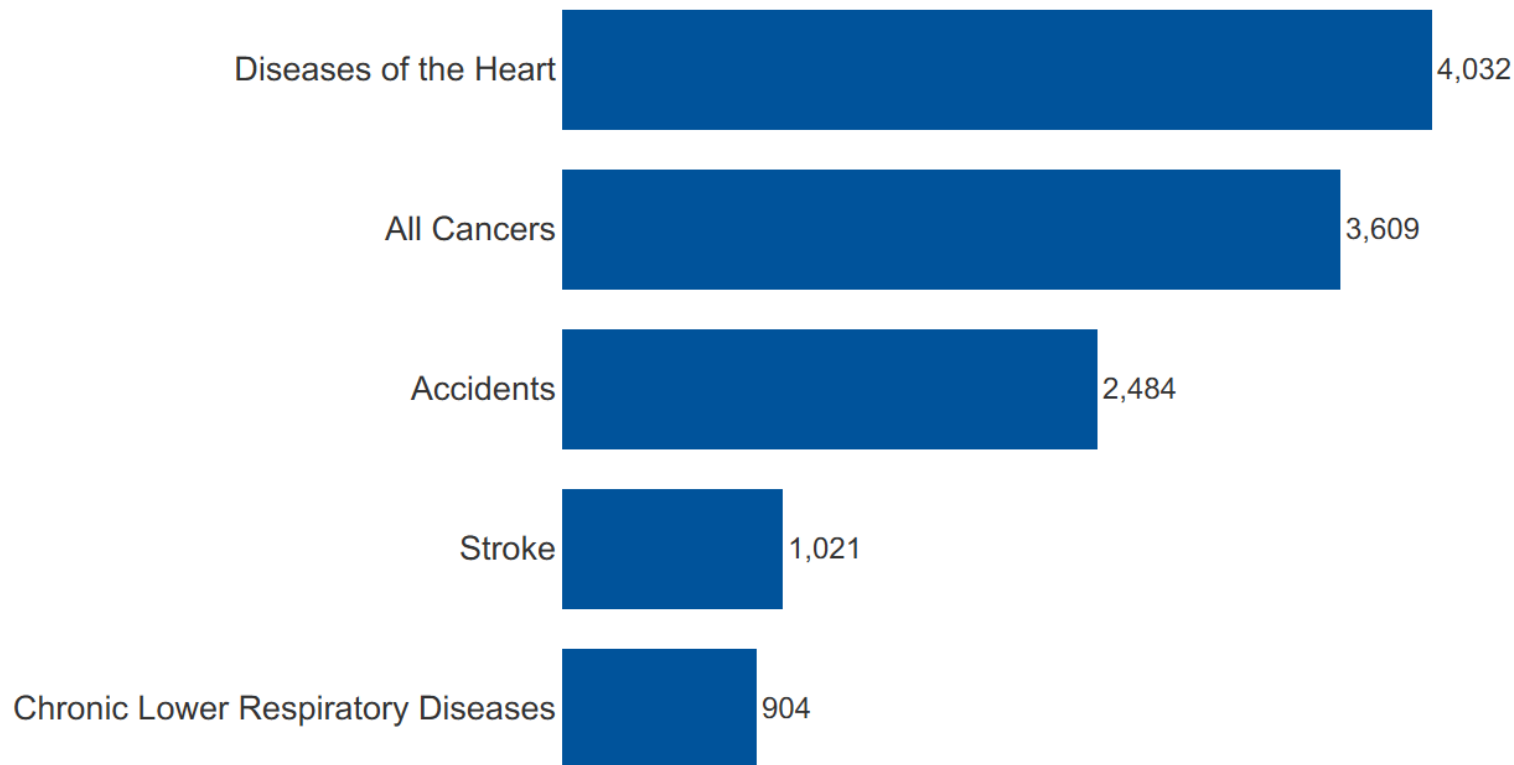
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KEY FINDINGS

Leading Causes of Death

Among Columbus residents, 4 of 5 leading causes of death are chronic conditions.

Age-adjusted rate per 100,000 residents, 2022-2024

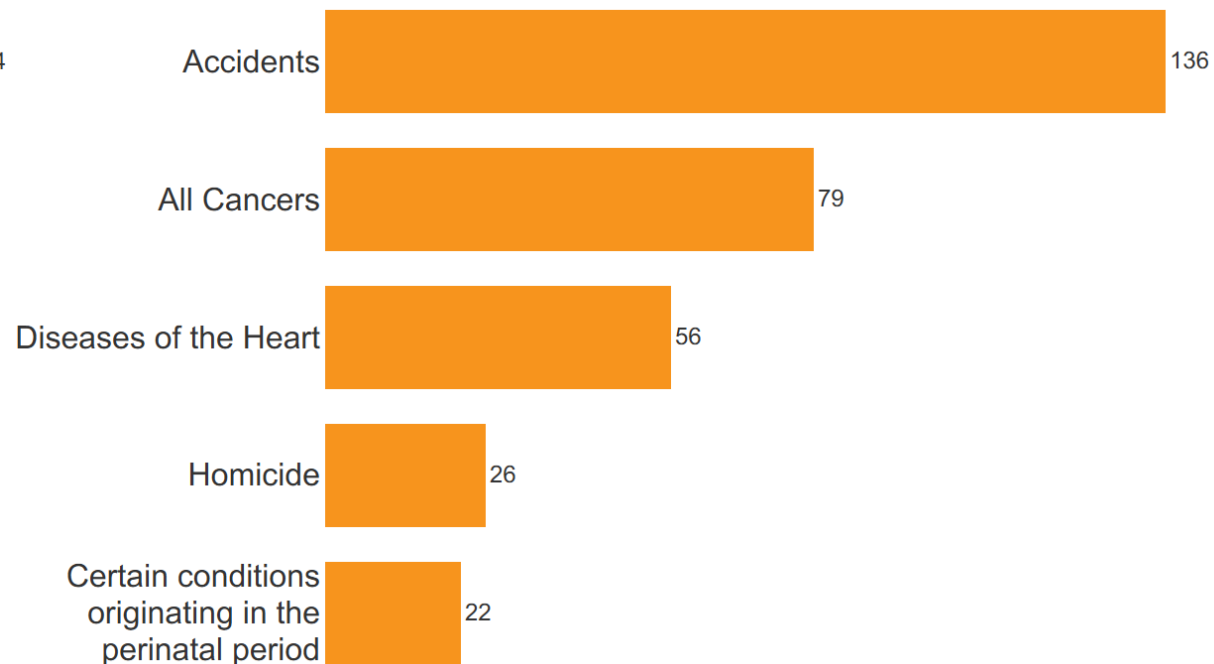
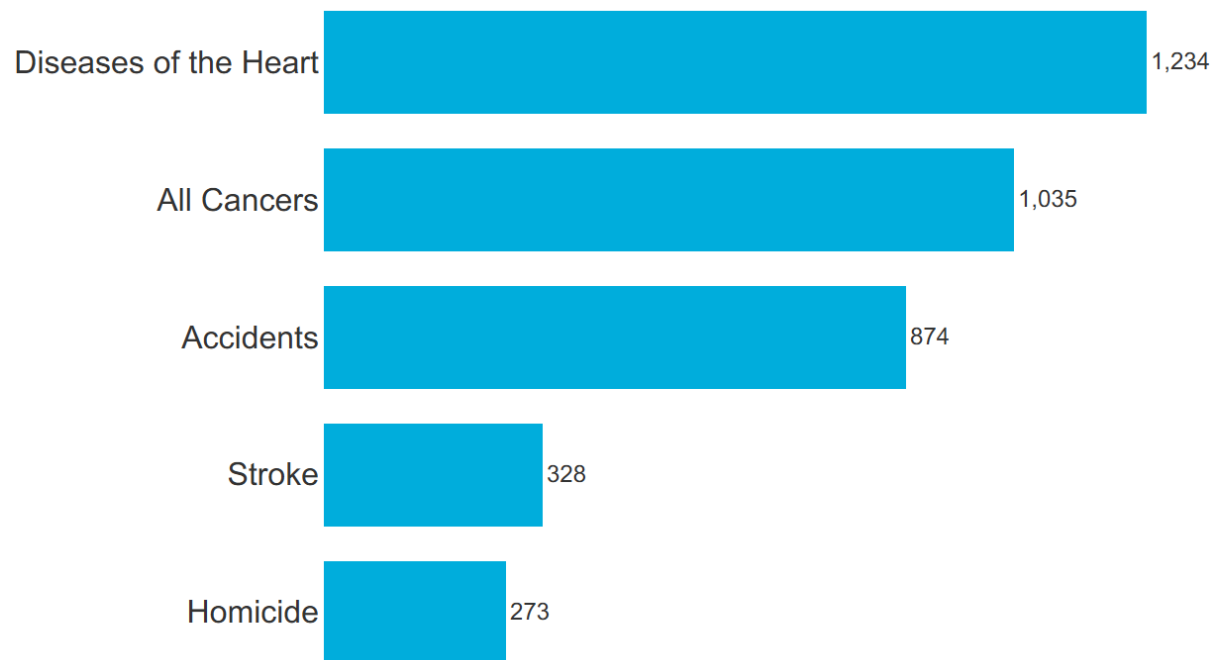


KEY FINDINGS

Leading Causes of Death

Homicide was ranked among the five leading causes of death for Black and Hispanic Columbus residents.

Number of deaths, 2022-2024



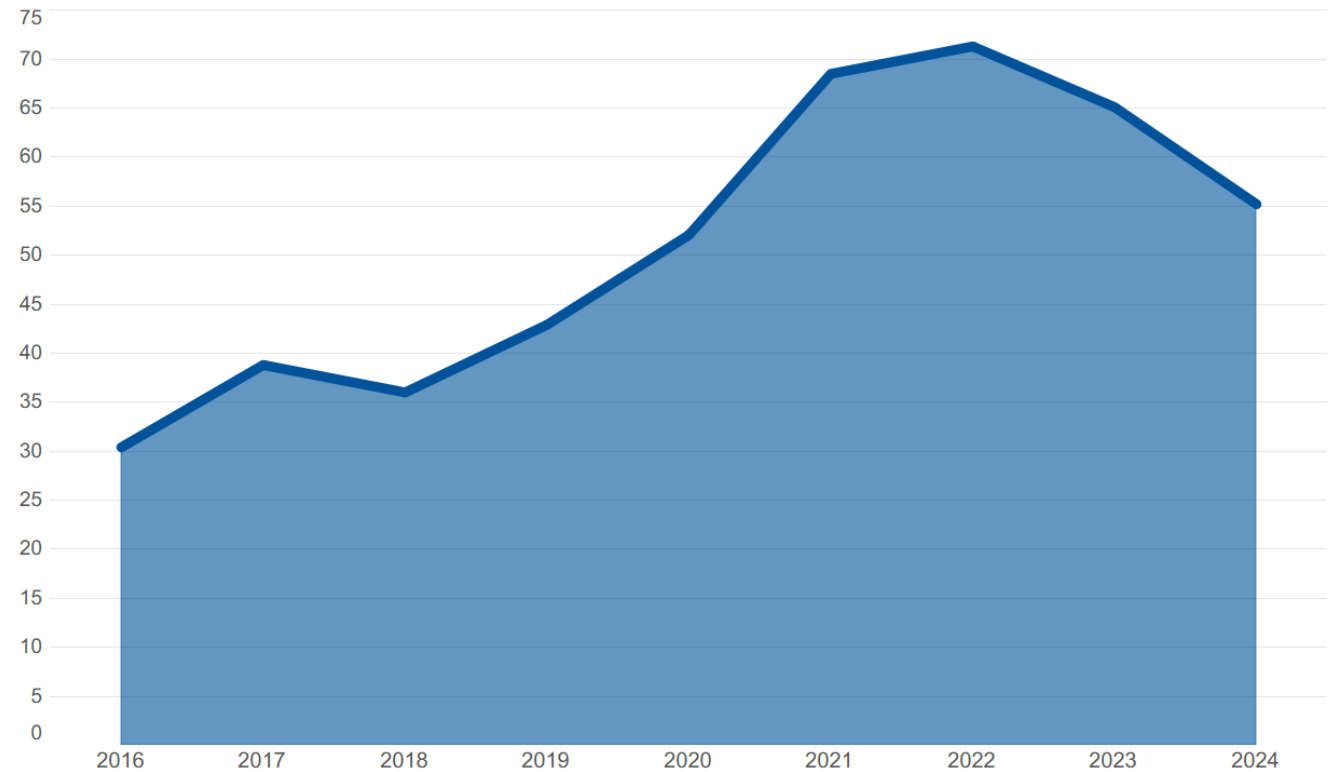
Accidental overdose deaths continue to decline.

Age-adjusted rate per 100,000
residents

KEY FINDINGS

Other Causes of Death

Columbus, 2022-2024



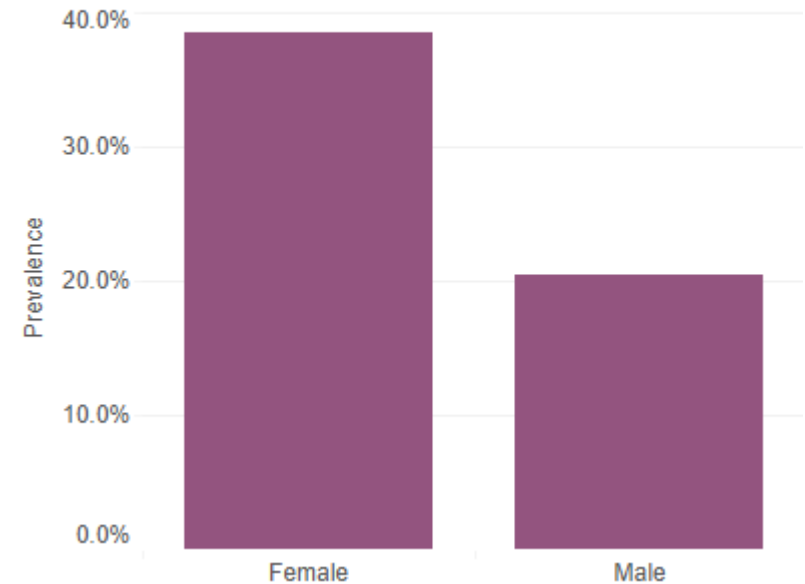
KEY FINDINGS

Mental Health

In 2024, about 3 in 10 Columbus adults reporting ever receiving a diagnosis of depression.

Females were nearly twice as likely as males to report ever receiving a depression diagnosis.

Depression by Sex
Columbus, 2024



KEY FINDINGS

Mental Health

The age-adjusted suicide rate among Columbus residents has increased since 2020, from 10.7 to 13.2 per 100,000 population.

- The suicide rate among males was about 3 times higher than the suicide rate among females.

KEY FINDINGS

Infant Health

In 2024, babies in Columbus were more likely to die before their first birthday compared to babies born in Franklin County and Ohio.

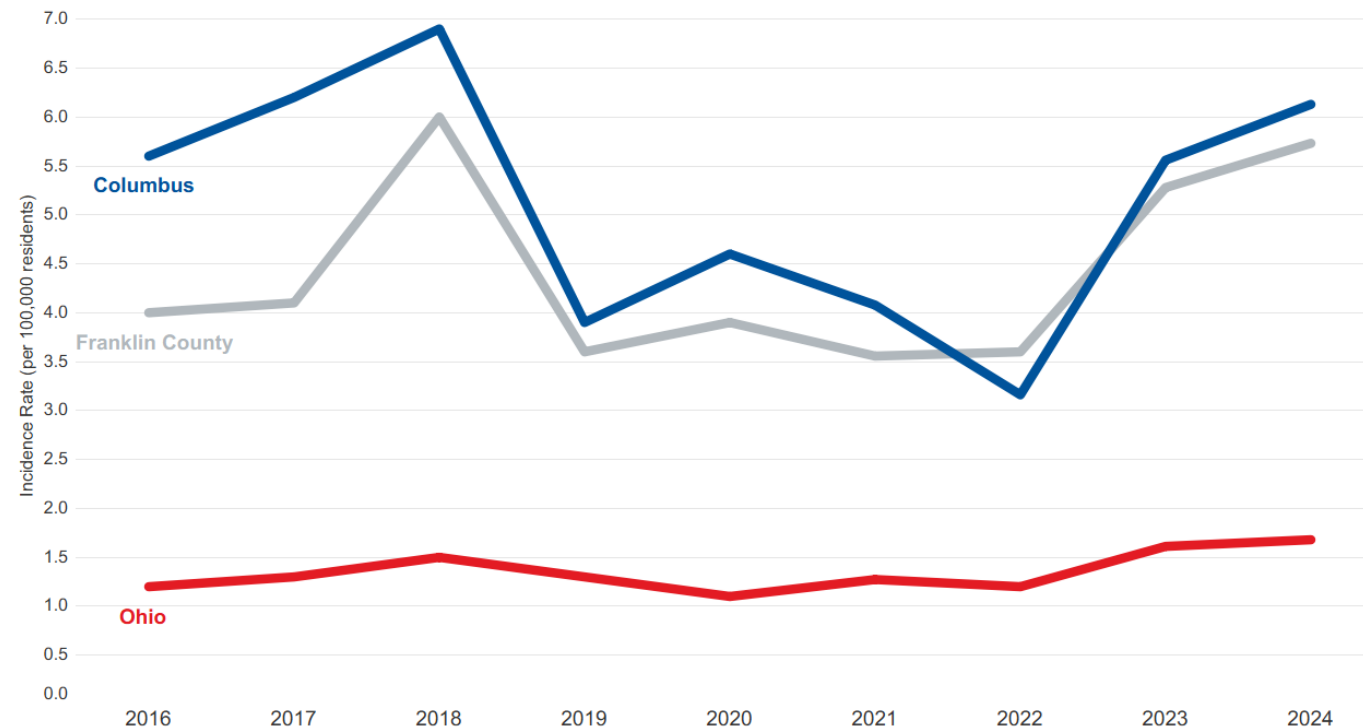


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Infectious Diseases

Tuberculosis infections continue to increase.

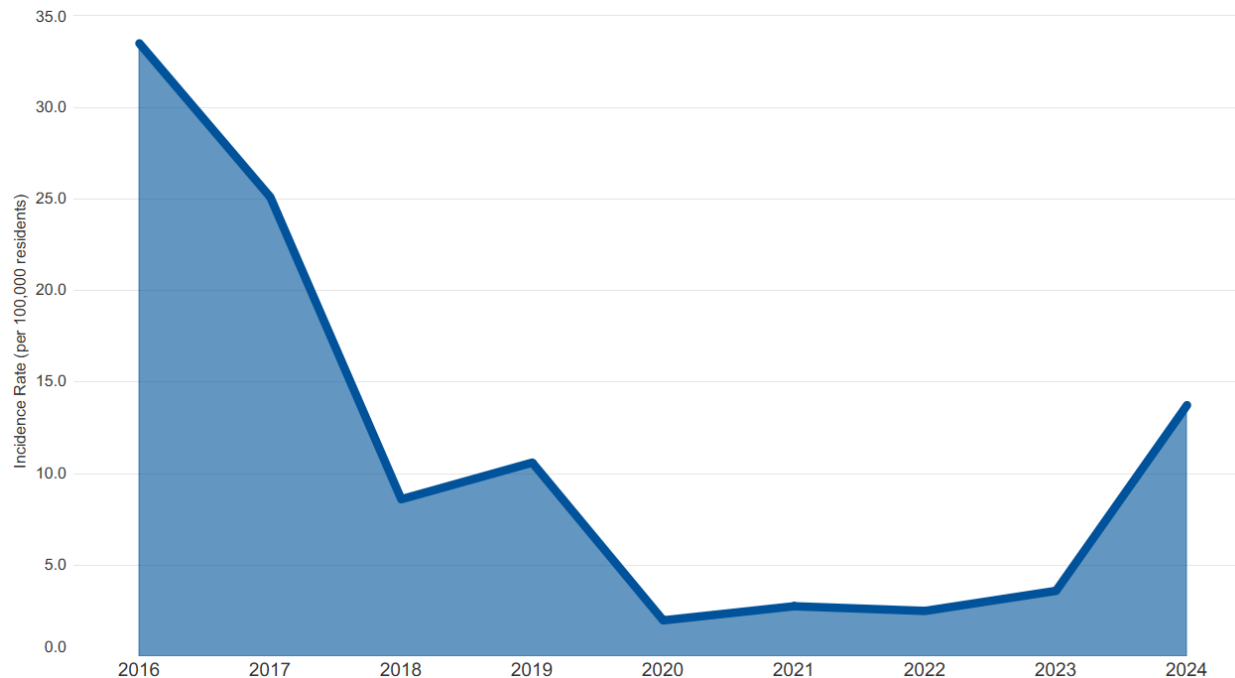
Rate per 100,000 population



KEY FINDINGS

Infectious Diseases

Columbus, 2016-2024



**Pertussis
infections
returned to pre-
pandemic levels.**

Incidence per 100,000
population

KEY FINDINGS

Infectious Diseases

Sexually transmitted infections

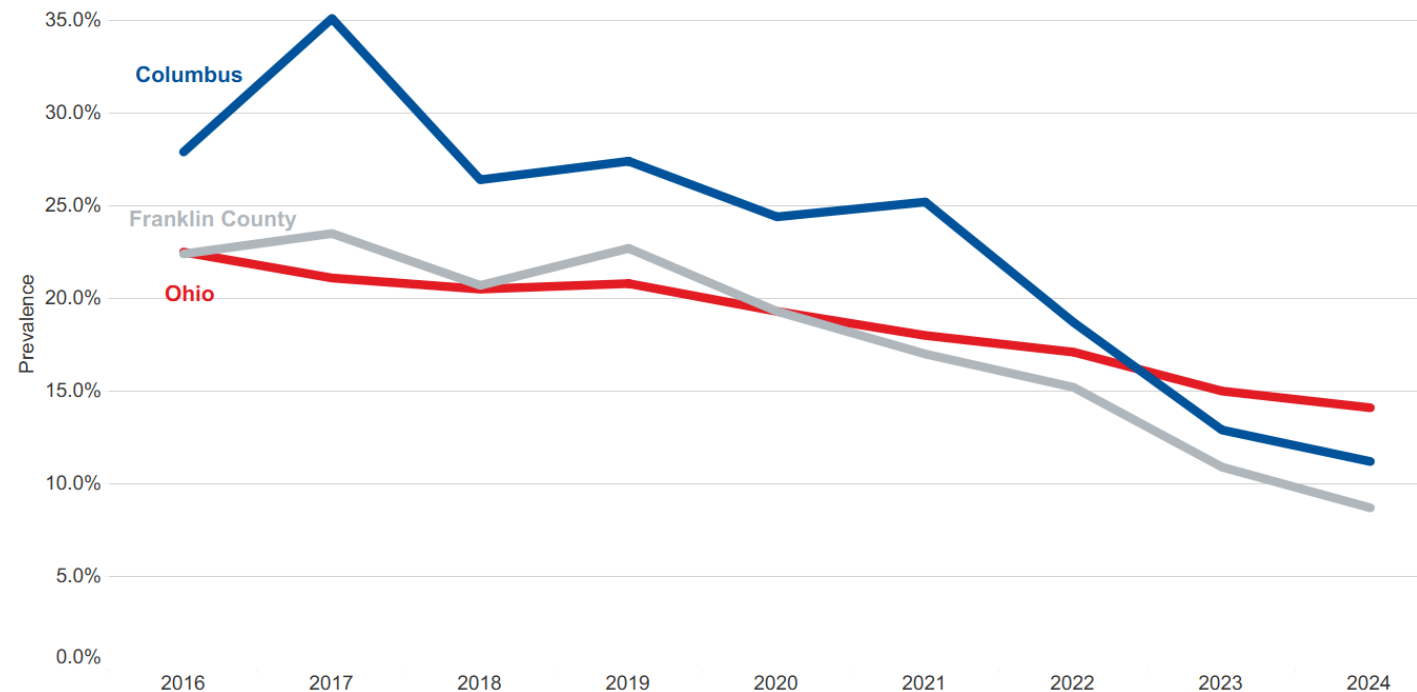
- Chlamydia infections decreased by 12% from 2023 to 2024 among Columbus residents.
 - The rate among Black residents was about 5 times higher than the rate among White residents.
- Syphilis infections decreased by about one-third from 2023 to 2024.
 - The rate among Black residents was about 3 times higher than the rate among White residents.

KEY FINDINGS

Health Behaviors

Current smoking among adults continues to decline.

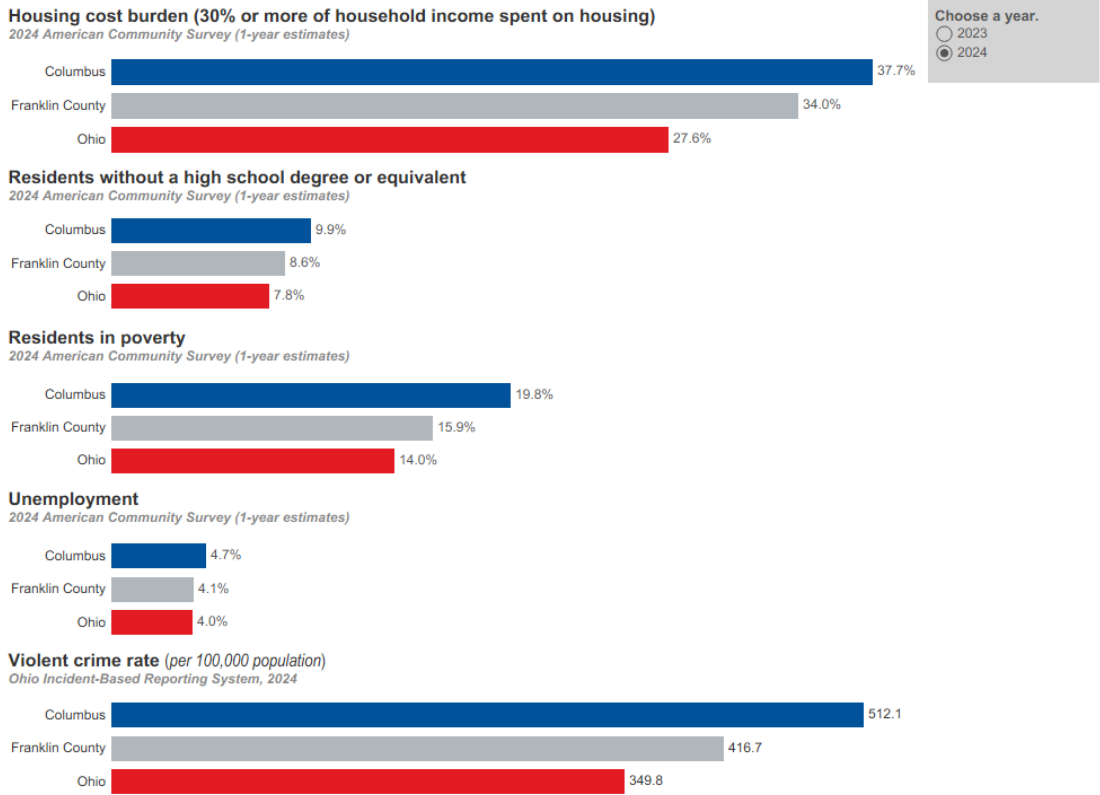
Percent of adult residents who reported smoking cigarettes every day or some days in the past 30 days



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Factors Impacting Health

Columbus, Franklin County, and Ohio
Factors Impacting Health



Columbus has less favorable conditions for health, compared to Franklin County overall and Ohio.

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