

Department of Columbus Public Health

Department Description

Columbus Public Health (CPH) protects, promotes and monitors the health of the public by:

- Assuring compliance with public health laws, mandates and regulations
- Establishing policy to address health issues and emerging health threats
- Providing preventive, environmental, community, clinical and home – based services

Department Mission

Columbus Public Health is a leader in improving the health and safety of Columbus by monitoring community health status, identifying and addressing public health threats, enforcing laws that protect the public's health, and providing services to prevent and control disease.

Strategic Priorities for 2009

From the Columbus Covenant:

Neighborhoods

- Provide services to prevent, investigate and control infectious diseases, including communicable disease outbreaks, sexually transmitted infections, and food-borne and water-borne illnesses.
- Continue to assess the health needs of Columbus, as well as particular neighborhoods, specifically the Near East, West and South sides. Staff will also work with community residents to prioritize health issues and provide technical assistance on strategies to address them.
- Continue to provide high quality clinical services for children and families including, sexual health, immunization, dental and prenatal services. Staff will continue to reduce barriers to service by providing such services as translation and evening hours.
- As part of the active living institute, CPH will make Columbus a healthier community by working to lower the incidence of chronic diseases by implementing strategies to make Columbus an active and vibrant community. In 2009, the institute will work to expand access to fresh fruits and vegetables in the central-city urban neighborhoods where residents have limited or no access.
- Provide public health services, such as immunizations, tuberculosis testing, and prenatal services for immigrants and refugees and other vulnerable residents.
- Continue to work with groups such as Columbus Neighborhood Health Centers, Inc. (CNHC) and others to help support primary care for as many as possible.

Public Health

- Collaborate with Facilities Management Division during the construction phase of the West Side Family Health Center.
- Maintain staff nurses and social workers in neighborhood pride centers and other venues to assist vulnerable residents. The goal will be to protect their health and safety primarily by linking them to needed health and social services and through the community-focused public health nursing corps.

Safety

- Continue departmental and community planning to prepare for and respond to a range of disasters or emergencies, including bioterrorism and a potential pandemic influenza outbreak. Community leadership, public education and staff training will continue in 2009 with an emphasis on providing the highest level of public health protection possible for all Columbus residents.

Education

- Coordinate with other city departments and agencies to enhance the safety of children near and around schools.
- Improve health in minority communities, primarily African American and Latino populations, through faith based initiatives.
- Continue school inspection services and collaborative efforts with Columbus City School nurses to respond to children's pressing health needs.

Customer Service

- Continue the community education for Columbus SIGNS, the system to better inform the public on the safety of restaurants, pools, schools and other venues inspected by the Environmental Health Division.

Peak Performance

- Expand the e-mail notification system to provide important public health information to subscribers through Columbus Public Health's website.
- Enhance technology in the vital statistics area to allow for computer scanning and storage of birth and death certificates and regular access to data reports, including real time analysis of Franklin County residents.
- Further expand the orientation and training process for all new employees.

2009 Budget Notes

- The 2009 budget for Columbus Public Health allows continued provision of public health services that are mandated, services that meet the priorities contained within the Columbus Covenant and a variety of programs that the Board of Health deems essential.
- The city will provide \$4.4 million in funding to the Columbus Neighborhood Health Centers, Inc., which provides primary care to individuals who are uninsured or without adequate health care coverage. This is a reduction of \$1 million from 2008 funding. In addition, the city will complete construction of a new Westside neighborhood family health center.
- The department will continue to address increasing public health and community imperatives such as the potential avian influenza outbreak, the infectious disease early warning system and youth violence reduction.
- Prenatal care will continue to be provided at two clinic sites, serving low income pregnant women. Due to budgetary constraints, one previously operated clinic site will not be funded in 2009. Columbus Public Health is working with community partners to identify resources that would continue to provide this important service.
- Both the dental clinic program, which serves uninsured clients, and the dental sealant program, which provide preventive sealants to low income school children, will be fully continued in 2009.
- Due to funding limitations, the rodent control program, previously funded at \$273,554, will not be funded in 2009.
- City funding for alcohol and drug services will be eliminated in 2009.
- The department will continue to address increasing public health and community imperatives and related infectious disease early warning systems in 2009.

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Budget and Performance Measures Summary

DEPARTMENT FINANCIAL SUMMARY					
DEPARTMENT SUMMARY	2006 Actual	2007 Actual	2008 Original Appropriation	2009 Estimated Expenditures	2009 Proposed
Health	\$ 26,390,545	\$ 27,696,032	\$ 26,037,117	\$ 26,273,431	\$ 22,078,340
TOTAL	\$ 26,390,545	\$ 27,696,032	\$ 26,037,117	\$ 26,273,431	\$ 22,078,340

NOTE: The general fund 2008 and 2009 figures, unlike in preceding years, do not include technology expenditures, which are budgeted in Finance and Management. For an adjusted historical comparison, see page 26-9.

DIVISION SUMMARY BY CHARACTER					
HEALTH SPECIAL REVENUE EXPENDITURES SUMMARY	2006 Actual	2007 Actual	2008 Original Appropriation	2008 Estimated Expenditures	2009 Proposed
Personnel	\$ 15,540,991	\$ 17,241,012	\$ 17,243,584	\$ 17,547,625	\$ 14,586,594
Materials & Supplies	531,187	520,799	635,325	648,475	654,375
Services	9,786,323	9,370,113	7,602,308	7,563,298	6,564,175
Other Disbursements	14,433	21,175	19,900	19,771	19,700
Capital	34,268	-	-	-	-
Transfers	180,000	190,000	180,000	180,000	-
TOTAL	\$ 26,087,202	\$ 27,343,099	\$ 25,681,117	\$ 25,959,169	\$ 21,824,844
CDBG EXPENDITURES SUMMARY	2006 Actual	2007 Actual	2008 Original Appropriation	2008 Estimated Expenditures	2009 Proposed
Personnel	\$ 303,343	\$ 347,161	\$ 350,078	\$ 308,340	\$ 253,496
Services	-	5,772	5,922	5,922	-
TOTAL	\$ 303,343	\$ 352,933	\$ 356,000	\$ 314,262	\$ 253,496

DEPARTMENT SUMMARY BY FUND					
FUND SUMMARY	2006 Actual	2007 Actual	2008 Original Appropriation	2008 Estimated Expenditures	2009 Proposed
Health Special Revenue	\$ 26,087,202	\$ 27,343,099	\$ 25,681,117	\$ 25,959,169	\$ 21,824,844
Community Dev. Block Grant	303,343	352,933	356,000	314,262	253,496
TOTAL	\$ 26,390,545	\$ 27,696,032	\$ 26,037,117	\$ 26,273,431	\$ 22,078,340

DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL SUMMARY					
DIVISION	FT/PT*	2006 Actual	2007 Actual	2008 Budgeted	2009 Budgeted
Health	FT	216	210	220	184
	PT	44	41	50	53
Community Dev. Block Grant	FT	6	5	5	4
	PT	3	2	3	2
TOTAL		269	258	278	243
*FT=Full-Time PT=Part-Time					

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Program	Mission	Financial History by Program				Personnel by Program			
		2006 Budget	2007 Budget	2008 Budget	2009 Proposed	2006 FTEs	2007 FTEs	2008 FTEs	2009 FTEs
Community Dental Services	To provide basic and preventive services to Franklin County families who are unable to access dental service due to cost.	\$ 567,569	\$ 621,244	\$ 754,649	\$ 766,073	6	6	7	7
Dental Sealants	To prevent tooth decay in children in low income families in Columbus.	\$ 219,911	\$ 238,989	\$ 196,217	\$ 201,917	1	2	1	1
Food Safety	To reduce the number of food borne illnesses in Columbus and Franklin County.	\$ 1,427,916	\$ 1,680,252	\$ 1,893,248	\$ 2,107,572	21	24	27	27
Perinatal Program	To provide comprehensive perinatal services to improve the health of pregnant and post-partum women and their infants.	\$ 1,184,664	\$ 1,263,454	\$ 1,278,936	\$ 987,246	13	14	14	12
Public Health Standards	To monitor and document the department and community status regarding state and national public health standards.	\$ 196,498	\$ 211,246	\$ 300,543	\$ 378,317	2	2	3	3

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		2006 Budget	2007 Budget	2008 Budget	2009 Proposed	2006 FTEs	2007 FTEs	2008 FTEs	2009 FTEs
Vital Statistics	To register, correct and provide birth and death information to the general public, funeral homes and other agencies in compliance with Ohio laws so they can have timely and accurate documents and information to obtain other vital services.	\$ 773,269	\$ 799,477	\$ 752,615	\$ 786,603	11	11	10	10
Healthy Schools	To protect the health and safety of community school children through elimination of environmental hazards in school facilities.	\$ 121,175	\$ 133,123	\$ 138,403	\$ 104,978	2	2	2	1
Columbus Neighborhood Health Centers	To provide financial support in the form of a contract to the Columbus Neighborhood Health Centers, Inc. (CNHC) for the delivery of primary care services to citizens of Columbus, and to monitor and review the performance of CNHC, Inc. to ensure compliance with contract provisions.	\$ 5,659,582	\$ 5,540,990	\$ 5,394,473	\$ 4,394,767	1	1	1	0

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		2006 Budget	2007 Budget	2008 Budget	2009 Proposed	2006 FTEs	2007 FTEs	2008 FTEs	2009 FTEs
Occupational Health and Safety	To identify workplace hazards in city divisions and facilities, evaluate the identified hazards and implement strategies to control them, and develop employee exposure monitoring requirements and written programs for specified OSHA standards.	\$ 371,444	\$ 347,379	\$ 263,131	\$ 16,755	3	3	2	0
Health Administration	To provide leadership and direction for the department and to provide related administrative and clerical functions in the areas of fiscal, human resources, information systems, and facilities management.	\$ 5,317,491	\$ 5,518,161	\$ 3,350,019	\$ 2,552,040	40	40	37	32
Employee Assistance Program	To provide voluntary, confidential, professional and short-term counseling to city employees and their families experiencing personal problems that affect their job performance; to make referrals to community resources if appropriate, and to provide education and training on related topics.	\$ 364,690	\$ 378,868	\$ 401,829	\$ 411,292	5	5	5	5

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		2006 Budget	2007 Budget	2008 Budget	2009 Proposed	2006 FTEs	2007 FTEs	2008 FTEs	2009 FTEs
Community Health Administration	To provide the administrative and clerical support functions for the community health division and to provide staff development services department-wide.	\$ 637,299	\$ 647,401	\$ 653,118	\$ 680,180	8	8	8	8
Community Health	To assist individuals in identifying opportunities for health improvement and provide linkage to other health and community agencies.	\$ 1,124,515	\$ 1,106,523	\$ 1,169,092	\$ 1,054,291	15	14	14	11
Alcohol and Drug Abuse	To provide alcohol and drug abuse prevention and education services to Columbus residents, the courts, and EAP referred clients in a clinic setting, and to provide education and prevention services to students in public schools.	\$ 417,274	\$ 397,590	\$ 366,571	\$ 71,720	4	3	2	0
MCH Home Visiting	To provide interdisciplinary home visits (public health, social worker, paraprofessional) for the assessment of health status, home environment, parenting skills and social support; to provide education and training to families; and to make linkages with community resources.	\$ 672,483	\$ 655,963	\$ 695,588	\$ 561,194	8	8	8	5

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Injury Prevention	To attempt to reduce death and preventable injuries to children 14 and under by developing public awareness and education programs, and to advocate for more comprehensive public policy regarding safety issues.	\$ 70,176	\$ 84,280	\$ 93,747	\$ 29,849	1	1	1	0
Infectious Disease Administration	To provide the administration and clerical support for the infectious disease division.	\$ 125,756	\$ 501,496	\$ 466,629	\$ 445,345	1	6	5	5
Sexual Health	To provide sexually transmitted infection (STI) diagnosis, treatment, prevention, education and referrals to people in need of sexual health services to avoid complications and transmission of STIs.	\$ 1,780,783	\$ 1,920,068	\$ 1,966,340	\$ 1,682,059	22	23	21	18
Immunization and Communicable Disease	To provide immunization services to residents of all ages, to provide outreach services and educate providers and parents to immunize against preventable disease, to provide prevention/control services through investigation and testing.	\$ 1,052,605	\$ 1,079,035	\$ 1,077,694	\$ 1,051,709	12	12	10	9

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		2006 Budget	2007 Budget	2008 Budget	2009 Proposed	2006 FTEs	2007 FTEs	2008 FTEs	2009 FTEs
Laboratory Services	To provide laboratory services for the department.	\$ 512,598	\$ 495,508	\$ 601,617	\$ 521,841	4	3	3	2
Planning and Preparedness Administration	To provide administrative and clerical support for the division.	\$ 248,938	\$ 276,103	\$ 184,794	\$ 201,236	3	3	2	2
Health Promotion	To facilitate requests from the media, other agencies and individuals, to research and prepare reports, presentations and other written materials and to provide education, individual assessment and opportunities to participate in physical activity classes.	\$ 42,722	\$ 121,491	\$ 84,490	\$ 12,600	1	1	1	0
Epidemiology	To conduct population-based assessments, surveillance and investigations of general or specific health-related issues through the collection or tabulation of a variety of data, and to analyze data using appropriate epidemiological and statistical techniques to determine the possible cause, nature, and consequences of health problems.	\$ 240,890	\$ 251,537	\$ 271,749	\$ 278,021	3	3	3	3

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		2006 Budget	2007 Budget	2008 Budget	2009 Proposed	2006 FTEs	2007 FTEs	2008 FTEs	2009 FTEs
Minority Health	To create, implement and coordinate a plan for effective and efficient communication between CPH staff and customers with limited English proficiency or hearing impairments, and to assess data collection within the department in regard to racial and ethnic minorities, providing input on their needs in the development of policies, programs, and allocation of resources.	\$ 747,742	\$ 481,796	\$ 480,259	\$ 532,403	8	3	2	2
Environmental Health Administration	To provide the administrative and clerical support functions for the division.	\$ 619,032	\$ 832,024	\$ 857,396	\$ 672,486	8	10	10	8
Vector Control	To monitor and control mosquito populations in Columbus through counts, treatment and environmental control.	\$ 201,731	\$ 185,802	\$ 184,376	\$ 150,070	1	1	1	1
Dangerous Animal and Rabies	To conduct animal investigations for all bites and dangerous animals, and to conduct seven rabies clinics annually.	\$ 439,057	\$ 474,233	\$ 358,254	\$ 231,896	7	7	4	2

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		2006 Budget	2007 Budget	2008 Budget	2009 Proposed	2006 FTEs	2007 FTEs	2008 FTEs	2009 FTEs
Hazardous Waste/Chemical Hazards	To provide inspections for hazardous waste, underground storage tanks, etc., to monitor compliance with various rules and regulations, and to act as a clearinghouse for information about chemical hazards to be used by various organizations such as the Franklin County Emergency Management Agency.	\$ 559,524	\$ 425,057	\$ 400,970	\$ 354,148	6	4	5	4
Lead Poisoning and Indoor Air	To evaluate and reduce lead poisoning among Columbus children aged 6 months to 6 years through screening, inspection, and public information.	\$ 601,734	\$ 673,159	\$ 560,854	\$ 424,592	8	9	7	5
Environmental Health Promotion	To provide community environmental education and outreach efforts.	\$ 431,162	\$ 321,851	\$ 353,553	\$ 44,500	5	4	4	0
Water Protection	To inspect all licensed swimming pools and spas, respond to citizens' complaints, and conduct surveys and seminars for pool operators as needed.	\$ 298,655	\$ 340,519	\$ 298,646	\$ 315,219	4	4	4	4

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		2006 Budget	2007 Budget	2008 Budget	2009 Proposed	2006 FTEs	2007 FTEs	2008 FTEs	2009 FTEs
Aids Housing	To provide community project sponsors with the resources and incentives to devise and implement long-term comprehensive strategies for meeting the array of housing needs of low income persons infected with HIV/AIDS and related diseases.	\$ 54,504	\$ 50,530	\$ 55,744	\$ 55,421	0	1	1	1
		\$ 27,083,389	\$ 28,055,149	\$ 25,905,544	\$ 22,078,340	234	238	225	188

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Performance History by Program

Program	Measure	Performance History by Program			
		2006	2007	2008 Mid-Year	2009 Target
Dental Clinic/Community Dental Services	Percentage of visits by eligible patients where preventive care is given in the dental clinic	n/a	27.9%	29.1%	30.0%
Dental Sealants	Percentage of sealants administered through the Dental Sealants program retained after one year	88.5%	88.6%	n/a	87.0%
	Percentage of eligible students receiving sealants through CPH dental sealant program	75.9%	70.9%	n/a	75.0%
Food Safety	Number of food safety inspections per FTE	509.4	n/a	342.0	600.0
	Percentage of state-mandated inspections completed to date	new	new	25.7%	95.0%
	Percentage of post-inspection audits that are consistent with the original or first inspection	new	new	100.0%	85.0%
	Percentage of post-inspection audits completed (of those scheduled)	new	new	15.8%	100.0%
	Percentage of licensed food facilities not entering into the enforcement process	new	new	99.9%	99.0%
	Percentage of licensed food facilities that receive the "Honor Award"	new	new	3.8%	10.0%
	Percentage of licensed facilities in the enforcement process that achieve total compliance with findings as a result of the pre-hearing conference	new	new	73.0%	75.0%
Women's Health	Number of perinatal clients served	1,364	1,442	838	1,200
	Percentage of pregnant clients who received 1st trimester care	73.0%	61.0%	47.0%	50.0%
	Percentage of unintended pregnancies	58.0%	n/a	69.0%	<60.0%

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Program	Measure	2006	2007	2008 Mid-Year	2009 Target
	Percentage of infants born weighing >5.4 lbs	n/a	n/a	n/a	90%
	Number of pap tests done	n/a	n/a	n/a	1,500
	Percentage of pap tests that were abnormal	n/a	n/a	n/a	<6.0%
Public Health Standards	<i>Public Health Standards</i>				
	Percentage of internal customers rating quality improvement/performance measurement process as good or excellent	n/a	93.8%	n/a	96.0%
	<i>Healthy Children, Healthy Weights</i>				
	Number of child care centers that finish all four components of the program	n/a	n/a	30	40
	Percentage of care centers using ideas on follow-up	100.0%	n/a	100.0%	100.0%
	Number of child care centers participating in the program	n/a	n/a	30	60
	Percentage of children in CCS classified as overweight	40.0%	n/a	n/a	<28.0%
Vital Statistics					
	Percentage of business days where mail is completely processed by the end of the day	new	new	new	60.0%
	Percentage of records accepted by the State for Franklin County	new	new	new	98.0%
	Number of transactions per FTE	new	new	new	2,075
	\$ expenditures per transaction completed	new	new	new	< \$5.00
Employee Assistance					
	Number of active EAP clients	452	642	561	500
	Number of supervisory coaching/consultations provided	n/a	662	512	500

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Program	Measure	2006	2007	2008 Mid-Year	2009 Target
Program	Percentage of clients reporting that counseling was beneficial	n/a	100%	99.0%	90.0%
Health Planning	Percentage of plan review and rezoning recommendations implemented	new	new	new	64.0%
	Percentage of targeted customers implementing evidence based practices	new	new	new	32.0%
	\$ of total external resources leveraged per internal dollar spent	new	new	new	\$ 48,000.00
	Number of targeted settings/customers served per FTE	new	new	new	183
	Percentage of strategic plan initiatives where CPH and community partners are making progress	new	new	new	94.0%
Child Fatality Review	Percentage of child fatality review cases where prevention recommendations are made	new	new	new	82.0%
	Percentage of targeted child fatality review recommendations implemented	new	new	new	100.0%
Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention and Treatment	Percentage of treatment clients demonstrating abstinence of substance abuse for 60 continuous days	n/a	51.9%	53.6%	43.0%
	Percentage of children served through Y.E.S. program exhibiting new coping skills	53.0%	58.6%	83.0%	77.0%
	Percentage of customers demonstrating knowledge and intention to follow low risk guidelines for alcohol/drug use	n/a	n/a	60.0%	70.0%
Injury Prevention	Percentage of trainees reporting increased knowledge after a car seat class	90.0%	n/a	100.0%	90.0%
	Number of car seats distributed per FTE	new	new	new	125
	Number of car seats checked per FTE	new	new	new	200

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Program	Measure	2006	2007	2008 Mid-Year	2009 Target
	Number of home safety inspections per FTE	new	new	new	1,000
Sexual Health	Number of STI's diagnosed at CPH per 100,000 Columbus Residents	new	new	new	<20
	Number of chart audits performed demonstrating substantial compliance with treatment protocol (all STIs)	n/a	99.0%	99.0%	100.0%
	Percentage of clients satisfied with sexual health services	n/a	97.0%	100.0%	100.0%
	Number of customers served per clinician paid labor hour	new	new	1.5	2.5
	Number of people served	n/a	11,700	5,995	12,000
	Number of partners disclosed/identified per primary, secondary and early latent syphilis case treated through CPH	new	new	new	>2
Immunization and Communicable Disease	<i>Communicable Disease Prevention</i>				
	Percentage of patients 0 to 35 months old who are up-to-date on immunizations	78.0%	n/a	91.0%	83.0%
	<i>TB Control Program</i>				
	Number of active TB patients per 100,000 Franklin County residents	7.80	7.10	3.50	<3.5
	Percentage of active TB patients completing treatment	95.0%	94.0%	n/a	90.0%
	Percentage of contacts (to active TB patients) completing full treatment	78.0%	n/a	n/a	75.0%
Emergency Preparedness	\$ expenditure on emergency preparedness per 1,000 residents	n/a	\$ 1,727.66	\$ 1,429.00	\$ 1,140.00
	Percentage of new staff completing emergency preparedness training	n/a	n/a	18.0%	90.0%
	Percentage of staff at emergency preparedness trainings rating them as good or excellent	n/a	n/a	99.0%	95.0%

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Program	Measure	2006	2007	2008 Mid-Year	2009 Target
Minority Health	Percentage of city minority residents receiving health promotion services	n/a	0.08%	0.09%	5.0%
Vector Control Program	Percentage of targeted areas fogged for adult mosquito control within one week of identification	new	new	87.0%	85.0%
Rabies and Dangerous Animals	Percentage of animals quarantined or tested for rabies out of those reported (dogs, cats or ferrets)	55.0%	72.0%	83.0%	80.0%
Hazardous Waste/Chemical Hazards	Percentage of chemical facility reports requiring follow up consultation (CEPAC)	new	new	new	<10.0%
	Percentage of infectious waste treatment facilities inspected per year	54.4%	47.9%	69.4%	65.0%
Body Art	Percentage of body art facilities inspected and found to have no critical violations	99.8%	100%	98.3%	95.0%
Lead Poisoning and Indoor Air	<i>Childhood Lead Screening and Prevention</i> Percentage of children tested with elevated blood lead levels (EBL)	0.57%	0.43%	0.53%	<0.75%
	<i>Smoke Free Compliance</i> Percentage of repeat smoke-free compliance violators	new	new	new	<9.0%

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Program	Measure	2006	2007	2008 Mid-Year	2009 Target
School and Pool Inspections	Percentage of public pools inspected on schedule	n/a	100.0%	n/a	98.0%
	Percentage of public pools inspected and found to be in compliance with environmental health and safety standards	n/a	94.7%	92.4%	90.0%
	Percentage of schools inspected and found to be in compliance with environmental health and safety standards	n/a	n/a	94.0%	80.0%