

Public Health in Pueblo!

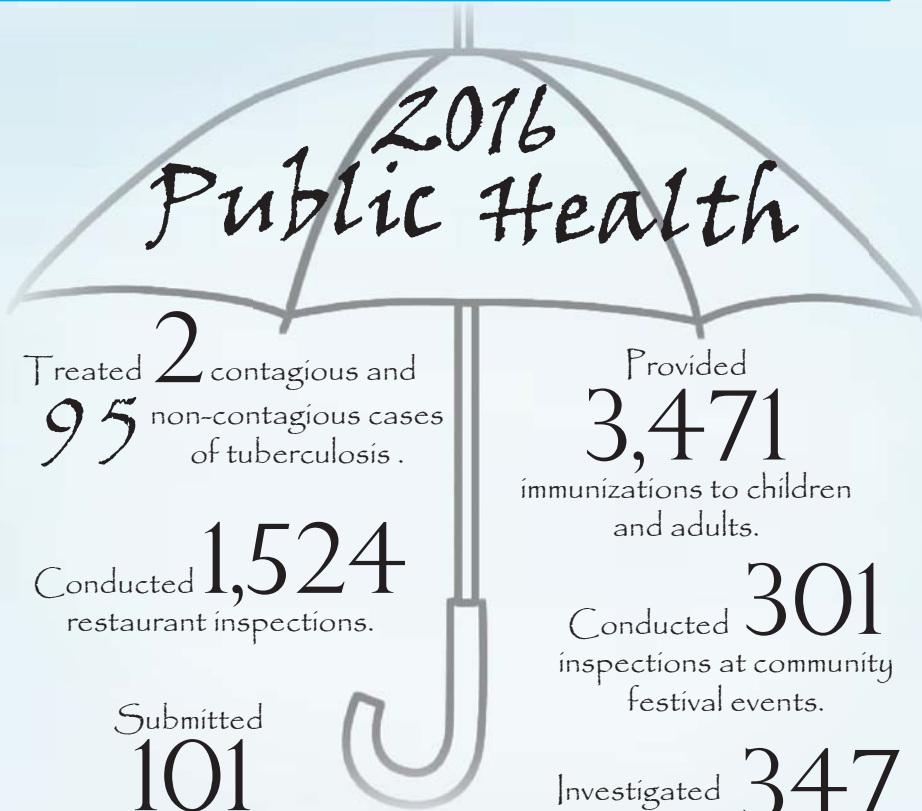
Pueblo City-County Health Department 2016 Annual Report



The Pueblo City-County Health Department is excited and honored to obtain national accreditation through the Public Health Accreditation Board. Accreditation acknowledges the public health programs and services meet national standards as well as demonstrates the commitment and professionalism of the staff members.

During 2016, Public Health provided emergency response to the Beulah Hill and Junkins Fires in the Pueblo County Emergency Operations Center. Public Health also assisted with air quality monitoring, activation of the Pueblo County Medical Reserve Corps, immunizations, septic system damage assessments, waste removal, and water testing. Public Health's goal was

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Treated **2** contagious and **95** non-contagious cases of tuberculosis.

Provided **3,471** immunizations to children and adults.

Conducted **1,524** restaurant inspections.

Conducted **301** inspections at community festival events.

Submitted **101** specimens for rabies testing.

Investigated **347** animal bite reports.

Conducted **46** child care facility inspections.



In 2016, the Pueblo Vital Statistics Office received the Perfection Award from the Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment for the 10th year in a row. The perfection award shows the dedication and commitment of the staff members to protecting the identity of Colorado residents by adhering to the strict release of information guidelines associated with birth and death certificates.



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6,909
Number of birth certificates issued.

11,196
Number of death certificates issued.

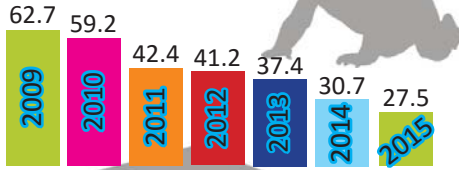


Beulah Hill Fire area, photo taken by staff member Justin Gage

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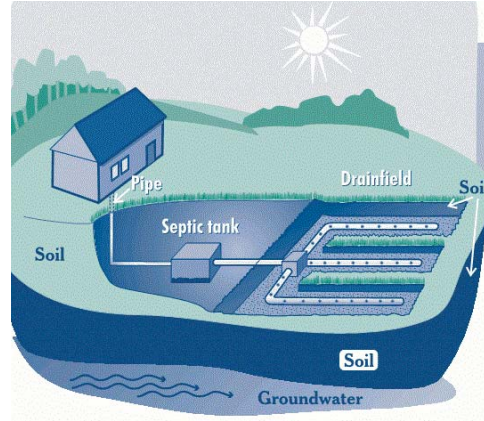
TEEN BIRTH RATES

A drop in teen birthrate allows youth to graduate from high school and reach goals on their own schedule.



Per 1,000 girls age 15-19

Source: Colorado Birth Statistics



New installation permits **195**
Remodel permits. **49**
Repair permits. **15**

259 Inspections completed on Pueblo County septic systems to prevent groundwater contamination.

PREVENTION IS THE CURE

Adults who have smoked within the previous 30 days of taking the survey.

	Pueblo	Colorado
2012-2014	23.3%	17%
2013-2015	21.9%	16.3%

Source: Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS)

Youth who have used the listed tobacco product within the previous 30 days of taking the survey.

	Pueblo	Colorado
Cigarettes	13.9%	8.6%
E-cigarettes/Vapors	35.1%	26.1%
Any Tobacco	39.7%	30.3%

Source: 2015 Healthy Kids Colorado Survey



Tobacco is the number one preventable cause of death in the U.S.

Neighborhood Clean-ups

101 Tons of solid waste removed.

1,265 Tires recycled.



1.36 Tons of metal recycled.

49,191 Pounds of household hazardous waste recycled or disposed of safely.

1875 Number of Family Planning Program clients that received exams or visits in 2016.

PROMOTE



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18,759 web visits



twitter followers

1,198




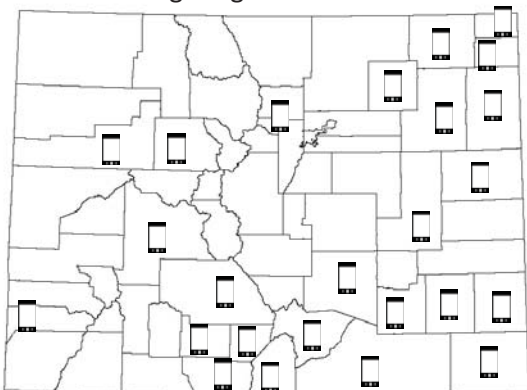
The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants & Children (WIC) is a federal assistance program that provides nutrition counseling, breastfeeding support, referrals, and funds for nutritious food. In 2016, for every \$1 provided by WIC, clients spend \$2 in Pueblo resulting in a return to the Pueblo economy of

\$2,630,043

43,573 Number of texts sent from Breastfeeding Peer Counselors to WIC clients.

Average breastfeeding peer counselor caseload in 2016. **400**

25 Number of Colorado counties with participants in the Pueblo Breastfeeding Peer Counselor Texting Program. 



682 Number of Health Care for Children with Special Needs clients.

Number of children provided specialty clinic care in Pueblo versus traveling to Denver for care.

349

64 Number of families receiving respite services in 2016.



HCP Program participant, visiting physician and program staff members.

Pueblo Community College (PCC) was selected as the 2016 Public Health Champion for its commitment to promoting health and protecting the environment.



- Food safety and healthy options through the college's culinary arts program and Café Joe (a distinguished member of Pueblo Partner in Food Safety).
- Commitment to improving childcare systems and policies with Children First.
- Involvement in tobacco education and four tobacco-free campuses (Pueblo County, Fremont County, Montezuma County, and San Juan Basin).
- Opening the college's exercise facilities to community members for better health.

Pueblo's public health community acknowledges PCC as a role model in the Pueblo Community.



L-R, Kristina Lyon (PCC), Sylvia Proud, Patty Erjavec (PCC)

PROTECT



Sylvia R. Proud,
Public Health Director

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to protect the citizens and aid in the recovery from the disaster, while assisting with a quick return home.

Throughout the year the Health Department also gathered community input for Pueblo's second Community Health Assessment. After reviewing health data, the Health Department, along with community partners, chose the

following priorities to address during 2018-2022: behavioral health, which includes substance abuse and mental health, as well as obesity. Working together as a community, Pueblo will improve the health of its population in these areas, as it did in addressing teen pregnancy.



Wildlife and environmental factors affected by wildfires.
Photo by staff member Hannah Comstock.

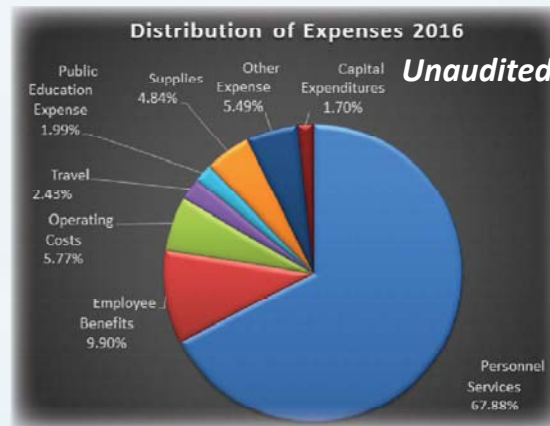
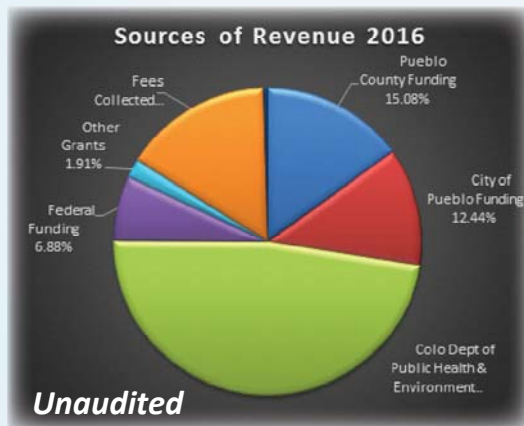


Coming in June 2017, the health department is bringing the community together along with other counties in a state-wide exercise to practice distributing medications, during an emergency, using the Strategic National Stockpile. If you're interested in helping with the exercise, please call 719-583-9904 for information.

This exercise and everyday services carried out by the talented staff at the Pueblo City-County Health Department result in achieving Public Health's mission,

which can be summed up in three words:

Prevent, Promote, and Protect. This means public health is preventing disease, promoting healthy living, protecting people and environment.



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the community through prevention, partnerships, leadership and enforcement.

Pueblo City-County Health Department is a vital asset, committed to promoting and protecting the health and environment of

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