

# **Strategic Plan**

Columbiana County General Health District

## Columbiana County Demographics:

1. According to the 2000 Census, the population of Columbiana County is 112,075.
2. The highest concentration of residents lives in the City of East Liverpool and the second largest in the city of Salem. Other populated areas include Lisbon, Columbiana, Leetonia, East Palestine, Wellsville, and Saline Ville
3. The Eastern portion of the county borders the Ohio River and is subject to heavy river traffic and the commerce that is derived from it. Salem City Hospital is the largest employer in the Northern part of the county along with East Liverpool City Hospital being the largest employer in the southern part of the county. Dairy farming and strip mining are also primary businesses in the remainder of the county along with Columbiana County government services. Columbiana County is the host of a 5,000-bed federal prison in Elk run Township, as well as Waste Technologies, a hazardous waste incinerator, in East Liverpool city which lies within ten (10) miles of the Beaver Valley Nuclear Power Station.
4. In 2006 manufacturing jobs comprised 15.1% of the county's total jobs compared to 53.4% in 1970
5. Columbiana County's per capita income in 2005 at \$ 24,072 is only 75.5% of Ohio's at \$ 31,860

## Population: 2000 Census for Columbiana County

Name	Population
BUTLER TOWNSHIP	3,444
CENTER TOWNSHIP	3,685
ELKRUN TOWNSHIP	4,781
FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP	4,215
FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP	658
HANOVER TOWNSHIP	3,362
KNOX TOWNSHIP	4,828
LIVERPOOL TOWNSHIP	4,374
MADISON TOWNSHIP	3,406
MIDDLETON TOWNSHIP	3,475
PERRY TOWNSHIP	4,852
SALEM TOWNSHIP	3,338
ST. CLAIR TOWNSHIP	7,961
UNITY TOWNSHIP	3,969
WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP	983
WAYNE TOWNSHIP	785
WEST TOWNSHIP	3,346
YELLOW CREEK TOWNSHIP	2,185
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>63,647</b>

Name	Population
COLUMBIANA	5,273
EAST LIVERPOOL	13,089

EAST PALESTINE		4,917
HANOVERTON		387
LEETONIA		2,043
LISBON		2,788
MINERVA		5
NEW WATERFORD		1,391
ROGERS		266
SALEM		12,197
SALINEVILLE		1,397
SUMMITVILLE		108
WASHINGTONVILLE		434
WELLSVILLE		4,133
<b>TOTAL CITIES OR VILLAGES</b>		<b>48,428</b>
TOTAL COUNTY POPULATION	Total County Population	<b><u>112,075</u></b>

**Mission Statement:** To contribute to the present and future health of persons living in Columbiana County through the provision of personal and environmental health services and by the performance of activities which deal with the prevention of illness.

**Slogan:** “Working harder for you because we care”

Location: Main Office  
7360 State Route 45 Lisbon, Ohio 44432

**Location:** Columbiana County lies on the Eastern border of the State of Ohio, and is bounded on the East by the State of Pennsylvania, on the Southeast by the State of West Virginia, on the South by Jefferson County, on the Southwest by Carroll County, on the West by Stark County, and on the North by Mahoning County. The General Health District includes all of Columbiana County except within the city limits of East Liverpool and East Palestine. They each have their own health department that services their individual jurisdictions.

Annual reports have been found dating 1949 through the 1950s which reveal that the main concerns of that era were tuberculosis, scarlet fever, pneumonia, and polio. Civil Defense was briefly mentioned in the 1950 report. Environmental issues have increased dramatically through the years as awareness, technology, and world trade have increased. The terrorist attack in September 2001 has demanded even more responsibilities on our local health department through the Public Health Infrastructure program which requires inter and intra agency as well as private individuals, groups and business cooperation in planning and exercising for major incidents to minimize their **possible** catastrophic results within our boundaries. The department’s staff has increased accordingly. CCGHD presently employs three full time nurses, six full time sanitarians, one full time plumbing inspector, one part-time plumbing inspector, one fiscal officer, four clerical support staff, one health educator, three grant coordinators, two registrars, and one epidemiologist all of which are under the direction of the Health

Commissioner. This totals up to Twenty four staff members compared to fourteen employed in 1949.

The staff of the Columbiana County General Health District provide a range of programs including Vital Statistics, Health Education, Communicable disease surveillance, immunizations, health screenings, environmental inspections, state reporting, and health risk assessments and planning. We do what is quoted from the following 1956 annual report to the Columbiana County Board of Health and advisory council and more.

**The Strategic Goal of our department is to exceed the Ten Essential Public Health Services set forth by the Public Health Functions Steering Committee, chaired by the U. S. Surgeon General.**

- ✓ Denotes the Columbiana County General Health Districts efforts in meeting these services:

**1. Monitor health status to identify community health problems.**

- ✓ Maintain Vital Statistics section to report leading causes of death
- ✓ Assure epidemiological protocols for disease identification, reporting and follow-up
- ✓ Participate in fatality review committees
- ✓ Identify environmental health risks by inspection of food services, schools, camp grounds, mobile home parks, pools, water wells, septic systems and nuisances

**2. Diagnose and investigate health problems and health hazards in the community**

- ✓ Maintain protocols for disease source, investigation and contact tracing
- ✓ Investigate nuisances
- ✓ Follow-up positive water sampling results
- ✓ Investigate septic malfunctions
- ✓ Cooperate with local agencies in conducting the community risk assessment
- ✓ Monitor and contain possible rabies cases

**3. Inform, educate and empower people about health issues**

- ✓ Maintain Department's web site
- ✓ Educate community on health issues through individual and group instruction and local fair displays
- ✓ Publish annual reports
- ✓ Promote healthy lifestyles at public events
- ✓ Expand the health alert network

- ✓ Provide the media with public health information

#### **4. Mobilize community partnerships to identify and solve health problems**

- ✓ Coordinate the Pandemic Task Force
- ✓ Participate in the Homeland Security meetings
- ✓ Membership in the Local LEPC
- ✓ Member of the Safe Kids Coalition
- ✓ Participant of the Tri-State Consortium
- ✓ Member of the Mahoning /Columbiana County Medical Reserve Corps unit
- ✓ Partner with Job and Family Services in the Help Me Grow Program
- ✓ Office holder in the American Cancer Society Columbiana County Unit
- ✓ Represented on the Child Fatality Review Board

#### **5. Develop policies and plans that support individual and community health efforts**

- ✓ Plan, exercise and improve upon the existing and future disaster plans
- ✓ Coordinate all disaster plans with key partnering agencies
- ✓ Provide responsible fiscal policies
- ✓ Develop effective Specific Operational Guidelines (SOGs)

#### **6. Enforce laws and regulations that protect environmental health and ensure safety**

- ✓ Enforce and regulate state and local environmental laws for the protection of the public's health
- ✓ Food safety
- ✓ Septic systems
- ✓ Potable water supplies
- ✓ Plumbing systems
- ✓ Garbage haulers
- ✓ Septage haulers
- ✓ Health Nuisances
- ✓ Rabies enforcement
- ✓ Mobile home parks
- ✓ RV/Campgrounds
- ✓ Pools
- ✓ Tattoo establishments

#### **7. Link people to needed personal health services and assure the provision of health care when otherwise unavailable**

## Cancer screening

- a. **Pap tests**
  - b. **Mammograms**
  - c. **Skin evaluations**
  - d. **Prostate blood test**
  - e. **Colon rectal screening kit access**
- ✓ Pediatric Specialty Clinics (Birth to 21 years of age)
    - a. **Orthopedic clinics**
    - b. **Vision clinics**
    - c. **Speech and Hearing clinics**
    - d. **Neurological clinics**
    - e. **Immunization clinics**
  - ✓ Newborn Home Visits
  - ✓ Referrals to appropriate agencies
  - ✓ Flu clinics
  - ✓ Agent for the Bureau for Children with Medical Handicaps
  - ✓ Child Passenger Safety Program

## **8. Assure competent public health and personal health care workforce**

- ✓ Maintain public workforce standards of professional licensure and credentials
- ✓ Encourage and provide opportunities for professional development, training, and leadership
- ✓ Participate in the coordination of the Medical Reserve Corps training opportunities
- ✓ Adopted the Columbiana County Board of Commissioner's Employee Drug Policies

## **9. Evaluate effectiveness, accessibility and quality of personal and population-based environmental health services**

- ✓ Submit the required Ohio Department of Health reports
- ✓ Evaluate disaster planning in drills and exercises at the after action meetings
- ✓ Compile the annual report and submit to the advisory council
- ✓ Participation in local, regional, and state health assessments

## **10. Research for new and innovative solutions**

- ✓ Participate in local, regional, state, national committee meetings and conference calls
- ✓ Participate in neighboring jurisdictions tabletops and exercises as observers and participants
- ✓ Continue to upgrade our technical equipment for more efficient communication capabilities

**The Columbiana County General Health District is meeting these standards today and hopes to continue and expand upon them as funding allows in the future. Our letterhead states we are “Working harder for you because we care”**