

Public Health in Michigan

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Agenda

- What is Public Health?
- Michigan's Public Health System.
- New Dashboard.
- Laboratory Services.
- 2026 Budget Investments.



What is Public Health?

Ensures communities become healthy places to live, work and play.

Protects communities against environmental hazards.

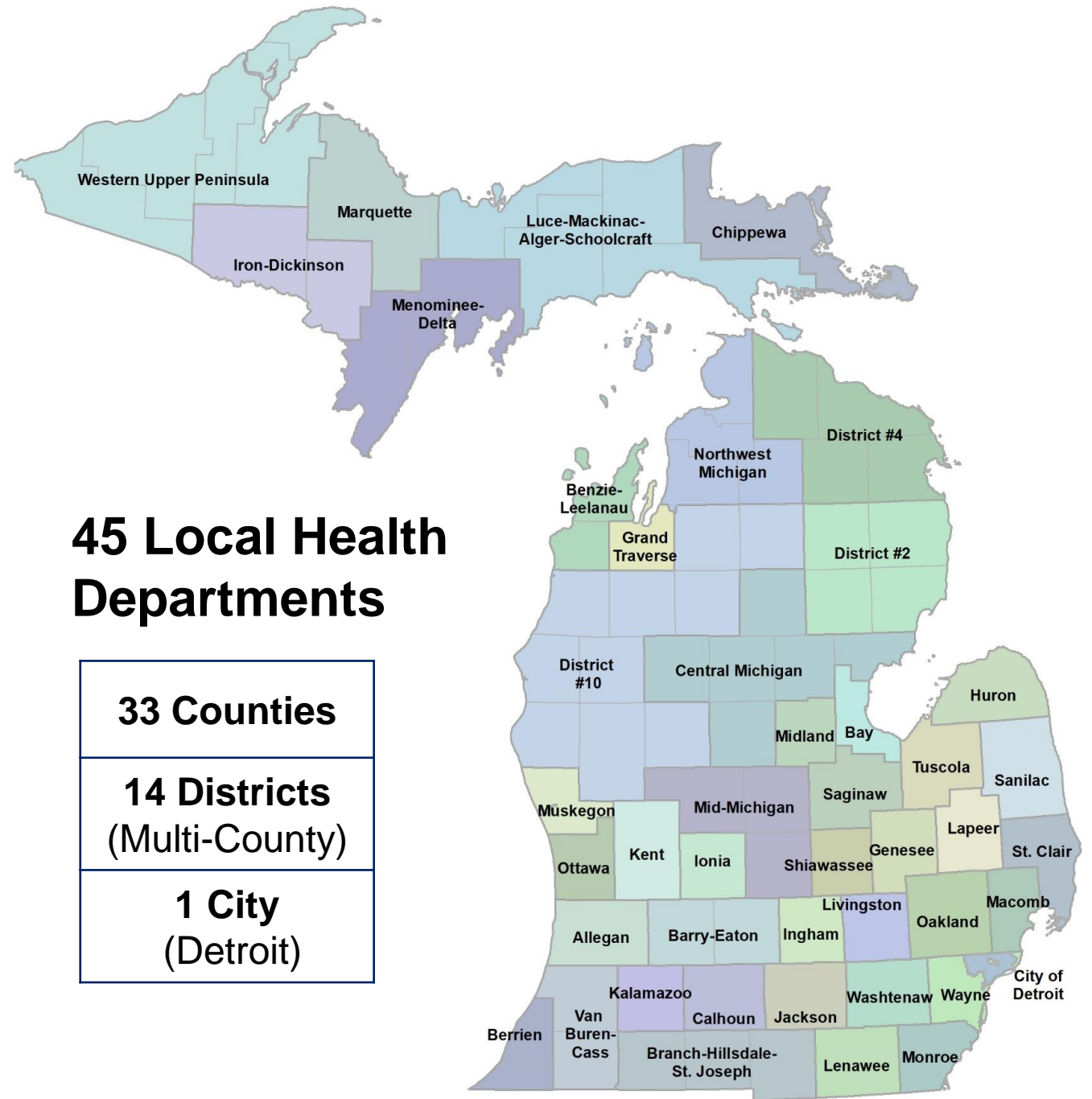
Provides resources for reliable health information.

Supports understanding and prevention of disease and injury across the entire population.

Works to assure access to health care services for all population groups within the community.

Focuses on promoting health and preventing disease before an individual becomes sick.

Michigan's Public Health System

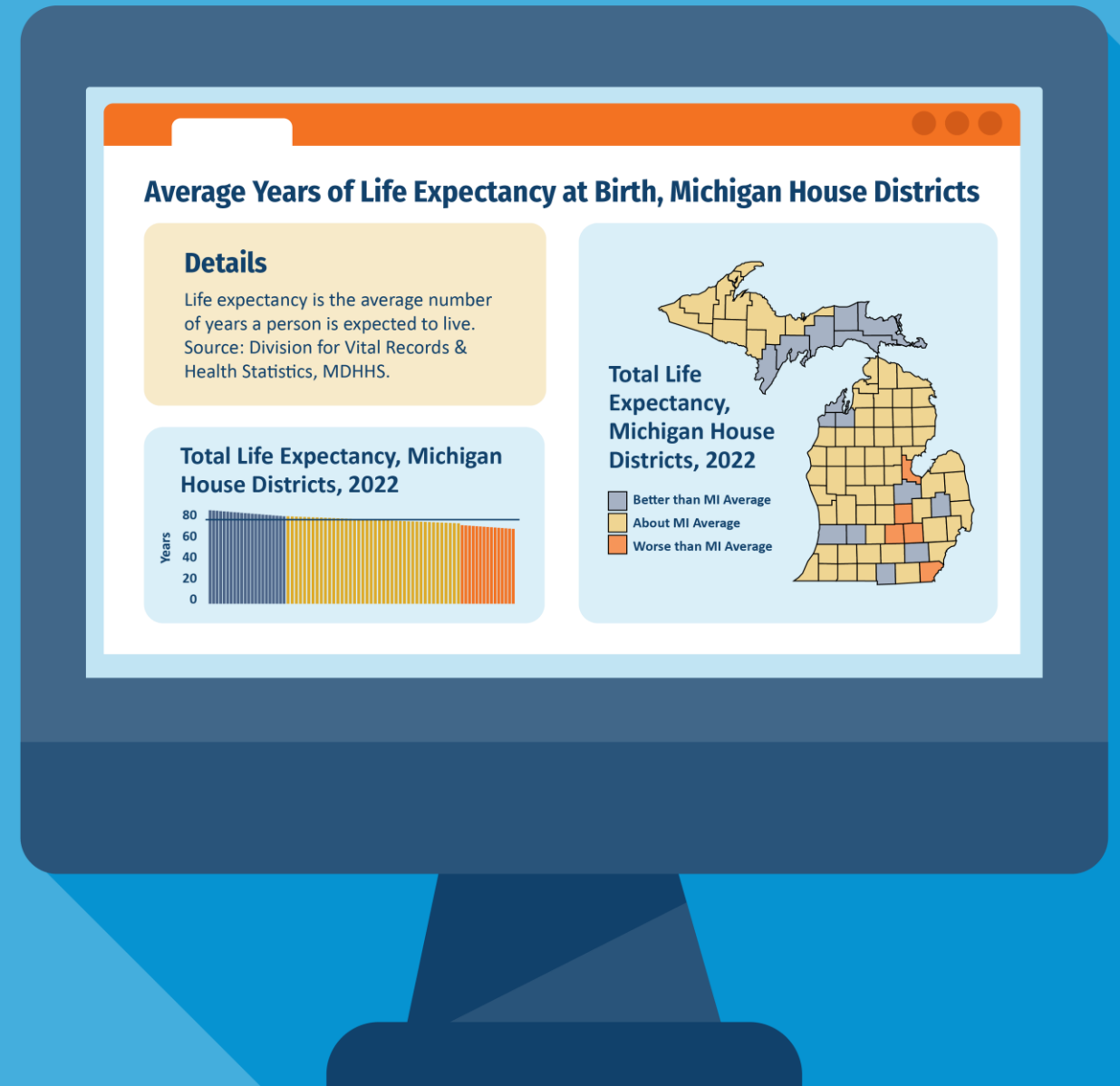


New Tool for Public Health Data

The Michigan Public Health Data dashboards provide public health community profiles, including at the legislative district level.

Detailed information, methodology and definitions for each public health metric, including the currently available time frame of data, can be found directly in the dashboards.

[Michigan Public Health Data Dashboards](#)



- MDHHS Bureau of Laboratories provides critical clinical and environmental testing to protect Michigan communities including:
 - Infectious disease testing.
 - Environmental exposure testing.
 - Genomic sequencing.
 - Newborn screening.

Laboratory Services



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REGIONAL LABORATORIES:

- Health Department of Northwest Michigan (Gaylord).
- Kalamazoo County Government Health & Community Services Department.
- Luce, Mackinac, Alger, Schoolcraft District Health Department (Newberry).
- Oakland County Michigan Health Division.
- Saginaw County Health Department
Western U.P. Health Department (Hancock).

State of Michigan Consolidated Lab

- DTMB is leading efforts to build a new consolidated laboratory for the following areas:
 - MDHHS Bureau of Laboratories.
 - EGLE Laboratory Services.
 - LEO Occupational Health Laboratory.
- Located at 7850 Crowner Drive in Dimondale.
- Expected completion date is December 2026.

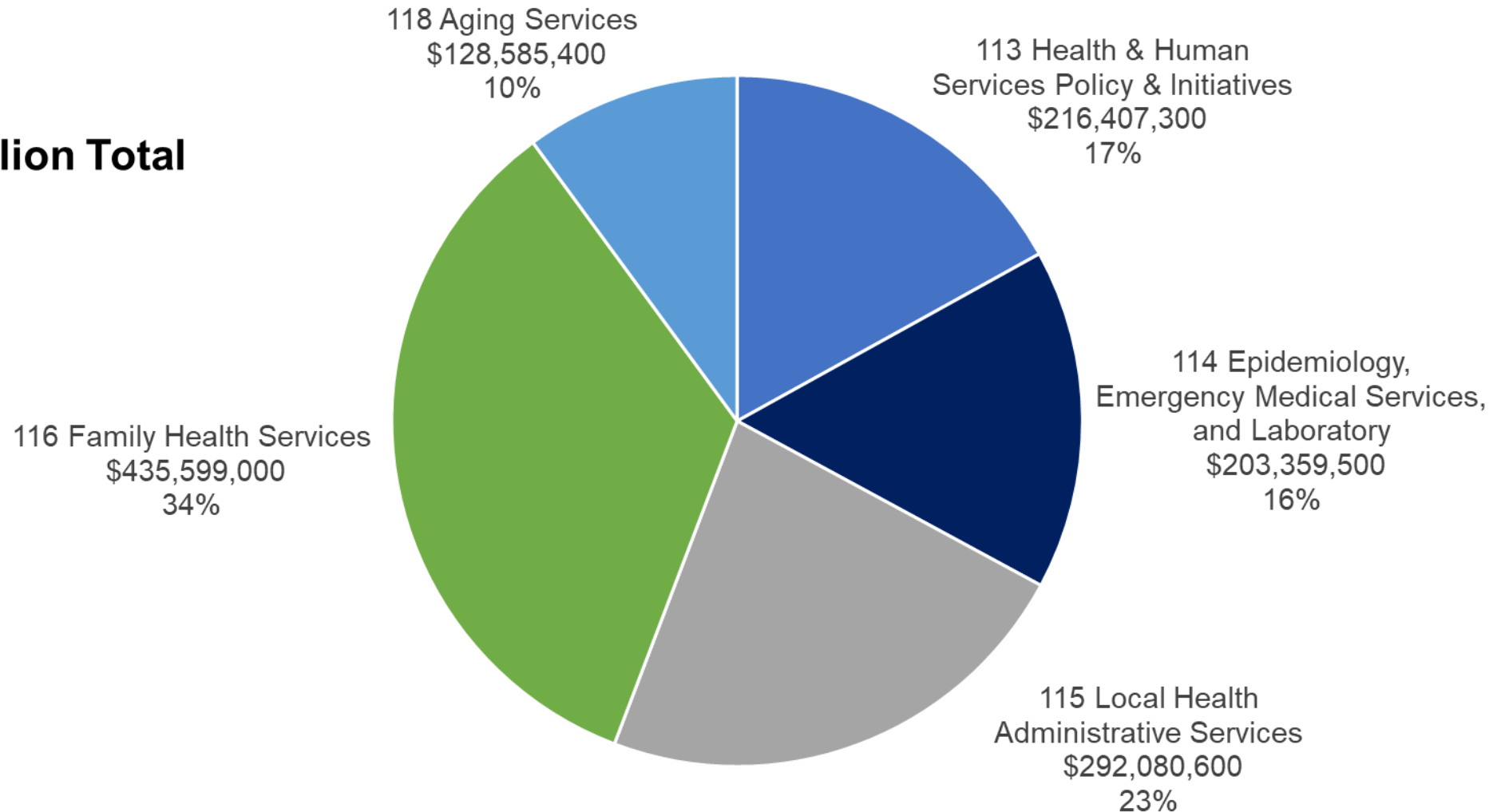




2026 Public Health and Aging Budget Investments

2026 Public Health and Aging Budgets

\$1.3 Billion Total



Public Health and Aging programs represent 3% of the total MDHHS budget.

Reducing Smoking and Vaping

Description

- Vaping products continue to be on the rise among youth and young adults.
 - 10% of high schoolers report usage.
 - 5% of middle schoolers report usage.
- More than 16,000 deaths annually are linked to tobacco use.
- Smoking increases health costs in Michigan by \$5.3 billion annually.
- Implement new vaping tax similar to 32 other states that currently tax vaping.
- Provide funds for smoking prevention, cancer prevention, youth mental health programs and health care coverage through the Medicaid Benefits Trust Fund.

Proposed Investment

FTEs 7

- Implement a 32% tax at the wholesale level.
- Estimated to generate \$57 million annually and \$42.7 million in 2026 with an implementation date of Jan. 1, 2026.
- 50% toward smoking prevention, cancer prevention and youth mental health programs.
- 50% to Medicaid Benefits Trust Fund.

Outcomes

- Increased prevention efforts.
- Improved public health.
- Reduced long-term costs.

Investing in Crime Victim Services



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Description

- Provide services to 147,000 crime victims/survivors annually, including over 18,000 children.
- Offset continually declining Victims of Crime Act federal funding estimated at \$31.9 million in 2026 compared to \$54.5 million in 2024.
- Support 120 organizations providing services to victims of child abuse, domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, elder abuse and more.
- Provide emergency housing, transitional housing, forensic interviews, counseling and sexual assault medical exams.
- Compensate crime victims for out-of-pocket medical and other expenses.

Proposed Investment

- \$20 million general fund bringing the total general fund investment to \$50 million.

Outcomes

- Continue to support crime victims.
- Maintain existing program at 55% federal funding, 34% general fund, and 11% state restricted.

Funding Michigan's Paramedic Competency Exam



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Description

- Public Act 48 of 2024 requires MDHHS to develop a test for licensing paramedics.
- The law indicates the test cannot be the national examination for the licensing of paramedics.
- The new state-developed test must be implemented by January 2027.
- MDHHS is also required to review and approve educational programs that provide training.
- No funding was appropriated to support the new requirements when the legislation was passed.
- Staffing is needed to provide project oversight and program activities required in statute.
- MDHHS will use a request for proposal process to select a vendor to develop the test and platform for the exams.

Proposed Investment

- \$3.1 million general fund to develop and implement a statewide paramedic competency exam.

Outcomes

- State examination in place by January 2027.

Questions & Discussion

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Thank you!

