

Protecting Public Health

Governor Evers' 2025-27 Budget

Public health is clean water and air. Public health is safe and stable housing. Public health is fighting chronic and communicable disease. Public health is being ready for and responding to disasters. Public health protects and promotes health and well-being statewide.

In the face of emerging and long-standing health challenges, **Governor Evers' budget includes transformational investments in our public health system.**

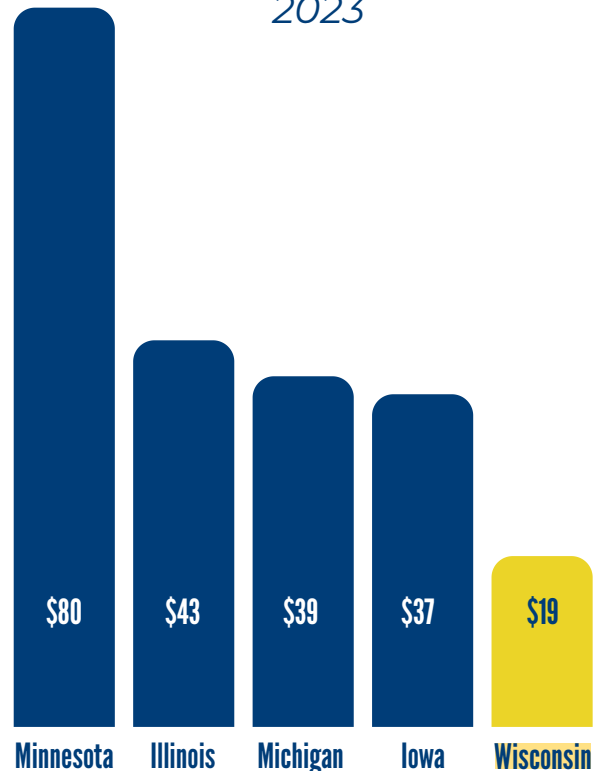
Public Health: Budget At-a-Glance

- **Lead Hazard Reduction:** \$106.7 million
- **"Healthy Moms, Healthy Babies" Initiative:** \$55 million
- **Emergency Medical Services:** \$50.0 million
- **Community Health Centers and Other Clinics:** \$12.4 million
- **Dental Health Investments:** \$9.4 million
- **HIV/AIDS Funding:** \$4.5 million
- **Youth Heart Health:** \$4.0 million
- **PFAS Exposures Monitoring:** \$1.4 million
- **Healthy Food Incentive Program ("Double Up Bucks"):** \$1.0 million

A Look at the Numbers

- An estimated **350,000 homes in our state have lead paint** hazards.
- Wisconsin has one of the **highest rates of Black infant mortality** in the country.
- Wisconsin Community Health Centers serve over a quarter of a million people every year.

Per Person Public Health Funding 2023



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Protecting Kids from Lead Hazards

Even low levels of exposure to lead paint can harm the mental and physical development of young kids. **The budget provides \$106.7 million to remove lead hazards** from homes, schools, and child care centers, and to help local health departments check more houses for lead paint dangers. The budget also provides the Department of Natural Resources with \$200.0 million to replace lead water lines across the state.

Keeping Moms and Babies Healthy

Wisconsin needs to do better to make sure all moms and babies can live healthy lives.

This is particularly true for Black moms and babies, with our state consistently having some of the worst outcomes in the country. The governor's "Healthy Moms, Healthy Babies" Initiative provides \$55 million to extend Medicaid coverage to more new moms, fund local care coordination, support grants for diaper banks, and invest in other initiatives.

Helping Wisconsinites Facing Medical Crises

Emergency medical services, or EMS, provide life-saving treatment every day, in every corner of our state. However, this sector is facing major challenges in recruiting and keeping staff. **The budget provides \$50 million to cities, towns, and villages** to expand and improve Emergency Medical Services.

Strengthening Our Health Care Safety Net

A network of clinics and health centers across Wisconsin work to **make sure that no one, regardless of income or health coverage, go without needed care.** These include community health centers (or CHCs), CHC "look-alikes," and free and charitable clinics. The budget provides \$12.4 million for these vital providers.

Improving Dental Health

Too many Wisconsinites struggle to access dental services, with **over 800,000 people in our state living in a dental provider shortage area.** The budget invests \$9.4 in dental health initiatives, including grants for low-income dental clinics and funding to grow our dental health workforce.

Ensuring Our Water is Safe

Perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, or PFAS, are a group of chemicals made by humans for things like firefighting foam and nonstick cookware. Research shows that PFAS can have a range of health effects when a person drinks contaminated water. **The budget provides \$145 million to fight PFAS in our water,** including funds for DHS to conduct biomonitoring studies.

Every Wisconsinite should have access to clean and safe drinking water no matter where they live.



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