

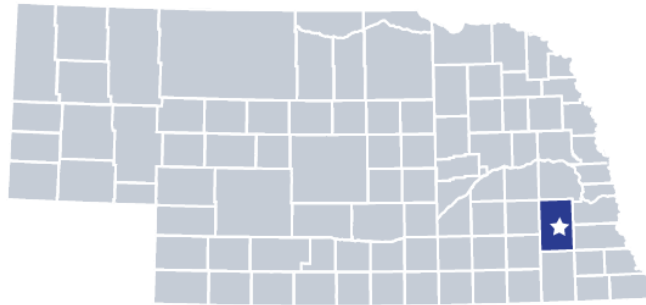


# 2023

ANNUAL REPORT

## LINCOLN-LANCASTER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

*"To Protect and Promote the Public's Health."*



### LANCASTER

#### Our Priorities

Engaging the community and working collaboratively to help improve the health and safety of residents is one of the important roles of public health. Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department (LLCHD) conducted a Community Health Assessment (CHA) and published a Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) in July 2022. The plan outlines priority areas identified through a comprehensive assessment including 40 hours of community conversations in six languages, a Minority Health Summit and Community Health Summit. The priority areas are access to care, chronic disease, behavioral health and injury prevention. Each priority area has a workgroup of partners developing and implementing action strategies to address the top health concerns and make the greatest impact on the public's health. In all, 3,000 community members took part in the process, with 125 community members from 70 organizations joining workgroups.



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## MATERNAL, CHILD, & FAMILY HEALTH

**What we do:** LLCHD provides home visitation services through the Healthy Families America and Family Connects (Universal Home Visitation) models to families in Lincoln-Lancaster County.

**Why we do it:** Home visitation services provide a strong foundation for a healthy start for infants and children, support family well-being, and build capacity for a bright future.



Healthy Families staff provided an average of **4,400 visits**

## COMMUNICABLE DISEASE CONTROL

**What we do:** In Fiscal Year 2022-23, the Communicable Disease Program responded to 3,147 reported disease cases other than COVID-19.

**Why we do it:** The Communicable Disease Program works to protect the public's health through disease surveillance, outbreak investigations, and preventing the spread of diseases.




Investigated **3,147+** reported disease cases

## ACCESS TO & LINKAGE WITH CLINICAL CARE

**What we do:** LLCHD links people to resources such as insurance options (Medicaid/Marketplace) and ensures a connection to a primary care provider medical home.

**Why we do it:** Ensuring access to both health insurance and a healthcare provider supports people for not only preventive care, but also supports those with ongoing health concerns, both physical and mental.




**1,100+** linked to primary care medical home

## CHRONIC DISEASE & INJURY PREVENTION

**What we do:** The Health Promotion team works to strengthen the public's health and safety to improve quality of life through education, mobilizing community action, and public health policy development.

**Why we do it:** Motor vehicle crashes remain a leading cause of death and severe injury to young children in Lancaster County.



Nearly **30 car seat check events** and close to **350 car seats checked**

## ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH

**What we do:** LLCHD provides timely education and guidance to help control the spread of illness in childcare centers; identifies illness trends in the community; and develops communications, future educational resources, and action steps for prevention.

**Why we do it:** Childcare centers submitted 80 illness reports based on communicable diseases, diarrhea, or vomiting.

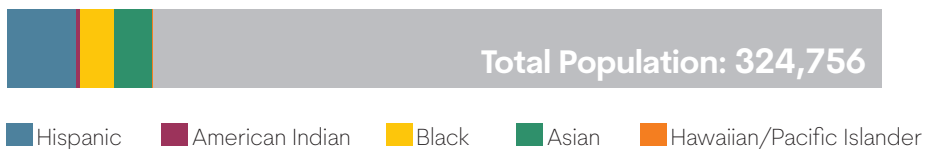


**1,469 childhood professionals trained in health & safety**

# LINCOLN-LANCASTER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT (LLCHD)

## LANCASTER

Minority population: **20.9%**



**11.5%** of residents speak languages other than English  
**Common Languages:** Spanish, Arabic, & Vietnamese

## Minority Health Initiative (MHI)



MHI eligible residents: **58,052**



Funds Received FY 2022-2023: **\$436,080**

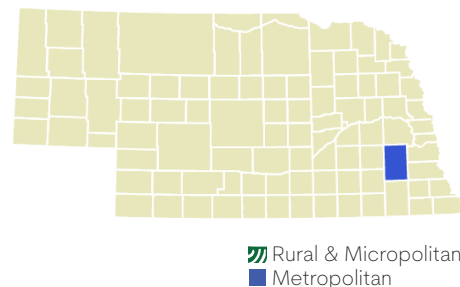
## Strategies & Outcomes

LLCHD works in collaboration with the Cultural Centers of Lincoln to address health disparities. Facilitating community conversations with racial and ethnically diverse populations has been crucial to identifying priorities. Twenty conversations were completed with over 200 participants. The cultural centers provide clients with competent health navigation services, support, and education needed to prevent or manage chronic diseases. Trained bilingual cultural center advocates and community health workers provide individual case management, education, and support addressing barriers to care, such as transportation, interpretation, translation, advocacy, and referral services to meet clients' needs. In the past year, more than 6,000 racial and ethnically diverse individuals representing 51 countries of origin and 32 languages received services from cultural center staff.

## Other Demographics:

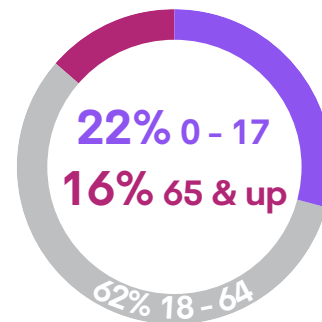
Based on total population: 324,756

## 1 Metropolitan county:



**13%**  
Persons with disabilities

## Ages:



**6%**

Veterans



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We speak English, Spanish, Arabic, Karen, Vietnamese, Farsi, Nuer, Pashto and Somali!