


BCHD 2014 ANNUAL REPORT



Burlington County Health Department
Health Starts Here

Vision
**Working Together Today
for a Healthier Tomorrow**

Teamwork
working efficiently through coordinated efforts with the common goal of public health

Compassion
exercising consideration, humanity and respect for the diverse residents of Burlington County

Dedication
commitment to protecting the health and well-being of Burlington County

Mission
Providing Public Health Services to Burlington County through Education, Prevention and Protection

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This report summarizes the activities the Burlington County Health Department conducted during the 2014 calendar year to meet the public health needs of Burlington County residents, visitors, and businesses.

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Message from the Burlington County Freeholder Director

MARYANN O'BRIEN

Dear Community Members,



Over the past year, the Burlington County Health Department has worked diligently to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our residents. Our vision of a healthier Burlington County is made possible by the efforts of the Health Department and its staff, who work tirelessly to keep us healthy and informed. This year we are excited to announce new leadership for these efforts, with Health Officer Holly Cucuzzella, DrPH, MCHES, HO now serving as Director of the Health Department. At the same time, former Health Department Director Eve Cullinan continues her service to the Burlington County community in her new role as County Administrator. Together our team will continue our longstanding tradition of effectively providing first rate services to all Burlington County residents, working hard today for a healthier tomorrow.

The 2014 Annual Report is a brief overview of activities conducted by BCHD to monitor and maintain essential operations within the county. From food safety to immunizations, emergency management to nursing services, BCHD is eager to rise above and beyond expectations. As we reach out to our local businesses, schools, hospitals, health care providers and our citizens, we move to ensure our number one priority: the health of Burlington County.

BCHD is a tremendous resource for our county. Some of the services offered to residents include immunization clinics, children's clinics, Women, Infant and Children (WIC) nutrition series, home visiting services and many more. These services are provided to keep up with the life demands of our residents. We look forward to engaging the community and providing services and referrals essential to keeping our residents healthy and enjoying their lives.

If you have suggestions that will improve our ability to deliver public health services, please contact our department with your ideas by calling 609-265-5548, or by using our e-mail address, bchd@co.burlington.nj.us.

Sincerely,

Maryann O'Brien
Freeholder Director, Burlington County Board of Chosen Freeholders



Message from the Health Department Director

HOLLY CUCUZZELLA

We strive to make our county a healthy and safe place to live, work, and play; on behalf of the Burlington County Health Department, I thank you for taking the time to review the great work that our department completed throughout 2014. The 2014 Annual Report highlights the programs and services the Health Department provides to Burlington County residents, visitors, and businesses throughout our 40 municipalities.

If there is one word that could sum up public health in 2014, it would be Ebola. I am extremely proud of our staff here at BCHD, and of all of our partners who quickly went into action after the patient and nurses were diagnosed with Ebola in Texas. The Health Department, along with our partners throughout the county and state worked together to ensure that we would be able to identify, isolate, transport, and treat anyone suspected of having Ebola in Burlington County. We also made sure that we did outreach with residents and with our county's first responders to help answer any questions and train them on proper personal protective equipment and procedures. The department continues to actively monitor travelers and visitors returning from select countries in West Africa and will continue to do so until the threat of Ebola is eliminated.

This past year, we continued down the long road towards becoming an accredited health department. Accreditation is quickly becoming the gold standard for health departments to achieve nationwide and while the process can be arduous, at the end, BCHD will be an even better and more efficient agency. The accreditation process takes time and dedication from every one of our staff members, many of whom have volunteered to serve on committees and workgroups to give their input and help shape the direction of the department.

Our mission remains to provide health services through education, prevention, and protection to those in Burlington County. To accomplish our mission we work closely with our partners in the local healthcare system, other county departments, neighboring counties, community organizations, businesses and residents to gather information on what is going on in the community so we can provide better and more appropriate services and programs. BCHD continues to provide preventative services such as adult and child vaccinations to eligible residents, flu shots, blood pressure screenings, STD/HIV testing, fitness classes, and public health education presentations and materials all at no cost.

In order to provide the best services to Burlington County as possible, we need your input and support. I encourage you to let us know how the Health Department can better serve you and to make use of the services that we provide. For more information on our services please visit our website, www.co.burlington.nj.us/health or call us at 609-265-5548.

In good health,

Holly Cucuzzella, DrPH, MCHES, Health Officer
 Director, Burlington County Health Department



Department Contact Information

Burlington County Health Department

Section	Phone
Administration	609-265-5548
Health Education	
Preparedness & Response	
Animal Shelter	609-265-5073
Communicable Diseases	609-265-5533
HIV Testing	
STD Clinic	
Environmental & Consumer Health	609-265-5515
Virtua Community Nursing Services	609-914-8550
Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)	609-267-4304
After Hours / Central Communications	609-267-8300

Other Important Numbers

Agency	Phone
Deborah Heart & Lung Center	609-893-6610
Virtua Memorial Hospital	609-914-6000
Lourdes Medical Center	609-835-2900
South Jersey Family Medicine	609-386-0775
CONTACT Help Line	856-234-8888
Burlington County Human Services	609-265-5545
New Jersey Poison Control	1-800-222-1222
Board of Social Services	609-261-1000
Meals on Wheels	609-702-7053
Veteran's Services	609-265-5008
Sheriff's Department	609-265-5127
Department of Resource Conservation	856-642-3850

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Jurisdictions Served

Municipality	Population¹	Municipality	Population¹
Bass River	1,443	Medford Lakes	4,146
Beverly	2,577	Moorestown	20,726
Bordentown City	3,924	Mount Holly	9,536
Bordentown Township	11,367	Mount Laurel	41,864
Burlington City	9,920	New Hanover	7,385
Burlington Township	22,594	North Hanover	7,678
Chesterfield	7,699	Palmyra	7,398
Cinnaminson	15,569	Pemberton Borough	1,409
Delanco	4,283	Pemberton Township	27,912
Delran	16,896	Riverside	8,079
Eastampton	6,069	Riverton	2,779
Edgewater Park	8,881	Shamong	6,490
Evesham	45,538	Southampton	10,464
Fieldsboro	540	Springfield	3,414
Florence	12,109	Tabernacle	6,949
Hainesport	6,110	Washington	687
Lumberton	12,559	Westampton	8,813
Mansfield	8,544	Willingboro	31,629
Maple Shade	19,131	Woodland	1,788
Medford	23,033	Wrightstown	802

¹Population Data from US Census Bureau, 2010 Census.



What does Public Health do?

The Burlington County Health Department (BCHD) protects and improves the health and well-being of your community, as well as the environmental resources upon which we all depend.

Since 1900, the average lifespan of U.S. residents has increased by more than 30 years, with 25 years of this gain attributable to advances in public health, such as:

- Vaccination
- Motor-vehicle safety
- Safer workplaces
- Control of infectious diseases
- Decline in deaths from coronary heart disease and stroke
- Safer and healthier foods
- Healthier mothers and babies
- Family planning
- Fluoridation of drinking water
- Recognition of tobacco use as a health hazard

Today, BCHD, along with our sister agencies across New Jersey continue to promote health and wellness.

The Burlington County Health Department...

- Protects you from health threats. BCBD works to prevent disease outbreaks and makes sure the water you drink, the food you eat, and the air you breathe are all safe. We are also ready to respond to any health emergency — be it bioterrorism, MERS-CoV, West Nile Virus, rabies, or a new environmental hazard.
- Educates you and your neighbors about health issues. BCBD provides you with information that helps you make healthy decisions, like exercising more, eating right, quitting smoking, and washing your hands to protect yourself from communicable diseases. During a public health emergency, we also provide important alerts and warnings to protect your health.
- Provides healthy solutions. BCBD offers the preventive care you need to avoid disease and maintain your health. We provide flu shots for all county residents and help mothers get prenatal care to give their babies a healthy start. We also help provide eligible children and adults with immunizations, and help low income families get the good nutrition needed to help them grow and learn through the Women, Infants, and Children program.
- Advances community health. BCBD takes part in developing new policies and standards that address existing and emerging challenges to your community's health while enforcing a range of laws to help keep you safe. We work through research and staff training to maintain expertise and deliver up-to-date, cutting-edge health programs.



Administration

The Administrative Section is in charge of the organizational structure and management necessary to effectively run the Burlington County Health Department.

Management and leadership functions include, but are not limited to:

- Finance
- Fleet Management
- Personnel
- Planning
- Public Inquiries and Communications
- Resolutions and Transmittals
- Public Information
- Recordkeeping
- Community Interaction
- Training
- Inter-Government Liaison
- Information Technology

The Health Officer, Holly Cucuzzella, DrPH, MCHES, HO represents the county and the 40 municipalities within Burlington County in all matters concerning public health, and oversees the performance of all duties necessary to satisfy and enforce federal, state, and local public health regulations. The Administrative Staff performs the many services that keep BCHD running efficiently. Their jobs require knowledge of New Jersey Public Health Practice Standards, statutes, regulations, local ordinances, worker’s compensation, disability, and union obligations.

Administration also works to obtain the necessary financial support for the Health Department to perform its tasks. Administration staff complete grant applications as well as monitor and report on grant expenditures and activities. They also prepare the annual budget and plan for emergencies and future public health needs.

Staffing & Human Resources	2014
Number of Individual Employees	100
Number of Individual Contract Staff	19
Number of Individual Volunteers	694
Number of Contract Organizations	2
Total Number of Full-Time Equivalent Human Resources Available	105
FTEs of Individual Employees	92
FTEs of Individual Contract Staff	13
FTEs of Individual Volunteers	0
FTEs of Contract Organizations	0



Department Budget and Funding

Fiscal Year Summary	
Total revenue	\$255,649
Revenue from municipalities	\$26,582
Revenue from county	\$3,960,474
Revenue from New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH)	\$1,800,007
Revenue from other state agencies	\$229,550
Revenue from grants (other than NJDOH)	\$3,500
Revenue from service and licensing fees	\$166,911
Revenue from fines for health & safety violations	\$3,800
Financial donations received	\$46,554
All other revenue	\$11,803
Percent (%) of revenue from fees and fines	66.78%
Total expenditures for 01/01/14-12/31/14	\$4,578,282
Revenue minus expenditures	-\$4,322,633
Expected Budget for 2015	3,784,085

Grant Funding	
Women, Infants, and Children	\$1,166,600
Local Core Capacity for Emergency Health Preparedness	\$362,841
County Environmental Health Act	\$159,000
Special Child Health	\$121,753
HIV Testing and Counseling	\$150,000
Right to Know	\$12,858
National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) MRC	\$3,500
Total	\$1,817,711



Health Education

Health Education occurs throughout all Health Department programs, with a focus on providing education and health promotion services that help the public make informed decisions about their health. Health education programs and activities help the community achieve a healthier lifestyle and promote healthy behaviors.

The BCHD Health Education section encourages residents to get and stay healthy through seminars, presentations, exercise classes, workshops and outreach events conducted throughout the county all year long. County residents and agencies can request presentations, materials, and screenings from BCHD on a large variety of public health topics by contacting the Health Department.

The Health Education section is also responsible for implementing the Burlington County Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). This plan is updated every 3-5 years when the community health needs assessment is completed. The three public health areas that were identified as areas of opportunity in the county are 1) obesity and overweight populations, 2) chronic diseases, and 3) access to care. Health education sessions focus on these priorities, along with other trending health topics.

Health Education Sessions

Number of single-session educational events	52
Number of multi-session educational events	5

The Burlington County Health Department's Health Education Section:

- Conducts outreach with local schools
- Conducts outreach with local health care providers
- Conducts outreach with local businesses
- Conducts outreach with local faith-based organizations
- Conducts outreach with local childcare providers
- Conducts outreach with other local organizations
- Offers free fitness programs to county residents through our Health Starts Here program
- Maintains BCHD website
- Shares current information with the municipalities and other county departments
- Shares information and produces content for social media
- Broadcasts information via radio
- Disseminates information via print newspapers/newsletters
- Disseminates information via online newspapers/newsletters
- Collaborates with local restaurants to improve menu options for children as part of our Healthy Kids Hero program



Public Health Preparedness and Response

BCHD is charged with the responsibility to identify, prevent, and respond to any public health threats that may affect Burlington County residents, visitors, and businesses. The Public Health Preparedness and Response section works with staff across the entire department to ensure that BCHD is ready to respond to any public health hazard by continuously maintaining response plans to respond to the following types of emergencies:

- Public Information/Crisis Communication
- Retail Food Safety
- Public Water Supply
- Multi-Family Housing
- Food-Borne Illness Outbreaks
- Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, And Explosive (CBRNE) Events
- Infectious Disease Outbreaks
- Hazardous Material Spills / Events
- Raw Sewage Spills
- Isolation And Quarantine
- Natural Disasters

In addition to the activities above, BCHD receives funding from NJDOH to ensure the department is able to fulfill the functions and core public health response capabilities as outlined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Those capabilities are:

1. Community Preparedness
2. Community Recovery
3. Emergency Operations Coordination
4. Emergency Public Information and Warning
5. Fatality Management
6. Information Sharing
7. Mass Care
8. Medical Countermeasures Dispensing
9. Medical Materiel Management and Distribution
10. Medical Surge
11. Non-Pharmaceutical Interventions
12. Public Health Laboratory Testing
13. Public Health Surveillance and Epidemiological Investigation
14. Responder Safety and Health
15. Volunteer Management

Burlington County Medical Reserve Corps (MRC)	
Professional members	498
Community health members	196
Total hours served	1200
Approx. Economic benefit	\$28,716

The Medical Reserve Corps is a national organization of trained volunteers interested in public health and who are ready to serve in the event of a public health emergency or during community health events. Members consist of nurses, physicians, pharmacists, translators, social workers, clerks, paramedics/EMTs, veterinarians, and many more. BCHD continued to keep its MRC members active throughout the year. Members participated in clinics, trainings, and exercises.



Community Nursing Service

BCHD partners and contracts with Virtua Health System to provide health promotion services to Burlington County residents. The nurses and staff in the Community Nursing Service work closely with all the sections of the Health Department in order to support the following services:

- Adult Health Services
- Child And Adolescent Health Services
- Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention
- Chronic Disease Self-Management
- Improved Pregnancy Outcomes And Health Education Home Visits
- Special Child Health Services
- Public Health Clinics
- HIV Testing
- Tuberculosis Control

Special Child Health Services	2014
Total number of children and families served	1,956
Total number of new referrals	626
Total number of active cases	624
Home Visitations	
Improved pregnancy outcomes visits	660
General health visits	283
Public Health visits	2
Newborn, normal, visits	195
Newborn, developmental delay, visits	5
Tuberculosis visits	198
Total	1343
Improved Pregnancy Outcomes	
Total number of pregnancy tests	274
Tuberculosis (TB)	
Total TB cases	41
Childhood Lead Program	
Total number of lead blood tests	24
Total confirmed positive lead cases	14
Health Screenings	
Total number of clients screened for high blood pressure	134
Percent with elevated blood pressure results	46%



School Immunization Record Audits

In order to ensure that Burlington County’s children remain safe from certain preventable diseases, BCHD works with local schools and childcare facilities to review the immunization records of their students.

Number of Childcare / Pre-K facilities audited	174 of 174 facilities
Number of Kindergarten facilities audited	128 of 128 facilities
Number of Grade 1 facilities audited	6 of 91 facilities
Number of Grade 6 facilities audited	58 of 62 facilities
Number of High School facilities whose transfer school records audited	33 of 33 facilities

Clinical Services

In addition to the services highlighted in the Community Nursing Service section, the Health Department provides certain basic health services to the county’s residents. These services include immunizations, screenings, and treatment for certain diseases. All of the clinical health services that BCHD conducts are provided to qualifying county residents at no cost.

The clinical health services provided at the Health Department are intended to promote wellness, educate, allow for early detection of diseases and illnesses, and ultimately treat or refer to treatment. The overarching goal is to encourage and support the development of more healthful life-style choices.

Number of clinic-based medical visits provided	6545
Number of individuals who received care at clinics	5553
Number of individuals who received home nursing care	900
Number of referrals to medical follow-up	248
Number of children who received immunizations	228
Number of adults who received immunizations	2001
Total number of immunizations provided by the LHD	3622
Total number of health screenings provided	3784
Number of individuals screened for Sexually Transmitted Infections (other than HIV/AIDS)	904
Number of individuals screened for HIV/AIDS	2833



Environmental and Consumer Health

BCHD assists residents to resolve certain quality of life issues by investigating, preventing, and correcting conditions or uses of a property that may interfere with residents' use and/or enjoyment of their own properties or that may endanger the environment, or the life, health, or safety of residents.

Investigations	2014
Number of contacts handled	559
Number of cases investigated	559
Number of cases that required enforcement action	22
Percent (%) of cases that required enforcement actions	3.94%

The environmental and consumer health section is responsible for the following programs:

- Air Pollution Control Program
- Water Pollution Control Programs
- Solid Waste Pollution Control Program
- Hazardous Material Program
- Housing Maintenance Program
- Body Art Program
- Childhood Lead Program
- Pesticide Program
- Noise Control Program
- Retail Food Program
- Public Recreational Bathing Program
- Public Health Nuisance Program
- Campground / Youth Camp Program
- Tanning Program
- Right To Know Program
- Wastewater Control Program

Campground / Youth Camp Program

The Health Department enforces safety and sanitation standards for the operation of camps in Burlington County in order to protect the health and safety of those who make use of these facilities.

Youth camps	2014
Number of pre-operational inspections conducted	24
Number of routine, operational re-inspections conducted	3
Number of emergency & complaint-related inspections and investigations conducted.	1
Campgrounds	
Number of inspections conducted	12
Number of re-inspections conducted	2



Public Recreational Bathing Program

BCHD conducts safety and sanitation inspections of public recreational bathing facilities to reduce the spread of communicable diseases and protect consumers who use these facilities from avoidable harm and danger.

Number of licensed public recreational bathing facilities	
Number of licensed year-round facilities	36
Number of licensed seasonal facilities	176
Number of public recreational bathing features of each type:	
Swimming / wading pools	183
Hot tubs / spas	17
Aquatic recreation facilities	1
Bathing beach - Lake	38
Number of pre-operational inspections of bathing facilities of:	
Year-round facilities	34
Seasonal facilities	55
Number of routine inspections of bathing facilities of:	
Year-round facilities	41
Seasonal facilities	317
Number of routine re-inspections of bathing facilities of:	
Year-round facilities	5
Seasonal facilities	31
Number of non-routine emergency & complaint-related inspections of:	
Year-round facilities	0
Seasonal facilities	0
Number of individual features closed for health and safety violations:	
0	
Number of public recreational bathing facilities closed for health and safety violations:	
Year-round facilities	0
Seasonal facilities	0



Body Art Program

The Health Department inspects tattoo, piercing, and permanent cosmetic facilities throughout Burlington County to ensure proper sanitation and safety standards are being followed.

Number of licensed establishments	20
Number of routine, operational inspections	20
Number of routine, operational re-inspections	3
Number of emergency & complaint-related inspections and investigations	1
Number of unlicensed establishments identified	0
Number of body art, tattoo, and permanent cosmetics injuries and illnesses reported	0

Retail Food Program

BCHD inspects and regulates restaurants, grocery stores, and other retail food facilities to ensure compliance with safety and sanitation rules. The Retail Food Program staff work closely with the Communicable Disease Section to investigate and control disease outbreaks linked to retail food facilities.

Number of licensed food establishments:	
Risk Level 1 - Establishments that conduct minimal food preparation and minimal handling of potentially hazardous foods	232
Risk Level 2 - Establishments that conduct limited food preparation and heat/cool potentially hazardous foods	1108
Risk Level 3 - Establishments that conduct complex food preparation and heat/cool potentially hazardous foods	508
Mobile Food Establishments	101
Temporary - Establishments operating for no more than 14 consecutive days in conjunction with a single event or celebration	103
Other - Establishments that conduct ONLY specialized processes such as canning	15
Number of specialized processes overseen by the Health Department	15
Number of retail food establishment plan reviews conducted	114
Number of pre-operational retail food establishment inspections conducted	79



Retail Food Program (Continued)

Number of routine inspections for the following types of retail food establishments:	
Risk Level 1 - Establishments that conduct minimal food preparation and minimal handling of potentially hazardous foods	168
Risk Level 2 - Establishments that conduct limited food preparation and heat/cool potentially hazardous foods	1063
Risk Level 3 - Establishments that conduct complex food preparation and heat/cool potentially hazardous foods	538
Mobile Food Establishments	100
Temporary - Establishments operating for no more than 14 consecutive days in conjunction with a single event or celebration	103
Other - Establishments that conduct ONLY specialized processes such as canning	16
Number of routine re-inspections for the following types of establishments:	
Risk Level 1 - Establishments that conduct minimal food preparation and minimal handling of potentially hazardous foods	0
Risk Level 2 - Establishments that conduct limited food preparation and heat/cool potentially hazardous foods	157
Risk Level 3 - Establishments that conduct complex food preparation and heat/cool potentially hazardous foods	174
Mobile Food Establishments	0
Temporary - Establishments operating for no more than 14 consecutive days in conjunction with a single event or celebration	0
Other - Establishments that conduct ONLY specialized processes such as canning	7
Number of non-routine emergency & complaint-related investigations/inspections:	
Investigations	111
Inspections (other than routine inspections)	21
Number of establishments on which the Health Department had to take one or more enforcement actions	14



Tanning Program

BCHD enforces safety and sanitation standards for the operation of tanning facilities in order to protect the health and safety of consumers who patronize tanning facilities.

Number of unregistered tanning facilities identified by the Health Department	0
Number of routine inspections of tanning facilities	23
Number of routine re-inspections of tanning facilities	8
Number of non-routine emergency & complaint-related inspections of tanning facilities	5
Number of tanning facilities on which the Health Department had to take one or more enforcement actions	0

Onsite Wastewater Disposal Systems

The Health Department conducts education, permitting, and inspections of low-volume residential and commercial onsite wastewater treatment systems (e.g., septic systems) to ensure that systems are designed, constructed, and maintained properly, thus improving Burlington County's water quality and protecting the health of residents as well as the environment.

Number of public sewer system inspections conducted	2
Number of wastewater disposal system plan reviews conducted	575
Number of wastewater disposal system site inspections conducted	171
Number of wastewater disposal system installation inspections conducted	437

Potable Water Control Program

BCHD conducts inspections and investigations to ensure drinking water is safe and meets standards.

Number of potable well certificates of compliance issued	60
Number of unduplicated potable wells inspected	90
Number of potable well certificates of compliance issued	30
Number of potable well inspections conducted	90
Number of public water system complaints received	3
Number of potable well investigations where the Health Department determined well water to be hazardous to humans	0
Number of public water system complaints received	1



Water Pollution Control Program

BCHD protects surface and ground waters from illegal discharges by inspecting, sampling and investigating complaints.

Surface water	2014
Number of water samples collected	130
Groundwater	
Number of underground storage tank inspections	86
Number of underground storage tank re-inspections	40

Air Pollution Control

BCHD conducts inspections of facilities within the county that are sources of air contaminants. Additionally, staff investigates complaints that are received.

Number of outdoor air pollution complaint investigations	81
Number of re-inspections conducted	23
Number of dry cleaner inspections conducted	20
Number of spray booth inspections conducted	1
Number of indoor air pollution complaint investigations	15
Number of “B-source” facility inspections	154
Number of vehicle idling enforcement actions	12

Noise Pollution Control

BCHD conducts noise pollution investigations and inspections throughout the year based on complaints received.

Number of complaints received	5
Number of re-inspections completed	3



Solid Waste Control

BCHD is responsible for inspecting and enforcement of solid waste handling and disposal, litter control and inspection of facilities such as landfills, compost facilities, resource recovery facilities and solid waste transfer stations. Additionally, staff routinely monitors recycling centers, convenience centers, and farmland mulch sites.

Number of major landfill inspections conducted	19
Number of transfer station inspections conducted	24
Number of compost facility inspections conducted	71
Number of abandoned site inspections conducted	3
Number of complaints received	21
Number of waste flow investigations	21
Number of convenience center inspections	50
Number of farmland mulch site inspections	8
Number of recycling center inspections	69
Number of illegal dumping investigations	15
Number of truck checks	29
Number of container inspections conducted	140

Hazardous Waste Control Program

BCHD responds to and helps mitigate hazardous material incidents that impact the environment and the public's health within Burlington County. Cleanup after an incident is monitored for compliance with regulations and best remedial practices.

Number of complaints received	65
Number of spill or release investigations	35
Number of emergency responses	54
Number of re-inspections	61



Housing Maintenance Program

The Health Department enforces certain municipalities' local housing codes and ordinances to ensure safe and healthy housing for county residents.

Number of individual dwelling inspections completed	173
Number of violations notices given	36
Number of individual dwelling re-inspections conducted	237
Number of DCA dwelling inspections completed	1
Number of multi-unit dwelling inspections completed	1

Public Health Nuisance Program

BCHD conducts investigations into quality of life complaints that pose a nuisance to county residents.

Number of rodent complaints received	37
Number of insect complaints received	88
Number of noxious weed complaints received	25
Number of trash & debris complaints received	11
Number of miscellaneous complaints received	55
Number of violation notices given	29
Number of rodent complaint re-inspections	59
Number of insect complaint re-inspections	271
Number of noxious weed re-inspections	33
Number of trash & debris re-inspections	25
Number of stagnant water complaint inspections conducted	29
Number of miscellaneous re-inspections	120
Number of stagnant water re-inspections	111
Number of cat complaints received	6



Pesticide Control Program

BCHD performs routine inspections, and investigates complaints on the use and handling of pesticides.

Number of complaints received	8
Number of multi-unit dwelling inspections conducted	6
Number of school inspections conducted	10
Number of landscaper inspections conducted	33
Number of commercial pesticide inspections conducted	33
Number of bed bug complaints	21

Right to Know Program

The Health Department conducts surveys of workplaces through Burlington County to ensure employers follow the New Jersey Right to Know law which requires businesses to properly label chemicals, train employees, keep a log of the chemicals, and post information.

Number of site visits conducted	50
Number of phone calls conducted	33

Tobacco Program

The Health Department conducts investigations relating to the New Jersey Smoke Free Air Act, which bans smoking, including electronic smoking devices, in public and certain workplaces.

Number of complaints received for public smoking	5
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Animal Care and Management

The Burlington County Health Department inspects kennels, pet shops, shelters, and pounds to ensure that these facilities are operating in compliance with sanitation, safety, and animal welfare rules.

Kennels, pets shops, and shelters	
Number of licensed pet shop facilities	13
Number of licensed kennel facilities	35
Number of licensed shelter/pound facilities	1
Number of pre-operational inspections conducted at Pet Shops	11
Number of pre-operational inspections conducted at Kennels	2
Number of pre-operational inspections conducted at Shelter/Pound facilities	0
Number of routine inspections conducted at Pet Shops	14
Number of routine inspections conducted at Kennels	29
Number of routine inspections conducted at Shelter/Pound facilities	1
Number of routine re-inspections conducted at Pet Shops	2
Number of routine re-inspections conducted at Kennels	7
Number of routine re-inspections conducted at Shelter/Pound facilities	0
Number of non-routine emergency & complaint-related inspections conducted at Pet Shops	13
Number of non-routine emergency & complaint-related inspections conducted at Kennels	21
Number of non-routine emergency & complaint-related inspections conducted at Shelter/Pound facilities	0

Rabies vaccination clinics	
Number of rabies vaccination clinics conducted	34
Number of pets vaccinated	4,010
Average number of pets vaccinated per clinic	118/clinic



Animal bites and rabies control

Number of incidents where an animal bit a human	514
Number of incidents where a rabid or suspected-rabid animal bit a domestic animal	218
Number of unimmunized domestic animals that were confined for rabies observation after biting a person or another animal	0

Burlington County Animal Shelter

BCHD operates the Burlington County Animal Shelter where it is able to provide services to residents such as adoptions, and rabies vaccinations. All 40 of Burlington County’s municipalities contract with the Health Department to provide animal shelter services to their residents.

Animal Intake

	2014		
	Dogs	Cats	Other
Surrendered by owner	725	1,093	74
Stray/Impounded	919	2,127	115
Other (e.g. cruelty investigation, animal bite/vicious dog cases)	60	31	0
Total	1,704	3,251	189

Animal Outflow

	2014		
	Dogs	Cats	Other
Reclaimed by owner	622	80	2
Adopted	709	893	21
Euthanized (Includes surrenders requiring euthanasia and feral animals)	268	1,471	139
Transferred to other shelter/pound/rescue	94	485	1
Other (e.g. escaped, died at shelter, etc...)	8	220	3
Total	1,701	3,149	166

Animal Inventory/Capacity

	2014		
	Dogs	Cats	Other
Beginning number of animals as of January 1, 2014	110	138	2
Ending number of animals as of December 31, 2014	129	173	1
Overall animal capacity at shelter	107	240	N/A



Weights and Measures

The Health Department is responsible for testing and “Sealing” all weighing, measuring, and counting devices used in commerce throughout Burlington County by enforcing the New Jersey Weights and Measures law. This is to ensure consumers in the county get what they pay for.

Annual Inspections	2014	
	Approved	Condemned
Scales	2,187	62
Balances	177	4
Pill Counters	160	4
Weight Kits	134	
Linear Devices	146	
Fuel Oil Meters (Fuel trucks, home heating oil)	153	4
Service Station Pumps	4,190	211
Timing Devices	1,349	59
Taxi Meters	15	
Water Dispensers	8	
Coin Machines	17	
Total Devices	8,536	344
Total Sites	1,394	

Annual Investigations	Site Visits
Consumer Complaints	7
Reweigh Audits	14
Price Verification Audits	51
Label Inspections	4
Registration Inspections	35
Out of Business Inspections	1
Motor Oil Task Force	174
Miscellaneous Investigations	20
Total	326



Annual Litigations	Litigations
Price Verifications Audits	34
Reweigh Audits	12
Label Audits	2
Other (Gas Stations)	3
Total Litigations	51
Total Civil Penalties	\$44,170

Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)

BCHD supports income eligible families by providing low income pregnant, postpartum, and nursing women, along with their children up to age five with supplemental nutrition. This program is made possible through funding from the United States Department of Agriculture’s Food and Nutrition Service via the New Jersey Department of Health.

The Burlington County WIC program had a yearly enrollment (FFY’15) of **60,880**, serving more than **95% of estimated eligible residents** during the time period. This translates into **\$3.327 Million food dollars** redeemed in the county. Additionally, the WIC program continues to provide vouchers for the Farmer’s Market program to be redeemed at our local farm markets.

Medical Examiner’s Office

The Health Department also houses the Burlington County Medical Examiner’s Office. The ME’s office conducts medico-legal death investigations so that the forensic pathologist may determine the decedents’ cause and manner of death. The investigations entail collection and recovery of the decedents, recovery and collection of forensic and physical evidence that may include the victims’ personal effects. The ME’s Office also provides assistance to help with the identification of those decedents. During 2014, the Burlington County Medical Examiner’s Office investigated **951 cases**.



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