

The Department of Health (DOH) reported mixed performance across the agency for FY25 but overall maintains the same performance as prior years. DOH continues to focus on implementing interventions and community health initiatives aimed at improving public health infrastructure and access to care. The department’s mission is to ensure health equity by working with agency partners to promote health and well-being and improve health outcomes for all people in New Mexico.

Public Health

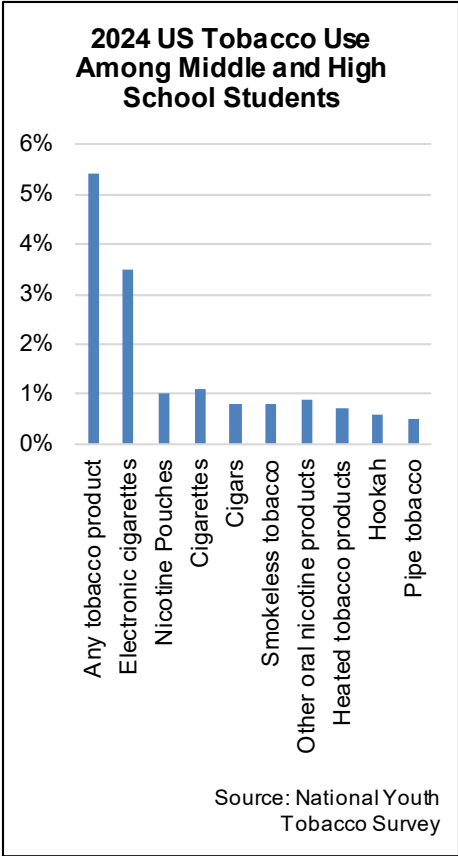
The Public Health Program continues reporting mixed results. While the department exceeded its target for the number of successful overdose reversals in the harm reduction program, the agency fell short on other measures. Preschoolers ages nineteen to thirty-five months as indicated as being fully immunized decreased by six percent from FY24. Performance at school-based health centers funded by DOH appeared below target; however, the data demonstrates a 66 percent increase in the number of patients and the number of visits, reflecting how the measure was recalculated compared to prior fiscal years. Despite this change in how data is collected, this measure is rated red because the FY25 data cannot be directly compared to previous fiscal years. The program reports the same performance for smoking cessation services as last fiscal year. Research consistently shows that comprehensive tobacco cessation programs can significantly reduce smoking rates and lead to better long-term health. Addressing these gaps is a priority.

Budget: \$262,490.2	FTE: 818.5	FY23 Actual	FY24 Actual	FY25 Target	FY25 Actual	Rating
Percent of school-based health centers funded by the department of health that demonstrate improvement in their primary care or behavioral healthcare focus area		96%	96%	96%	66%	R
Percent of New Mexico adult cigarette smokers who access Department of Health cessation services		1.2%	0.9%	3.5%	0.9%	Y
Number of successful overdose reversals in the harm reduction program		3,025	3,153	3,200	5,447	G
Percent of preschoolers ages nineteen to thirty-five months indicated as being fully immunized		69%	72%	75%	67.2%	R
Percent of female New Mexico Department of Health’s Public Health Office family planning clients, ages fifteen to nineteen, who were provided most- or moderately-effective contraceptives		88%	84%	88%	83.7%	Y
Program Rating		R	Y			Y

ACTION PLAN

Submitted by agency?	Yes
Timeline assigned?	No
Responsibility assigned?	No

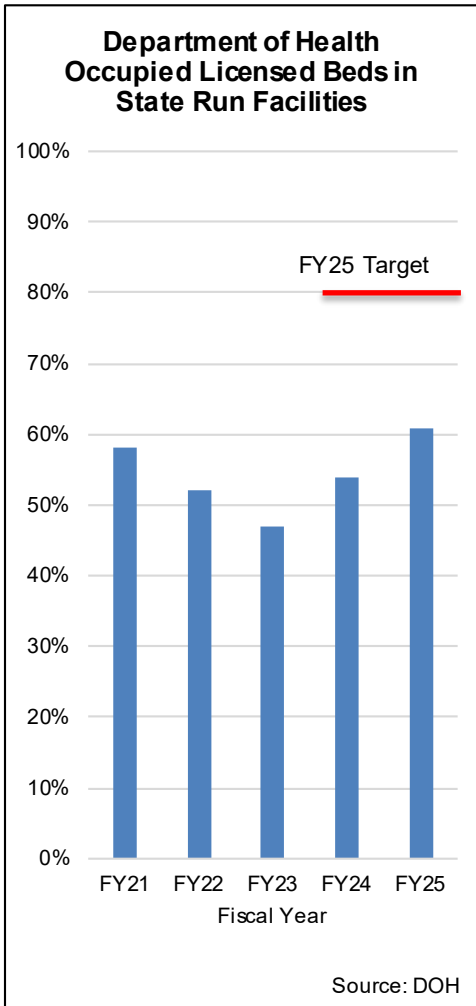
According to the CDC, tobacco product use remains the leading cause of preventable disease and death in the United States. In 2022, 49.2 million (19.8 percent)—or nearly 1 in 5—U.S. adults reported current tobacco product use.



Epidemiology and Response

The Epidemiology and Response Program is falling short of the targets for most key performance measures, which focus on improving health status, reducing substance use deaths, and preventing suicide. New data from the department shows that in 2024, deaths by suicide in the state increased by nine percent, totaling 512 deaths. Of suicide deaths in the state last year, 60 percent, or 307 deaths, involved a firearm.

Budget: \$57,934.2	FTE: 360	FY23 Actual	FY24 Actual	FY25 Target	FY25 Actual	Rating
Number of people admitted to the emergency department of participating hospitals with a suicide diagnosis		NA	228	<300	232	G
Percent of death certificates completed by bureau of vital records and health statistics within ten days of death		NA	56%	60%	53%	R
Percent of hospitals with emergency department based self-harm secondary prevention programs		NA	2.7%	8%	2.7%	R
Program Rating		R	R			R



Scientific Laboratory

The Scientific Laboratory Program provides a wide variety of laboratory services mandated in statute and essential for the successful mission of the programs it supports. The program did not meet the overall targeted performance for the percent of environmental samples for chemical contamination completed and reported to the submitting agency within sixty calendar days; however, recent hiring and training of new staff improved turnaround times toward the end of the fiscal year, resulting in a 62 percent improvement in the last quarter relative to the third quarter of FY25.

Budget: \$18,418.9	FTE: 139	FY23 Actual	FY24 Actual	FY25 Target	FY25 Actual	Rating
Percent of public health threat samples for communicable diseases and other threatening illnesses that are completed and reported to the submitting agency within published turnaround times		97%	97%	95%	96%	G
Percent of blood alcohol tests from driving-while-intoxicated cases completed and reported to law enforcement within thirty calendar days		99%	99%	90%	100%	G
Percent of environmental samples for chemical contamination are completed and reported to the submitting agency within sixty calendar days.		97%	72%	90%	66%	R
Program Rating		G	Y			Y

Facilities Management

The occupancy of licensed beds in facilities statewide remains below target levels; however, facility census has increased by approximately 11 percent from FY24, particularly in the state’s long-term care facilities, with overall census continuing to increase. Lower than anticipated revenues combined with high personnel and

contract costs continue to strain the program's finances. The program oversees six healthcare facilities and one community program, catering to individuals with complex medical conditions or behavioral health support needs.

Budget: \$177,631.8	FTE: 1,913.5	FY23 Actual	FY24 Actual	FY25 Target	FY25 Actual	Rating
Percent of medication-assisted treatment utilized in the management of alcohol-use disorders while at Turquoise Lodge Hospital		73%	100%	65%	100%	G
Percent of medical detox occupancy at Turquoise Lodge Hospital		76%	28%	80%	21.6%	R
Percent of medication-assisted treatment utilized in the management of opioid use disorders while at Turquoise Lodge Hospital		100%	100%	92%	100%	G
Percent of patients educated on medication-assisted treatment options while receiving medical detox services		83%	100%	100%	100%	G
Percent of patients eligible for naloxone kits who received the kits		52%	100%	95%	99.7%	G
Percent of licensed beds occupied		47%	55%	80%	60.9%	R
Percent of eligible third-party revenue collected at all agency facilities		89%	88%	94%	80.9%	R
Number of medication errors causing harm per one thousand patient days within identified categories		0	0	1	0	G
Program Rating		Y	Y			Y

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