



Information Management

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Protecting & Improving
the Health of Iowans



Much of the work done by the Iowa Department of Public Health involves the gathering and distributing of information about health-related activities in the State of Iowa. The Bureau of Information Management is responsible for making sure that this vital two-way flow of digital information is secure and uninterrupted.

The bureau provides project analysis and management, network and server management, desktop computer and printing support, application design and development, database design and administration, web-based information collection and delivery, and many other important services to the department and the citizens of our state.

Did you know?

Information Management maintains the Department's portfolio of over 85 applications with users from internal IDPH staff, local public health agencies, IDPH contractors, hospitals and clinics. Over 400 Help Desk tickets are submitted to Information Management each month.

Why is Information Management important to protecting and improving the health of Iowans?

- We exist to provide the technology infrastructure and support to enable Public Health to fulfill its mission of promoting and protecting the health of Iowans.
- We develop, maintain, and support technology services used by programs to serve Iowans.
- Your information is secure. When it comes to security, we serve as policy advisor to IDPH leadership and implement measures to ensure confidential data is safely stored and secured.
- We fill the role of data custodian for the department which means we're responsible for data storage & maintenance.

Which Iowa Public Health Goals are we working to achieve?

Strengthen the health infrastructure

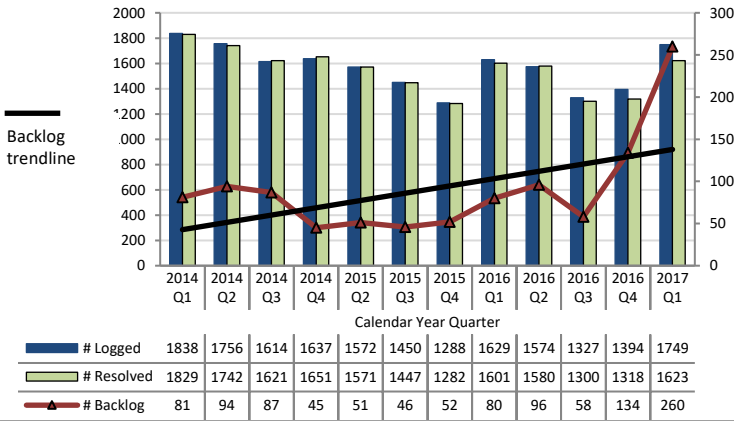
Prepare for, respond to, & recover from emergencies

What do we do?

- Offer technical consultation services to support programs, including project management, business process improvement, and RFP development.
- Develop and support websites including the IDPH website, providing the public with access to public health information
- Provide front-line help desk support for department programs, local public health agencies, IDPH contractors and other users
- Store and secure data programs collect and use to write grants, improve services and make policy decisions
- Maintain and support IDPH technical infrastructure, computers and hardware for all department employees
- Design, develop, and support computer software, equipping IDPH programs and partners to fulfill the department's mission.

How do we measure our progress?

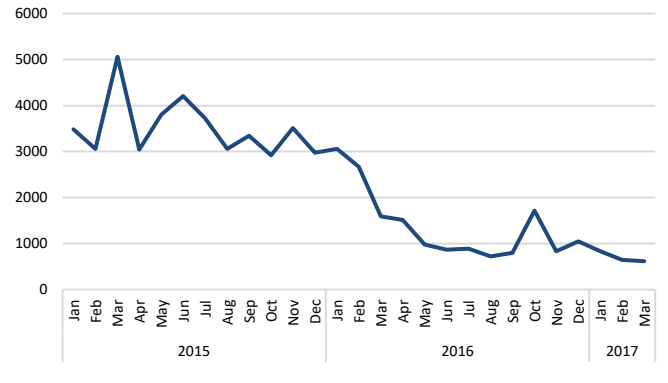
1 Customer Service: Number of information management (IM) tickets logged, resolved, and backlog.



Data Source: Program records. 2015 Q1 data is unreliable due to a data loss in February 2015. Q1 2015 data not reported due to potential data discrepancies.

How are we doing? In 2016, 77% of requests were, on average, completed within 1-business day (down 1% from 2015). In 2017 Q1, we received a large number of requests to replace aging Department computers and quickly built up a backlog as those tickets take some time to work through.

2 Vulnerability Score.



Data Source: Program records.

How are we doing? Over the last year, the Department had significant strides in reducing our vulnerability score. While the score increased over the last few months, IM aggressively patched systems and servers to mitigate risk of exposing confidential information.

What can Iowans do to help?

- Iowans can use the IDPH website to find accurate health information. Go to <http://idph.iowa.gov/>.

Expenditures

Federal indirect funds, & intra state receipts* (Dept of Human Services): 0153-2208

	State Fiscal Year 2015 Actual	State Fiscal Year 2016 Actual	State Fiscal Year 2017 Estimate
State funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal funds	\$146,581	\$526,798	\$991,887
Other funds*	\$1,186,238	\$989,659	\$967,113
Total funds	\$1,332,819	\$1,516,457	\$1,959,000
FTEs	10.75	10.33	12.20

Note: Funding information is intended to provide an overview of funding related to the program area. It does not include all federal and state requirements and/or restrictions for the use of funds. Contact the program area for more detailed budget information.

* Includes \$480,000 for technology reinvestment.