Tennessee
Tennessee Department of Health

Agency Mission
Protect, promote, and improve the health and prosperity of people in Tennessee.

Top 5 Priorities for State Health Agency
1. Primary prevention (including overall health ranking)
2. Performance excellence (including electronic knowledge management)
3. Infant mortality
4. Childhood obesity
5. Substance abuse (including tobacco)

Structure and Relationship with Local Health Departments
The state health agency is a freestanding/independent agency and has a mixed relationship with local health departments.

Number of independent local health agencies
(led by local government staff): 6

Number of state-run local health agencies
(led by state government staff): 89

Number of independent regional or district offices
(led by non-state employees): 0

Number of state-run regional or district offices
(led by state employees): 7

State Organizational Structure
The health official reports directly to the governor. The state does not have a board of health.

State Health Planning
The state health agency has developed the following within the past five years:

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State Health Agency Workforce
The state health agency has 3,046 FTEs, including 1,835 state workers assigned to local/regional offices.

State Public Health Agency Finance*

Sources of Funding (FY11)

- Federal Funds 45.3%
- Fees and Fines 5.8%
- Other Sources 19.9%
- Other State Funds 0.0%
- State General Funds 30.0%

Expenditures (FY11)

- Administration 2.8%
- All-Hazards Preparedness and Response 5.9%
- Chronic Disease 1.3%
- Environmental Health 2.0%
- Health Data 1.0%
- Health Laboratory 3.0%
- Improving Consumer Health 36.3%
- Infectious Disease 6.0%
- Injury Prevention 0.0%
- Other 3.2%
- Quality of Health Services 8.0%
- Vital Statistics 0.8%
- WIC 29.8%

Total Expenditures FY10: $507,258,978
Total Expenditures FY11: $526,580,019

*FY11 was defined as 7/1/10 - 6/30/11. FY10 was defined as 7/1/09 - 6/30/10.