



April 30, 2025

To the Honorable Members of the Illinois General Assembly:

In compliance with the requirements set forth in the Data Governance and Organization to Support Equity and Racial Justice Act (20 ILCS 65 *et. al*) (the “Act”), the *Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH)* hereby submits a progress report detailing the action steps and progress made since the last annual report dated July 1, 2024, to enable the collection and cataloguing of data described in Section 20-15 of the Act have been standardized and, to the extent possible, the data sets and programs that are planned for the coming year.

The Act requires *IDPH* to “report statistical data on racial, ethnic, age, sex, disability status, sexual orientation, gender identity, and primary or preferred language demographics of program participants for each major program” administered by *IDPH*.

While “major program” is not defined in the statute, the agency has adopted the following definition provided by the Governor’s Office of Management and Budget: *a major program is a program with an enacted appropriation of greater than \$1 million in the prior fiscal year; direct services provided to individuals and/or a reasonable expectation that demographic information can be aggregated via proxy data without substantial cost or disruption to program delivery.*

*IDPH* has further defined “program participants” *any individual who receives program services or interventions directly from state agency staff, contractors, or grantees.* The program participants count is the number of distinct individuals who have been identified as program participants regardless of demographic category.

Using these definitions, the Agency has identified the following programs and program participant populations for analysis:

FY24 Major Programs:

1. Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs Grant Program
2. COVID-19 Community Based Testing and Interventions Targeting Minority Population Expansion
3. Genetic Counseling
4. Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer Program
5. Illinois Family Planning Program
6. Illinois Tobacco Quitline
7. Illinois Wisewoman Program
8. COVID-19 Migrant Workers Mobile Testing & Outbreak Response (new program added)
9. Wellness on Wheels (WOW) (new program added)

FY25 Major Programs:

1. Genetic Counseling
2. Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer Program
3. Illinois Family Planning Program
4. Illinois Tobacco Quitline
5. Trauma Informed Care for Youth Survivor's Lake County
6. Birth Equity Innovation Seed Grant
7. Carolyn Adams Ticket for the Cure Patient Navigation Grant

Since the July 2024 statistical report, IDPH has tracked the implementation progress made for its major programs.

Following the July 2024 statistical report IDPH has determined that racial, ethnic, age, sex, disability status, sexual orientation, gender identity, and primary or preferred language have been defined and standardized for the following programs:

1. Genetic Counseling
2. Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer Program
3. Illinois Family Planning Program
4. Illinois Tobacco Quitline
5. Trauma Informed Care for Youth Survivor's Lake County
6. Birth Equity Innovation Seed Grant
7. Carolyn Adams Ticket for the Cure Patient Navigation Grant

In the coming year, the agency will utilize the Office of Equity's guidance to further refine and standardize definitions for the remaining demographic categories and ensure standardization exists across all programs identified in this report. *IDPH* will work with the Department of Innovation

and Technology and the Governor's Office of Management and Budget in the coming months to streamline its data collection and collect the relevant data from major program participants.

As the State works to implement the Act, IDPH data stewards, information and technology staff, and diversity, equity, and inclusion leaders will work with the Department of Innovation and Technology and the Governor's Office of Management and Budget to analyze currently catalogued data, identify data gaps, and determine how to collect demographic information. As we continue to implement the process and infrastructure changes necessary to collect the data required, we will continue to work to provide the required demographic data to inform program design and policy-making endeavors.

Very Sincerely and Respectfully,

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