

City of Milwaukee Health Department

Past budget/staffing cuts are coming back to haunt Milwaukee residents!

- Infant mortality rates are unusually high. Babies are dying in Milwaukee!
- Communicable disease rates continue to fluctuate and many are going up!
- Children are still becoming sick from lead contamination, only a small part of the City has received lead abatement help!
- Food borne illnesses continue to make people sick at alarming rates!
- Meanwhile since 1996 the City has cut 139 Health Department employees.
That is a 31.24% loss and is the second highest staffing cut in the City!
- During that same 14 years
 - **City of Milwaukee Administration a 23.26% increase**
 - **DPW Administration a 34.04% increase**
 - **Police and Fire both enjoyed increased staffing through 2008**
 - **While Health Department positions were cut 31.24%**

The residents of the City of Milwaukee deserve better.

Today more than ever before the Health Department staffing levels need to be increased.

**With the economic climate, we understand increases may not be possible but Milwaukee must at least maintain the current number of health professionals serving the public!
H1N1 does not care about budgets it just attacks without mercy.**

The Health Department is as important to public safety as the fire and police!

City of Milwaukee sharing the pain
or not?

Authorized Positions	Health	Library	Attorney	C.C.Clerks	Comptroller	Muni Cr.	Dept of Develop	Elect.Com
1996 Budget	445	410	68	111	73	47	410	6
2006 Budget	326	402	64	102	67	44	238	7
2008 Budget	312	396	64	112	66	45	220	9
Total reduced/added	-133	-14	-4	1	-7	-2	-190	3
Percent Growth				0.90%				50.00%
Percent Cuts	29.89%	3.41%	5.88%		9.59%	4.26%	46.34%	
Authorized Positions	Fire	Police	DPW Admin	Operations	Treas.	Admin.	Harbor	
1996 Budget	1138	2712	47		59	86	37	
2006 Budget	1151	2720	65	1588	60	103	30	
2008 Budget	1146	2762	63	1530	58	106	35	
Total reduced/added	8	50	16	-58	-1	20	-2	
Percent Growth	0.70%	1.84%	34.04%			23.26%		
Percent Cuts					1.69%		5.41%	