



OVERVIEW

Ohio has a robust modernization effort that began in 2012 with the [Public Health Futures](#) report. Recently, the Ohio Department of Health continued their efforts by completing a baseline CDC Data Modernization Assessment in January 2022. Ohio is currently in the process of developing a Data Modernization Plan to:

- Increase transparency;
- Be more inclusive and representative its population.

Participation in the [21st Century Learning Community](#) supports Ohio's existing data modernization work and promotes future transformation efforts.

Centering Health Equity and Well-Being in Narrative Change

The Associations of Ohio Health Commissioners (AOHC) and the ODH collaborated on a Public Health Modernization Committee which resulted in a recommendation to establish a Public Health Actionable Data Advisory Council. The goal of the council would be to establish an annual assessment describing specific improvements made by the state to increase:

- Efficiency of data collection and bi-directional data sharing;
- Accessibility, timeliness, quality, and accuracy of data reporting;
- Availability of disaggregated data (by race, ethnicity, geography, disability status, income level, etc.).

Efforts have centered partnerships and collaboration to discuss public health data aggregation and utilization. Partners include the:

- Ohio State Medical Association
- Ohio Hospital Association, Ohio Association of Community Health Centers
- ODH
- AOHC

ODH is working to develop a Data Modernization Roadmap (DMR). The roadmap will serve as a guide, through an array of projects, to leverage data through the [InnovateOhio Platform](#) (IOP), allowing for greater analytics capacity, improved data sharing with partners and the public, increased efficiency through automation, and better data. The IOP is to be used across state government to drive more shared services among agencies.

InnovateOhio will also develop a statewide strategy to improve information and data sharing techniques across agencies, boards, and commissions.



Prioritizing Equitable Governance and Community Engagement

ODH has made a commitment to equity through the establishment of the [Office of Health Opportunity](#) within the state health department and through PHAB accreditation, which emphasizes health equity in its standards and measures. Through this commitment, they are investing in multi-sector collaboration related to quality improvement and efficiency of public health data.

Ensure Measurement Captures & Addresses Structural Racism & Other Inequities

The DMR will assure that the data processes and mechanisms that contribute to structural racism and inequity are considered and mitigated in the development of data systems and the representation of health data. This effort will be done complimentary to the Office of Health Opportunities ongoing system changes to eliminate population level disparities in Ohio, which is prioritized in overall modernization efforts.

Several program recommendations focus on public health data workforce training and development, including the use and understanding of health equity. AOHC and the Ohio Public Health Partnership support local health departments and their strategic community partners in this work, including adjusting the Foundational Public Health Services costing model and data collection tool to incorporate equity.

Learn more about the Equity in Data Systems Transformation cohort [here](#).