

Portland and Cumberland County, Maine Cross-Jurisdictional Sharing Project



Indicator	Portland	Cumberland County
Population	66,194	281,674
Density per square mile	3,106	337
Living in poverty	17.5%	10.5%
Children living in poverty	29.9%	17.3%
Racial and ethnic minorities	16.4%	8.3%

Source: 2010 US Census.

Project Summary: We plan to develop a sustainable cross-jurisdictional sharing (CJS) model for public health service delivery among the city health department, the county within which the city is located, and the state public health department. The team will determine where service gaps exist, analyze options for addressing those gaps, and develop a plan for how CJS could reduce those gaps.

What is Cross-Jurisdictional Sharing?

Cross-jurisdictional sharing enables health departments to share programs, services, and resources across the jurisdictions they serve.

Key Activities and Outcomes

Spring 2013	Convened a Leadership Team composed of municipal, county, state, and health system officials, and conducted a gap analysis with contract evaluators.
Summer and Fall 2013	Conducted and analyzed 4 discussion groups around the county to hear from other constituent groups about their public health service needs. The final report is available for reference.
Winter 2013-14	Evaluated the feasibility of various CJS models that would address identified gaps in service, focusing on scope, governance, and finance. This feasibility plan may service others engaged in cross-jurisdictional sharing.
Spring 2014	Pilot tested the piecemeal approach of sharing public health services by proposing to conduct restaurant inspection services in a City neighboring Portland.
Fall and Winter 2014	Improved the Public Health Division's ability to communicate the importance of public health to key stakeholders through improvements to its Annual Report and health data fact sheets.

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