

INDIANA COLLECTION

ANNUAL REPORT

1952

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

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VITAL STATISTICS

The Health Department serves as registering office of vital statistics and has the responsibility of registering all the births and deaths within the city limits and the issuing of certified copies of said birth and death records and burial permits.

BIRTHS, TOTAL FOR 1952	5,589
DEATHS, TOTAL FOR 1952	1,563

LEADING CAUSES OF DEATHS

Organic Heart Disease	544
Cancer	199
Apoplexy	175
Pneumonia	101
Bright's Disease	60
Automobile Fatalities	43
Accidental	31
Suicidal	23
Tuberculosis	13
Diabetes	10
Poliomyelitis	6
Homocidal	5
Syphilis	4
Influenza	1
Diarrhoea - under 2 years	1

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE CONTROL

With the advent of immunization techniques, antibiotics, sulfas and other medical innovations many of the old plagues afflicting mankind have been brought under excellent control. Quarantine regulations still play a part but have been generally relaxed in the light of these new discoveries. Public health measures in all fields play a part in preventing and controlling the spread of the infectious diseases.

Reported Communicable Disease in 1952

	<u>Cases</u>	<u>Deaths</u>
Whooping Cough	5	0
Scarlet Fever	45	0
Varicella	19	0
Mumps	111	0
Poliomyelitis (in city)	88	3
(From Surrounding Area)	169	3
Diphtheria	1	0
Measels	20	0
Meningitis	2	0
Thyphoid	1	0
Para Thyphoid	1	0
Tuberculosis	42	2

Quarantines

Homes Quarantined	83
Visits to Quarantined Homes and to Hospitals	896
Recalls	76

Polio by Months

