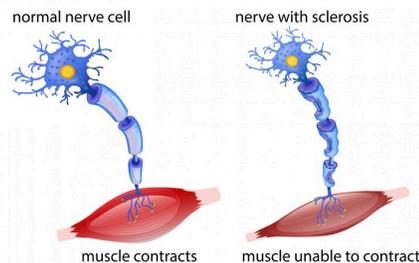


Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month was launched by the National Multiple Sclerosis Society (NMSS) in March of 2003. Part of the mission of the month is to help people understand the true scope of Multiple Sclerosis (MS) and to help those with the disease make informed decisions about their treatment and overall health.

MS is an unpredictable disease of the central nervous system. The central nervous system includes the brain, spinal cord and optic nerves. This system controls everything we do. MS disrupts the flow of information within the brain, and between the brain and body. About 2.5 million people world wide suffer from the disease. Strangely, people who reside in more temperate climates are more likely to develop MS than those living near the equator. There are many effective treatments, so those afflicted with MS should not lose hope. An individual's experience with MS may change from day to day and year to year. Symptoms depend on where inflammation and damage are occurring at any specific time. Symptoms also vary from person to person and can include:

- fatigue
- memory difficulties
- mood changes
- mobility issues
- numbness
- pain tingling
- vision impairment



No one knows exactly what causes MS. Scientists believe that MS occurs when people with the right mix of genes are exposed to some trigger in the environment. Research is ongoing to identify the cause of MS.

Researchers have identified factors involved in who may have MS, including:

- age
- epstein-barr virus (EBV) exposure/infectious mononucleosis
- genetics
- geography
- ethnic background
- low vitamin D level
- obesity in adolescence
- smoking

While Multiple Sclerosis remains a lifelong condition, ongoing research and improved treatments are helping people with MS lead fuller, more active lives. Early diagnosis, regular medical care, and a healthy lifestyle can make a significant difference in managing symptoms. Continued awareness and support are key to ensuring progress toward better outcomes and, ultimately, a cure.

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January 2026 Statistics

<p>Clinics</p> <p>Blood Pressure Persons served: Blood Pressure 0</p> <p>Paternity Testing Clinics3 Number of Persons Tested3</p> <p>Immunizations</p> <p>Number of Clinics.....4 No. of adults33 No. of adults immz. adm22 No. of pediatrics34 No. of pediatrics immz. adm75 Total of vaccines administered.....97</p> <p>Children's Immunizations</p> <p>Pediarix.....12 Pediatric Flu6 Hib14 Pneumococcal13 Rotavirus8 Hep A.....6 Dtap3 MMR.....4 Tdap0 Hepatitis B.....1 Varicella.....6 Kinrix1 Gardasil1 Meningitis0 ProQuad1 IPV (Polio).....0 Td0 Men. B.....0 Nirsevimab/RSV.....0 COVID-19.....0</p> <p>Adult Immunizations</p> <p>Hepatitis A 0 Hepatitis B2 Flu12 Men. B 0 Meningitis 0 MMR.....1 Pneumonia 23 0 TD.....1 Tdap3 Typhoid.....0 Varicella.....0 Yellow Fever0 Prevnar 20.....1 Shingrix.....2 RSV.....0 COVID-19.....0</p>	<p>Maternal Child Health (MCH)</p> <p>Maternal Health Encounters405</p> <p>WIC Caseload.....1,094 WIC Clients receiving Education..166 WSSM / WIC Education36 Internet WIC Education..... 5 Individual WIC Education20 Phone Education105 Lead.....38 Hemoglobins85 ASQ Developmental Screenings ... 76 Depression Screenings35 EPSDT'S.....38 Flouride Varnish (Oral Health).....47 Number of Vision Tested3 Number of Hearing Tested4 Pregnancy Tests.....1</p> <p>Family Case Management</p> <p>APORS Investigations3 Healthworks Caseload.....59</p> <p>Communicable Disease Investigations</p> <p>Animal Bites.....3 Chickenpox0 Cryptosporidiosis0 Hepatitis B2 Hepatitis C4 Histoplasmosis0 HIV/AIDS Cases Investigated0 HIV Test2 Salmonellosis0 Streptococcal Infections (Group A) .0 Whooping Cough (Pertussis)0</p> <p>Sexually Transmitted Disease</p> <p>Chlamydia5 Gonorrhea1 Syphilis.....1</p> <p>TB (Tuberculosis)</p> <p>Tests Administered.....14 New LTBI.....0 New Suspect TB Investigations.0 New Active Cases0</p> <p>Lab Draws</p> <p>Private Pay Salem Office48 Centralia Office27 Total Private Pay Lab Draws75</p>	<p>Environmental Health</p> <p>Food</p> <p>Routine Inspections.....14 Follow-up Inspections6 Complaint Inspections1 Temporary Inspections0 Pre-Operational Inspections1 Emergency Incident Inspections0 Number of Permits Issued12 Cottage Food Permits Issued6</p> <p>Sewage</p> <p>Routine Inspections.....3 Complaint Inspections1 Realty Inspections0 Sewage Systems Installed.....3 Number of Permits Issued3</p> <p>Water</p> <p>New System Inspections.....0 Existing Water Well Inspections.....0 Realty Inspections0 Complaint Inspections0 Water Wells Sealed0 Number of Permits Issued.....0</p> <p>Closed Loop Wells</p> <p>Closed Loop Well Inspections0 Systems Installed0 Number of Permits Issued2</p> <p>Tanning</p> <p>Routine Inspections.....0 Follow-up Inspections0 Complaint Inspections0</p> <p>Body Art</p> <p>Routine Inspections.....0 Follow-up Inspections0 Complaint Inspections0</p> <p>FIT Test</p> <p>Female.....0 Male.....0</p>
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