

Public Health

Summary

Clark County's Public Health Department includes twenty-seven program areas organized among the following eight units: Healthy Families; Healthy Aging & Behavior; Environmental Public Health; Communicable Disease Prevention & Control; Emergency Preparedness & Response; Health Assessment, Evaluation & Outreach; Region VI AIDSNET; and Administrative Services. The Public Health Department as it is known today emerged when Southwest Washington Health District was dissolved at the end of 2002.

Current Issues

Categorical clinical services previously provided by Public Health staff began being provided via contract by SeaMar Community Health in September 2008.

The Clark County Board of Health approved Staff Report SR# 186-08 and Professional Services Agreement #HDC.201 on June 10, 2008 between Clark County and SeaMar. The agreement describes terms and conditions for SeaMar to provide integrated primary care and behavioral health services to qualified Clark County residents in the Center for Community Health.

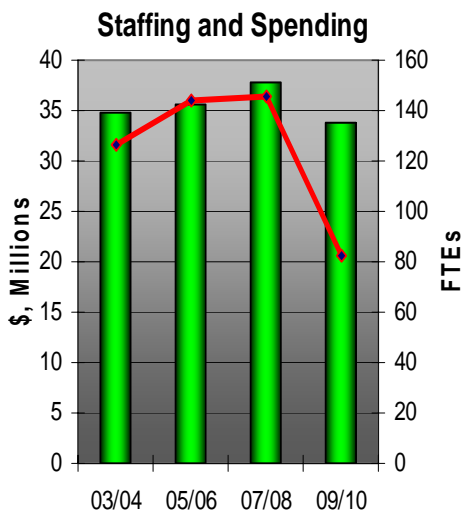
A contract with Skamania County to provide public-health related services expired December 31, 2008, and was not renewed. This resulted in less grant revenue to sustain existing Public Health staff and fewer programs to absorb both Departmental and County Indirect charges.

In response to increases in personnel costs, County indirect charges, as well as flat or decreasing revenue, the Public Health Department's 2009-10 budget submission includes the proposed transition of six programs to community providers. These six programs are: 1.) Early Family Support Services and Early Intervention Program (both CPS referral programs) portions of Parent-Child Health; 2.) FosterCare Passport Program portion of Parent-Child Health; 3.) Family Planning services provided at the Community Services Office, also a portion of Parent-Child Health; 4.) Women, Infants & Children (WIC); 5.) HIV Outreach & Prevention; and 6.) Medical Reserve Corps and outreach to vulnerable population portions of Emergency Preparedness & Response. The proposed transitioning of these six programs to community providers will result in decreased workload for Public Health Department's Administrative staff. Reductions in staffing in those programs have also been proposed.

Public Health

	Budget	FTEs
Community Health & Wellness	11,787,017	22.2
Environmental Health	6,846,742	26.3
Epidemiology	5,233,204	8.7
Health Department Administrc	10,072,156	25.4
Total	33,939,119	82.6

4.7% of all county positions reside in the Fiscal Entities function. The \$33.9 million budget represents 3.6% of the total County budget for 2009-2010.



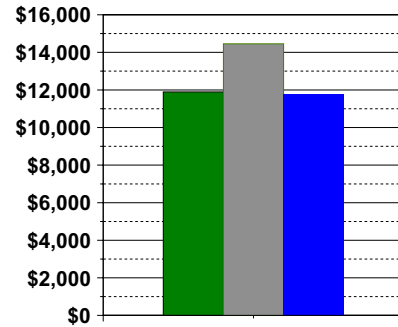
Department Detail:

Community Health and Wellness

\$11,787,017

The Community Health and Wellness Division provides research-based public health services to improve and protect the well-being of populations identified to be most at risk for poor health outcomes. Negative health outcomes currently of highest concern are: disease and death due to tobacco use or exposure; premature births and/or low birthweight babies; delayed growth and development of babies and young children; and HIV and AIDS. Populations most often reached through division activities include pregnant women with specific health risks; infants and young children with specific health risks; persons using or exposed to tobacco; persons practicing unsafe sex; and injection drug users.

Expenditure History (\$ in thousands)



<u>Department Expenditures</u>	<u>Actual 2005/2006</u>	<u>Actual 2007/2008</u>	<u>Budget 2009/2010</u>
Internal Charges	\$1,018,720	\$863,529	\$2,918
Benefits	\$1,377,502	\$2,018,766	\$2,057,022
Supplies	\$333,801	\$383,662	\$366,203
Travel and Training	\$144,635	\$207,787	\$72,724
Overtime/Comp Time	\$20,529	\$11,665	\$0
Professional Services	\$197,864	\$223,522	\$172,374
Temporary Services	\$119,856	\$163,277	\$67,459
Other Services	\$921,674	\$904,289	\$420,273
Transfers	\$2,659,361	\$3,303,108	\$3,445,754
Capital Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$17,378
Salaries, Regular	\$5,102,479	\$6,380,155	\$5,164,912
Allowances	\$200	\$0	\$0
<u>Dept Total:</u>	<u>\$11,896,620</u>	<u>\$14,459,761</u>	<u>\$11,787,017</u>

<u>Program Expenditures</u>	<u>Actual 2005/2006</u>	<u>Actual 2007/2008</u>	<u>Budget 2009/2010</u>
Health Promotion:	\$393,906	\$437,898	\$380,651
Oral Health			
Parent and Child Health	\$4,849,685	\$6,729,575	\$3,592,333
Health Promotion:	\$636,714	\$630,996	\$690,156
Tobacco Prev./Control			
Contract with Skamania County Health Promotion:	\$1,308,451	\$1,414,018	\$1,362,627
HIV/AIDS Prevention	\$320,132	\$399,091	\$28,353
HIV/AIDS Coordination & Care: Region 6 Women, Infants and Children (WIC)	\$1,667,886	\$2,439,795	\$3,154,333
HIV/AIDS Coordination & Care: Consortium Health Promotion	\$1,183,715	\$1,180,845	\$1,636,545
	\$1,536,131	\$1,227,456	\$942,019
	\$0	\$87	\$0

<u>Staffing (FTE's)</u>	<u>Actual 2005/2006</u>	<u>Actual 2007/2008</u>	<u>Budget 2009/2010</u>
Full Time Equivalents	0.00	61.55	61.55

Dept Total: \$11,896,620 \$14,459,761 \$11,787,017
%Change from previous period: 21.55% -18.48%

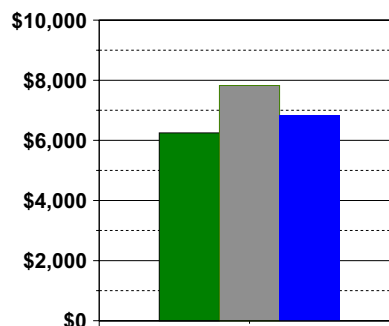
Department Detail:

Environmental Health

\$6,846,742

The EH Division consists of two major areas of focus, Consumer Protection, and Resource Protection. Consumer Resources implements two programs, Food and Water, to protect the direct receiver of services. Resource Protection includes two program areas also, Liquid Waste and Solid Waste, which are implemented to prevent degradation of ground and surface waters.

Expenditure History (\$ in thousands)



<u>Department Expenditures</u>	<u>Actual 2005/2006</u>	<u>Actual 2007/2008</u>	<u>Budget 2009/2010</u>
Supplies	\$137,579	\$73,042	\$129,163
Professional Services	\$321,698	\$311,023	\$831,822
Travel and Training	\$25,973	\$38,555	\$48,896
Salaries, Regular	\$3,092,447	\$3,284,164	\$2,720,979
Allowances	\$0	\$0	\$0
Temporary Services	\$75,202	\$21,970	\$0
Other Services	\$497,612	\$448,237	\$327,266
Transfers	\$757,505	\$2,207,370	\$1,682,852
Capital Expenditures	\$5,520	\$0	\$42,964
Overtime/Comp Time	\$11,231	\$20,174	\$0
Internal Charges	\$578,276	\$415,484	\$7,218
Benefits	\$748,766	\$1,005,322	\$1,055,582
Dept Total:	<u>\$6,251,809</u>	<u>\$7,825,341</u>	<u>\$6,846,742</u>
%Change from previous period		<u>25.17%</u>	<u>-12.51%</u>

<u>Program Expenditures</u>	<u>Actual 2005/2006</u>	<u>Actual 2007/2008</u>	<u>Budget 2009/2010</u>
Environmental Health Support	\$1,522,335	\$1,554,214	\$1,144,663
Counter Bioterrorism	-\$3	\$0	\$0
Liquid Waste	\$1,637,681	\$2,391,976	\$1,935,276
Water	\$799,338	\$853,453	\$710,853
Solid Waste	\$728,850	\$677,938	\$626,111
Food	\$1,563,607	\$2,347,761	\$2,429,839
Dept Total:	<u>\$6,251,809</u>	<u>\$7,825,341</u>	<u>\$6,846,742</u>
%Change from previous period:		<u>25.17%</u>	<u>-12.51%</u>

<u>Staffing (FTE's)</u>	<u>Actual 2005/2006</u>	<u>Actual 2007/2008</u>	<u>Budget 2009/2010</u>
Full Time Equivalents	0.00	29.55	29.55

Department Detail:

Epidemiology

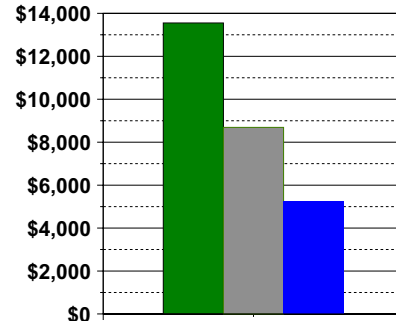
\$5,233,204

The epidemiology and clinical services department includes three units, Clinical Services, Infectious Disease and Assessment and Research. The clinical services unit provides refugee health screening, family planning, sexually transmitted disease screening, treatment and partner follow-up as well as immunizations for adults and children. Clinic staff are also responsible for facilitating access to health care for uninsured and Medicaid eligible clients. The infectious disease unit is responsible for surveillance and investigation of all notifiable disease including tuberculosis. The assessment and research unit is responsible for the collection, analysis and dissemination of key health indicators and Health Department program evaluation and performance measurement.

Expenditure History (\$ in thousands)

<u>Department Expenditures</u>	<u>Actual 2005/2006</u>	<u>Actual 2007/2008</u>	<u>Budget 2009/2010</u>
Benefits	\$852,536	\$1,120,692	\$1,015,319
Salaries, Regular	\$3,414,566	\$3,887,775	\$2,655,976
Allowances	\$100	\$0	\$0
Supplies	\$602,500	\$705,912	\$197,066
Temporary Services	\$90,435	\$46,604	\$0
Travel and Training	\$104,993	\$92,139	\$21,234
Other Services	\$676,126	\$484,844	\$261,712
Transfers	\$6,665,431	\$1,436,697	\$966,693
Overtime/Comp Time	\$39,353	\$37,672	\$5,000
Internal Charges	\$726,807	\$560,029	\$1,708
Professional Services	\$373,883	\$242,627	\$98,346
Capital Expenditures	\$5,988	\$77,284	\$10,150
Dept Total:	\$13,552,716	\$8,692,276	\$5,233,204
%Change from previous period		-35.86%	-39.79%

<u>Staffing (FTE's)</u>	<u>Actual 2005/2006</u>	<u>Actual 2007/2008</u>	<u>Budget 2009/2010</u>
Full Time Equivalents	0.00	37.62	37.62



<u>Actual 2005/2006</u>	<u>Actual 2007/2008</u>	<u>Budget 2009/2010</u>
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<u>Program Expenditures</u>	<u>Actual 2005/2006</u>	<u>Actual 2007/2008</u>	<u>Budget 2009/2010</u>
Assessment and Research	\$694,049	\$828,075	\$833,244
Clinical services	\$9,175,983	\$3,966,915	\$2,571,716
Infectious Disease	\$1,427,404	\$1,974,729	\$1,288,370
Historical Expenditures -- EPICS	-\$4	\$15	\$0
Family Planning	\$2,255,285	\$1,922,542	\$539,874
Dept Total:	\$13,552,716	\$8,692,276	\$5,233,204
%Change from previous period:		-35.86%	-39.79%

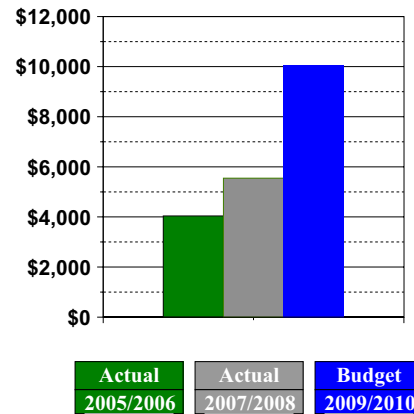
Department Detail:

Health Department Administration

\$10,072,156

The goal of Administration/Finance is to provide support services and fiscal responsibility and oversight for the personal health and environmental health program units of the health department. We provide critical support services, such as fiscal and audit oversight, budget development and management, grant compliance, accounts receivable, accounts payable/purchasing, payroll, records management and reception functions.

Expenditure History (\$ in thousands)



<u>Department Expenditures</u>	<u>Actual 2005/2006</u>	<u>Actual 2007/2008</u>	<u>Budget 2009/2010</u>
Benefits	\$451,947	\$789,870	\$1,235,978
Transfers	\$527,452	\$739,166	\$1,161,708
Capital Expenditures	\$120,000	\$0	\$4,940
Supplies	\$81,781	\$125,351	\$107,478
Professional Services	\$134,010	\$334,586	\$259,440
Internal Charges	\$214,752	\$371,308	\$2,991,522
Overtime/Comp Time	\$16,319	\$9,586	\$0
Travel and Training	\$45,318	\$76,033	\$33,686
Other Services	\$331,403	\$338,352	\$667,605
Salaries, Regular	\$2,026,283	\$2,722,589	\$3,582,599
Allowances	\$9,300	\$4,000	\$19,200
Temporary Services	\$81,783	\$37,481	\$8,000
Dept Total:	\$4,040,347	\$5,548,323	\$10,072,156
%Change from previous period		37.32%	81.54%

<u>Program Expenditures</u>	<u>Actual 2005/2006</u>	<u>Actual 2007/2008</u>	<u>Budget 2009/2010</u>
Vital Records Management	\$820,666	\$1,006,651	\$4,052,918
Health Department Finance	\$1,302,474	\$2,571,249	\$1,742,212
	\$1,917,207	\$1,970,423	\$4,277,026
Dept Total:	\$4,040,347	\$5,548,323	\$10,072,156
%Change from previous period:		37.32%	81.54%

<u>Staffing (FTE's)</u>	<u>Actual 2005/2006</u>	<u>Actual 2007/2008</u>	<u>Budget 2009/2010</u>
Full Time Equivalents	0.00	33.59	33.59

Program Detail:

Liquid Waste

\$1,935,276

The Liquid Waste Program focuses on protecting groundwater and preventing illness, via proper treatment of domestic sewage. The staff evaluates soils and plan designs, and approves installations of septic systems. The staff also reviews proposals for new development before land development is approved. Proper maintenance and operation of septic systems is rapidly becoming a central theme for the program.

<u>Actual 2003/2004</u>	<u>Actual 2005/2006</u>	<u>Actual 2007/2008</u>	<u>Forecast 2009/2010</u>
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Program Detail:

Food

\$2,429,839

The focus of the food program is the prevention of food borne illness. Routine inspections are carried out in food service establishments, groceries, lounges, bakeries, temporary food events, schools and institutions. Education and consultation are the preferred activities of the program. 10,000 + food handler education certificates (FH Cards) are given out each year.

<u>Actual 2003/2004</u>	<u>Actual 2005/2006</u>	<u>Actual 2007/2008</u>	<u>Forecast 2009/2010</u>
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Program Detail:

Solid Waste

\$626,111

The approval and oversight solid waste and hazardous waste activities are the focus of this program. Staff assures that solid waste, including hazardous waste, is stored, collected and disposed of properly to minimize the contamination of ground and surface water. Site inspections are conducted routinely at active and closed landfills, transfer stations, recycling stations, composting facilities. Staff responds to request from the public regarding nuisances and illegal dumping. Known sites of hazardous waste disposal are monitored and illegal drug labs are investigated in conjunction with local law enforcement personnel.

<u>Actual 2003/2004</u>	<u>Actual 2005/2006</u>	<u>Actual 2007/2008</u>	<u>Forecast 2009/2010</u>
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Program Detail:

Water

\$710,853

Past problems and practices present a particularly pressing predicament for program personnel. The propensity of pollutants penetrate soils, percolating into the precariously permeable pools of potable water, posing a possible pathological problems for people both public and private.

<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Forecast</u>
<u>2003/2004</u>	<u>2005/2006</u>	<u>2007/2008</u>	<u>2009/2010</u>

Program Detail:

Environmental Health Support

\$1,144,663

<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Forecast</u>
<u>2003/2004</u>	<u>2005/2006</u>	<u>2007/2008</u>	<u>2009/2010</u>

Program Detail:

Vital Records

\$4,052,918

<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Forecast</u>
<u>2003/2004</u>	<u>2005/2006</u>	<u>2007/2008</u>	<u>2009/2010</u>

Program Detail:

Management

\$1,742,212

<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Forecast</u>
<u>2003/2004</u>	<u>2005/2006</u>	<u>2007/2008</u>	<u>2009/2010</u>

Program Detail:

Health Department Finance

\$4,277,026

<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Forecast</u>
<u>2003/2004</u>	<u>2005/2006</u>	<u>2007/2008</u>	<u>2009/2010</u>

Program Detail:

Assessment and Research

\$833,244

The Assessment and Research unit provides services in order to better understand health issues in our community. Legal authority for providing these services comes from RCW 43.70.520. Further support for providing these services comes from the Washington State Public Health Improvement Plan. One of the key functions of this unit is to monitor, analyze and report disease trends in our community. In addition, this unit is critical in providing technical assistance with epidemiological investigations including infectious disease outbreaks. Internally, the Assessment and Research staff provides leadership to other units in program evaluation efforts.

<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Forecast</u>
<u>2003/2004</u>	<u>2005/2006</u>	<u>2007/2008</u>	<u>2009/2010</u>

Program Detail:

Family Planning

\$539,874

The family planning unit provides reproductive health services directed at the control of sexually transmitted infectious diseases in our jurisdiction as mandated by RCW 70.05.060 (Powers and duties of local board of health) and RCW 70.05.070 (Local health officer--Powers and duties). This includes sexually transmitted disease testing, treatment, education and counseling. In addition, the unit provides family planning services including contraceptive services, pregnancy testing and counseling to prevent unintended pregnancies.

<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Forecast</u>
<u>2003/2004</u>	<u>2005/2006</u>	<u>2007/2008</u>	<u>2009/2010</u>

Program Detail:

Clinical services

\$2,571,716

The clinical services unit provides services directed at the control of infectious diseases in our jurisdiction as mandated by RCW 70.05.060 (Powers and duties of local board of health) and RCW 70.05.070 (Local health officer--Powers and duties). This unit serves our community by providing immunizations to adults and children, community immunization education, HIV counseling and testing, health screening for refugees, access to health care by assisting families and pregnant women enroll in the Washington State health insurance plans, and referrals to community providers. In addition, staff distributes free Washington State-supplied vaccines to community health care providers and provides education around the storage, handling and administration of these vaccines. In 2001 the program distributed 135,857 doses of childhood vaccines to local providers and directly administered 10,947 doses of childhood vaccines to health district clients.

<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Forecast</u>
<u>2003/2004</u>	<u>2005/2006</u>	<u>2007/2008</u>	<u>2009/2010</u>

Program Detail:

Infectious Disease

\$1,288,370

The infectious disease unit provides services directed at the control infectious diseases in our jurisdiction as mandated by RCW 70.05.060 (Powers and duties of local board of health) and RCW 70.05.070 (Local health officer--Powers and duties). This includes disease surveillance, case investigation, outbreak investigation, health education and prevention counseling for notifiable conditions. The types of disease to which these units respond include tuberculosis, meningococcal

disease, E. coli O157:H7, other food-borne illnesses, and vaccine-preventable diseases. This unit is also responsible for monitoring and responding to potential bioterrorist events.

<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Forecast</u>
<u>2003/2004</u>	<u>2005/2006</u>	<u>2007/2008</u>	<u>2009/2010</u>

Program Detail:

Contract with Skamania County

\$1,362,627

Contract to provide public health services to residents of Skamania County

<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Forecast</u>
<u>2003/2004</u>	<u>2005/2006</u>	<u>2007/2008</u>	<u>2009/2010</u>

Program Detail:

Health Promotion: HIV/AIDS Prevention

\$28,353

Supported through dedicated Omnibus, CDC and other prevention funds, and under the guidance of the Region 6 Coordinator, health promotion staff work to prevent the spread of HIV and AIDS, primarily through a harm reduction model. Efforts are targeted to those populations most at risk: injection drug users and men who have sex with men.

<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Forecast</u>
<u>2003/2004</u>	<u>2005/2006</u>	<u>2007/2008</u>	<u>2009/2010</u>

Program Detail:

Health Promotion: Tobacco Prev./Control

\$690,156

Supported through dedicated funds for tobacco prevention and control, and under the guidance of the Washington State Tobacco Prevention Program, health promotion staff work with community partners to prevent initiation and support cessation of use of tobacco products. Emphasis is placed on populations of greatest or most urgent impact: children and young people, pregnant women, and minority persons.

<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Forecast</u>
<u>2003/2004</u>	<u>2005/2006</u>	<u>2007/2008</u>	<u>2009/2010</u>

Program Detail:

HIV/AIDS Coordination & Care: Consortium

\$942,019

<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Forecast</u>
<u>2003/2004</u>	<u>2005/2006</u>	<u>2007/2008</u>	<u>2009/2010</u>

Program Detail:

Parent and Child Health

\$3,592,333

Public Health Nurses, Nutritionists, and Social Workers provide support to pregnant and new parents. Information about pregnancy, health care, child development, and parenting are included, as well as community resource information to support healthy families.

<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Forecast</u>
<u>2003/2004</u>	<u>2005/2006</u>	<u>2007/2008</u>	<u>2009/2010</u>

Program Detail:

Health Promotion: Oral Health

\$380,651

<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Forecast</u>
<u>2003/2004</u>	<u>2005/2006</u>	<u>2007/2008</u>	<u>2009/2010</u>

Program Detail:

HIV/AIDS Coordination & Care: Region 6

\$3,154,333

Designated as lead for the 11 county AIDSNET Region 6, the HIV/AIDS Care and Coordination Program provides technical support and/or oversight to prevention and care programs supported through Omnibus, CDC, and Ryan White Care Act funds. Activities include coordination of regional prevention and care planning, participation in state planning, and support to local programs and consortia.

<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Forecast</u>
<u>2003/2004</u>	<u>2005/2006</u>	<u>2007/2008</u>	<u>2009/2010</u>

Program Detail:

Women, Infants and Children (WIC)

\$1,636,545

The Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program supports good nutrition for pregnant and breastfeeding women, their infants and young children through nutrition education and provision of food vouchers for purchase of healthy foods. Participation in the WIC program increases positive health outcomes of pregnancy and child growth and development.

<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Forecast</u>
<u>2003/2004</u>	<u>2005/2006</u>	<u>2007/2008</u>	<u>2009/2010</u>