

SKAMANIA COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT PROFILE 2023

Skamania County Health Department (SCHD) receives funding devoted solely to sexual and reproductive health and related preventive health services with a focus on low-income and uninsured persons. Funds support services such as breast and pelvic exams, Pap smears and other cancer screenings, STI/HIV testing, pregnancy testing and counseling, and affordable birth control, including long-acting reversible contraception (LARC). SCHD works with Washington State Department of Health to assure quality and affordable sexual and reproductive health services at its clinic in Skamania County.

In 2023, SCHD served 18 clients during 30 clinic visits, representing a 500% increase in clients and 900% increase in the number of clinic visits from 2022. An estimated 80% of female clients of reproductive age served in 2023 were on some form of contraceptive method resulting in a lower risk of unintended pregnancy, unplanned births, and abortions.

SCHD served 18 clients in 2023

	2023		2022	
	Count	% of total	Count	% of total
Total	18	100%	3	100%
Male	2	11%	0	0%
Female	16	89%	3	100%
Females of reproductive age (15-44)	15	83%	3	100%
Hispanic	1	6%	0	
Non Hispanic:				
American Indian/Alaska Native	0		0	
Asian	0		0	
Black or African American	0		0	
NHOPSI	0		0	
White	17	94%	3	100%
More than one race	0		0	

Female Reproductive Age Clients by Contraception	2023		2022	
	Count	% of total	Count	% of total
No method	3	20%	0	0%
Combined hormonal methods	4	27%	1	33%
3-month hormonal injection	4	27%	0	0%
LARC	2	13%	1	33%
Barrier	2	13%	1	33%
Other methods	0	0%	0	0%

* No method includes female clients 15-44 years who were pregnant or seeking pregnancy and those who reported no method.

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Title: Washington State Sexual & Reproductive Health Network

Sexual & reproductive health services provided by SCHED saved over \$13k in health care costs in 2023

SCHED’s sexual & reproductive health services averted unwanted reproductive health outcomes and saved healthcare-related expenses by providing contraceptive services, testing and treatment for sexually transmitted infections, and vaccination against HPV to prevent cervical cancer. Most notably, in 2023 the agency’s services resulted in net savings of over \$13k associated with maternal and birth-related care, miscarriages, and ectopic pregnancies averted.

Estimate of unwanted outcomes and health expenditures prevented by SCHED family planning services, 2023

Unintended pregnancies	**
Unplanned births	**
Abortions	**
Unplanned preterm/low-birth-weight births	**
Maternal & birth-related gross costs saved from contraceptive services	\$17,100
Miscarriage & ectopic pregnancy gross costs saved	\$540
Chlamydia infections	**
Gonorrhea infections	**
HIV Infections	**
Gross costs saved from STI testing	\$240
Gross costs saved from Pap and HPV testing & vaccinations	\$0
Total gross savings	\$17,930
Total family planning costs	\$4,130
Total net savings	\$13,800

**Estimates are based on Washington State sexual and reproductive health clinic visit record data and formulas from Guttmacher Institute (Frost JJ et al., Return on investment: A fuller assessment of the benefits and cost savings of the US publicly funded family planning program, The Milbank Quarterly, 2014, <<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/enhanced/doi/10.1111/1468-0009.12080>>.)*

*** Unable to report due to small numbers*

Data sources: (1) Washington State Clinic Visit Record data 2023, 2022; (2) Guttmacher Institute Data Center. Estimates retrieved from <https://data.guttmacher.org/calculator> on 02/24/2024

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