

WASHINGTON STATE PROFILE, 2024

Washington State Department of Health Sexual & Reproductive Health Program is devoted solely to sexual and reproductive health and related preventive health services with a focus on low-income and uninsured persons. Funding supports a variety of services, including FDA– approved birth control, STI/HIV testing, breast and pelvic exams, Pap smears and other cancer screenings, pregnancy testing and counseling, achieving pregnancy, and pre-pregnancy health. Washington State works with sexual and reproductive care providers across the state to deliver these services.

In 2024, providers served 84,740 clients over 116,350 clinic visits across the state, representing a 3% increase in clients and a 0.6% increase in clinic visits from 2023. Across the state, an estimated 86% of female clients of reproductive age served in 2024 were on some form of contraceptive method, resulting in a lower risk of unintended pregnancy, unplanned births, and abortions.

Washington State served over 84,000 clients in 2024

	2024		2023	
	Count	% of total	Count	% of total
Total	84,740	100%	81,902	100%
Male	9,466	11%	9,859	12%
Female	75,274	89%	72,043	88%
Females of reproductive age (15-44)	71,938	85%	69,006	84%
Hispanic	22,562	31%	20,929	30%
Non Hispanic:				
American Indian/Alaskan Native	1,158	2%	1,236	2%
Asian	3,573	5%	3,411	5%
Black or African American	4,022	6%	3,760	6%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	678	1%	657	>1%
White	35,809	50%	35,886	52%
More than one race	4,121	6%	3,117	5%
Primary Contraception Method of Reproductive Age (15-44) Female Clients	71,938	100%	69,006	100%
No method*	12,849	18%	9,734	14%
Female Sterilization	22	>1%	26	>1%
Progestrone-Only Pills (POPs)	922	1%	0	0%
Combined Hormonals	18,962	27%	21,039	30%
IUD/Implant	15,443	23%	13,088	19%
Barriers	11,532	17%	10,690	15%
Emergency Contraception (EC)	417	1%	0	0%
Hormonal Injection	8,674	13%	8,802	13%

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

Primary Contraception Method of Male Clients	9,466	100%	9,859	100%
Male Condoms	5,884	62%	5,523	56%
Vasectomy	150	2%	174	2%

Sexual & reproductive health services provided in Washington State prevented an estimated* 16,140 unintended pregnancies and 5,460 abortions, and saved over \$86M in health care costs in 2024 alone.

Washington State'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 prevention of certain cancers, like breast and cervical cancer. Most notably, in 2024 the program's services prevented an estimated 16,140 unintended pregnancies, 7,600 unplanned births, and 5,460 abortions resulting in net savings of over \$86 million associated with maternal and birth-related care, miscarriages, ectopic pregnancies, and abortions averted.

Estimate of unwanted outcomes and health expenditures prevented by Washington State family planning services, 2024

Unintended pregnancies	16,140
Unplanned births	7,600
Abortions	5,460
Miscarriages following unintended pregnancies prevented	3,080
Maternal & birth-related gross costs saved from contraceptive services	\$107,243,440
Miscarriage & ectopic pregnancy gross costs saved	\$3,406,930
Chlamydia infections	960
Gonorrhea infections	150
Gross costs saved from STI testing	\$1,288,810
Gross costs saved from Pap and HPV testing & vaccinations	\$83,270
Total gross savings	\$112,022,450
Total family planning costs	\$25,892,600
Total net savings	\$86,129,850

Estimates are based on Washington State Sexual & Reproductive 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>>.)

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Data sources: (1) Washington State Clinic Visit Record data 2023, 2024; (2) Guttmacher Institute Data Center. Estimates retrieved from <https://data.guttmacher.org/calculator> on 03/13/2025.

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