

# COLUMBIA BASIN HEALTH ASSOCIATION PROFILE 2021

Columbia Basin Health Association 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). Columbia Basin works with Washington State Department of Health to assure quality and affordable sexual and reproductive health services at their clinics in Adams, Franklin, and Grant Counties.

In 2021 Columbia Basin Health Association served 885 clients during 1,080 clinic visits, representing a 28% decrease in clients and 29% decrease in clinic visits from 2020. An estimated 41% of female clients of reproductive age served in 2021 were on some form of contraceptive method resulting in a lower risk of unintended pregnancy, unplanned births, and abortions.

## Columbia Basin Health Association Served 885 clients in 2021

	2021		2020	
	Count	% of total	Count	% of total
<b>Total</b>	<b>885</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,229</b>	<b>100%</b>
Male	8	2%	24	2%
Female	877	98%	1,205	98%
- reproductive age (15-44 yrs)	845	96%	1,161	94%
Non Hispanic				
- White	21	2%	92	7%
- African American	0		0	
- American Indian/Alaska Native	0		0	
- Asian, Native Hawaiian/Pacific Isl.	0		1	0%
Hispanic	847	96%	1128	92%

## An estimated 41%\* of Columbia Basin Health Association Clinics' female reproductive age clients used

	2021		2020	
	Count	% of total	Count	% of total
No method	498	59%	627	54%
Combined hormonal methods	61	7%	121	10%
3-month hormonal injection	79	9%	139	12%
LARC	171	20%	195	17%
Barrier	24	3%	50	4%
Other methods	12	1%	29	2%

\* The remaining 59% includes female clients 15-44 years who were pregnant or seeking pregnancy and those who reported no method.



**Sexual & reproductive health services provided by Columbia Basin Health Association prevented an estimated\* 190 unintended pregnancies and 60 abortions, and saved over \$900,000 in health care costs in 2021 alone**

Columbia Basin Health Associations’ 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 2021 the agency’s services prevented an estimated 190 unintended pregnancies, 90 unplanned births, and 60 abortions resulting in net savings of more than \$900,000 associated with maternal and birth-related care, miscarriages, ectopic pregnancies, and abortions averted.

**Estimate of unwanted outcomes and health expenditures prevented by Columbia Basin Health Associations’ sexual & reproductive health services, 2021**

Unintended pregnancies	190
Unplanned births	90
Abortions	60
Miscarriages following unintended pregnancies prevented	40
Maternal & birth-related gross costs saved from contraceptive services	\$1,249,450
Miscarriage & ectopic pregnancy gross costs saved	\$39,690
Chlamydia infections	**
Gonorrhea infections	**
HIV Infections	**
Gross costs saved from STI testing	\$1,070
Gross costs saved from Pap and HPV testing & vaccinations	\$590
<b>Total gross savings</b>	<b>\$1,290,800</b>
<b>Total family planning costs</b>	<b>\$301,660</b>
<b>Total net savings</b>	<b>\$989,130</b>

*\*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>>.)*

**Data sources:** (1) Washington State Clinic Visit Record data 2020, 2021; (2) Guttmacher Institute Data Center. Estimates retrieved from <https://data.guttmacher.org/calculator> on 03/17/22.

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