

GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Grays Harbor County Public Health and Social Services (GHCPHSS) 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). GHCPHSS works with Washington State Department of Health to assure quality and affordable sexual and reproductive health services at its clinic in Grays Harbor County.

In 2022, GHPCHSS served 628 clients during 1,040 clinic visits, representing a 40% increase in clients and an 29% increase in clinic visits from 2021. An estimated 94% of female clients of reproductive age served in 2022 were on some form of contraceptive method resulting in a lower risk of unintended pregnancy, unplanned births, and abortions.

GHCPHSS served 628 clients in 2022

	2022		2021	
	Count	% of total	Count	% of total
Total	628	100%	447	100%
Male	47	7%	19	5%
Female	581	93%	428	95%
- reproductive age (15-44 yrs)	541	86%	393	89%
Non Hispanic				
- White	325	52%	337	55%
- African American	9	1%	8	1%
- American Indian/Alaska Native	18	3%	16	3%
- Asian, Native Hawaiian/Pacific Isl.	10	2%	7	2%
Hispanic	233	37%	226	37%

An estimated 94%* of GHPHSS's female reproductive age clients used contraception

	2022		2021	
	Count	% of total	Count	% of total
No method	34	6%	30	8%
Combined hormonal methods	159	29%	151	38%
3-month hormonal injection	137	25%	116	30%
LARC	147	27%	77	20%
Barrier	33	6%	8	2%
Other methods	31	6%	11	3%

* The remaining 6% includes female clients 15-44 years who were pregnant or seeking pregnancy and those reporting no method.

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Sexual & reproductive health services provided by GHCPHSS prevented an estimated* 110 unintended pregnancies and 40 abortions, and saved over \$500k in health care costs in 2022 alone

GHCPHSS’s sexual and 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 2022 the agency’s services prevented an estimated 110 unintended pregnancies, 50 unplanned births, and 40 abortions resulting in net savings of over \$500,000 associated with maternal and birth-related care, miscarriages, ectopic pregnancies, and abortions averted.

Estimate of unwanted outcomes and health expenditures prevented by GHCPHSS family planning services, 2022

Unintended pregnancies	110
Unplanned births	50
Abortions	40
Miscarriages following unintended pregnancies prevented	20
Maternal & birth-related gross costs saved from contraceptive services	\$722,320
Miscarriage & ectopic pregnancy gross costs saved	\$22,950
Chlamydia infections	**
Gonorrhea infections	**
HIV Infections	**
Gross costs saved from STI testing	\$11,000
Gross costs saved from Pap and HPV testing & vaccinations	\$490
Total gross savings	\$756,760
Total family planning costs	\$174,390
Total net savings	\$582,360

**Estimates are based on Washington State sexual & 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 2022, 2021; (2) Guttmacher Institute Data Center. Estimates retrieved from <https://data.guttmacher.org/calculator> on 03/04/2023

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