

GRAYS HARBOR PUBLIC HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES PROFILE 2021

Grays Harbor County Public Health and Social Services (GPHSS) 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). GPHSS 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 2021 GPHSS served 447 clients during 807 clinic visits, representing a 26% decrease in clients and an 23% decrease in clinic visits from 2020. An estimated 92% 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.

GPHSS served 447 clients in 2021

	2021		2020	
	Count	% of total	Count	% of total
Total	447	100%	608	100%
Male	19	5%	33	5%
Female	428	95%	575	95%
- reproductive age (15-44 yrs)	393	89%	543	89%
Non Hispanic				
- White	337	55%	337	55%
- African American	8	1%	8	1%
- American Indian/Alaska Native	16	3%	16	3%
- Asian, Native Hawaiian/Pacific Isl.	7	2%	7	2%
Hispanic	226	37%	226	37%

An estimated 92%* of GPHSS's female reproductive age clients used contraception

	2021		2020	
	Count	% of total	Count	% of total
No method	30	8%	25	4%
Combined hormonal methods	151	38%	180	36%
3-month hormonal injection	116	30%	173	27%
LARC	77	20%	126	22%
Barrier	8	2%	27	4%
Other methods	11	3%	12	3%

* The remaining 8% 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 GPHSS prevented an estimated* 90 unintended pregnancies and 30 abortions, and saved over \$400k in health care costs in 2021 alone

GPHSS'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 2021 the agency's services prevented an estimated 90 unintended pregnancies, 40 unplanned births, and 30 abortions resulting in net savings of over \$400,000 associated with maternal and birth-related care, miscarriages, ectopic pregnancies, and abortions averted.

Estimate of unwanted outcomes and health expenditures prevented by GPHSS family planning services, 2021

Unintended pregnancies	90
Unplanned births	40
Abortions	30
Miscarriages following unintended pregnancies prevented	20
Maternal & birth-related gross costs saved from contraceptive services	\$609,770
Miscarriage & ectopic pregnancy gross costs saved	\$19,370
Chlamydia infections	**
Gonorrhea infections	**
HIV Infections	**
Gross costs saved from STI testing	\$2,360
Gross costs saved from Pap and HPV testing & vaccinations	\$1,050
Total gross savings	\$632,540
Total family planning costs	\$147,220
Total net savings	\$485,320

**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 2020, 2021; (2) Guttmacher Institute Data Center. Estimates retrieved from <https://data.guttmacher.org/calculator> on 03/04/2022

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