

# Klickitat County Health Department Profile 2021

Klickitat County Health Department (KCHD) 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 reversible long-acting contraception (LARC). KCHD works with Washington State Department of Health to assure quality and affordable sexual and reproductive health services at its clinic in Klickitat County.

In 2021 KCHD served 99 clients during 163 clinic visits, representing a 12% decrease in clients and 27% decrease in clinic visits from 2020. An estimated 88% 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.

## KCHD served 99 clients in 2021

	2021		2020	
	Count	% of total	Count	% of total
<b>Total</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>100%</b>
Male	4	4%	1	1%
Female	95	96%	112	99%
- reproductive age (15-44 yrs)	89	90%	103	91%
Non Hispanic				
- White	56	57%	64	57%
- African American	0		0	
- American Indian/Alaska Native	2	2%	4	4%
- Asian, Native Hawaiian/Pacific Isl.	0		1	1%
Hispanic	34	34%	39	35%

## An estimated 88%\* of KCHD's female reproductive age clients used contraception

	2021		2020	
	Count	% of total	Count	% of total
No method	11	12%	13	12%
Combined hormonal methods	27	30%	39	38%
3-month hormonal injection	20	22%	30	29%
LARC	19	21%	10	10%
Barrier	8	9%	8	8%
Other methods	4	4%	3	3%

\* The remaining 12% includes female clients 15-44 years who were either pregnant or seeking pregnancy or reported "no method".



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**Sexual & reproductive health services provided by KCHD prevented an estimated\* 20 unintended pregnancies, 10 abortions, and saved over \$100,000 in health care costs in 2021 alone**

KCHD’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 2021 the agency’s services prevented an estimated 20 unintended pregnancies, 10 unplanned births, and 10 abortions resulting in net savings of over \$100k associated with maternal and birth-related care, miscarriages, and ectopic pregnancies averted.

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

Unintended pregnancies	20
Unplanned births	10
Abortions	10
Miscarriages following unintended pregnancies prevented	**
Maternal & birth-related gross costs saved from contraceptive services	\$135,350
Miscarriage & ectopic pregnancy gross costs saved	\$4,300
Chlamydia infections	**
Gonorrhea infections	**
HIV Infections	**
Gross costs saved from STI testing	\$720
Gross costs saved from Pap and HPV testing & vaccinations	\$170
<b>Total gross savings</b>	<b>\$140,540</b>
<b>Total family planning costs</b>	<b>\$32,680</b>
<b>Total net savings</b>	<b>\$107,860</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>>.)*

*\*\* 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 03/05/2022

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