

# NE WASHINGTON HEALTH PROGRAM PROFILE 2021

NEW Health 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). NEW Health works with Washington State Department of Health to assure quality and affordable sexual and reproductive health services at its clinics in Ferry, Stevens, Spokane and Pend Oreille Counties.

In 2021 NEW Health Program served 520 clients during 755 clinic visits, representing a 12% increase in clients and 2% increase in clinic visits from 2020. An estimated 80% 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.

## NEW Health Served 520 clients in 2021

	2021		2020	
	Count	% of total	Count	% of total
<b>Total</b>	<b>520</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>466</b>	<b>100%</b>
Male	15	3%	13	3%
Female	505	97%	453	97%
- reproductive age (15-44 yrs)	470	90%	424	91%
Non Hispanic				
- White	464	89%	414	89%
- African American	6	1%	2	<1%
- American Indian/Alaska Native	11	2%	6	1%
- Asian, Native Hawaiian/Pacific Isl.	3	1%	5	1%
Hispanic	26	5%	28	6%

## An estimated 80%\* of NEW Health Programs' female reproductive age clients used contraception

	2021		2020	
	Count	% of total	Count	% of total
No method	92	20%	81	19%
Combined hormonal methods	162	34%	145	34%
3-month hormonal injection	53	11%	64	15%
LARC	82	17%	85	20%
Barrier	43	9%	37	9%
Other methods	38	8%	12	3%

\* The remaining 20% 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 NEW Health prevented an estimated\* 110 unintended pregnancies and 40 abortions, and saved over \$500k in health care costs in 2021 alone**

NEW Health Programs’ family planning 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 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 NEW Health Programs’ family planning services, 2021**

Unintended pregnancies	110
Unplanned births	50
Abortions	40
Miscarriages following unintended pregnancies prevented	20
Maternal & birth-related gross costs saved from contraceptive services	\$719,470
Miscarriage & ectopic pregnancy gross costs saved	\$22,860
Chlamydia infections	**
Gonorrhea infections	**
HIV Infections	**
Gross costs saved from STI testing	\$1,420
Gross costs saved from Pap and HPV testing & vaccinations	\$1,930
<b>Total gross savings</b>	<b>\$745,680</b>
<b>Total family planning costs</b>	<b>\$173,710</b>
<b>Total net savings</b>	<b>\$571,970</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 03/04/2022

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