

NE WASHINGTON HEALTH PROGRAM PROFILE 2022

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 2022, NEW Health Program served 469 clients during 702 clinic visits, representing a 10% decrease in clients and 7% decrease in clinic visits from 2021. An estimated 79% 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.

NEW Health Served 469 clients in 2022

	2022		2021	
	Count	% of total	Count	% of total
Total	469	100%	520	100%
Male	21	4%	15	3%
Female	448	96%	505	97%
- reproductive age (15-44 yrs)	416	89%	470	90%
Non Hispanic				
- White	414	88%	464	89%
- African American	10	2%	6	1%
- American Indian/Alaska Native	15	3%	11	2%
- Asian, Native Hawaiian/Pacific Isl.	2	<1%	3	1%
Hispanic	26	6%	26	5%

An estimated 79%* of NEW Health Programs' female reproductive age clients used contraception

	2022		2021	
	Count	% of total	Count	% of total
No method	86	21%	92	20%
Combined hormonal methods	137	33%	162	34%
3-month hormonal injection	32	8%	53	11%
LARC	77	19%	82	17%
Barrier	44	11%	43	9%
Other methods	40	10%	38	8%

* The remaining 21% includes female clients 15-44 years who were pregnant or seeking pregnancy and those reporting no method.



Sexual & reproductive health services provided by NEW Health prevented an estimated* 70 unintended pregnancies and 20 abortions, and saved over \$375k in health care costs in 2022 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 2022 the agency’s services prevented an estimated 70 unintended pregnancies, 30 unplanned births, and 20 abortions resulting in net savings of over \$375,000 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, 2022

Unintended pregnancies	70
Unplanned births	30
Abortions	20
Miscarriages following unintended pregnancies prevented	10
Maternal & birth-related gross costs saved from contraceptive services	\$470,150
Miscarriage & ectopic pregnancy gross costs saved	\$14,940
Chlamydia infections	**
Gonorrhea infections	**
HIV Infections	**
Gross costs saved from STI testing	\$2,350
Gross costs saved from Pap and HPV testing & vaccinations	\$1,880
Total gross savings	\$489,320
Total family planning costs	\$113,510
Total net savings	\$375,800

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

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