

# PUBLIC HEALTH SEATTLE & KING COUNTY PROFILE 2021

Public Health Seattle & King County (PHSKC) 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). PHSKC works with Washington State Department of Health to assure quality and affordable sexual and reproductive health services at its clinics in King County.

In 2021 PHSKC served 4,096 clients during 7,198 clinic visits, representing a 2% decrease in clients and 1.3% 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.

## PHSKC served 4,096 clients in 2021

	2021		2020	
	Count	% of total	Count	% of total
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,096</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>4,179</b>	<b>100%</b>
Male	609	15%	504	12%
Female	3,487	85%	3,675	88%
- reproductive age (15-44 yrs)	3,299	81%	3,520	84%
Non Hispanic				
- White	752	18%	717	17%
- African American	636	16%	638	15%
- American Indian/Alaska Native	23	1%	32	1%
- Asian, Native Hawaiian/Pacific Isl.	463	11%	584	14%
Hispanic	2,123	52%	2,089	50%

## An estimated 92%\* of PHSKC's female reproductive age clients used contraception

	2021		2020	
	Count	% of total	Count	% of total
No method	268	8%	291	8%
Combined hormonal methods	1,149	35%	1,262	36%
3-month hormonal injection	442	13%	528	15%
LARC	696	21%	734	21%
Barrier	501	15%	507	14%
Other methods	243	7%	198	6%

\*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 PHSKC prevented an estimated\* 750 unintended pregnancies and 250 abortions, and saved over \$3.9M in health care costs in 2021 alone**

PHSKC’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 750 unintended pregnancies, 350 unplanned births, and 250 abortions resulting in net savings of more than \$3.9 million associated with maternal and birth-related care, miscarriages, ectopic pregnancies, and abortions averted.

**Estimate of unwanted outcomes and health expenditures prevented by PHSKC sexual & reproductive health services, 2021**

Unintended pregnancies	750
Unplanned births	350
Abortions	250
Miscarriages following unintended pregnancies prevented	140
Maternal & birth-related gross costs saved from contraceptive services	\$4,967,890
Miscarriage & ectopic pregnancy gross costs saved	\$157,820
Chlamydia infections	60
Gonorrhea infections	10
HIV Infections	**
Gross costs saved from STI testing	\$57,310
Gross costs saved from Pap and HPV testing & vaccinations	\$50
<b>Total gross savings</b>	<b>\$5,183,070</b>
<b>Total family planning costs</b>	<b>\$1,199,440</b>
<b>Total net savings</b>	<b>\$3,983,630</b>

*\*Estimates are based on Washington State SRHP 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 01/27/2022

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