

PUBLIC HEALTH SEATTLE & KING COUNTY PROFILE 2022

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 2022, PHSKC served 4,535 clients during 7,876 clinic visits, representing a 10% increase in clients and 11% increase in clinic visits from 2021. An estimated 88% 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.

PHSKC served 4,535 clients in 2022

	2022		2021	
	Count	% of total	Count	% of total
Total	4,535	100%	4,096	100%
Male	649	14%	609	15%
Female	3,886	86%	3,487	85%
- reproductive age (15-44 yrs)	3,612	80%	3,299	81%
Non Hispanic				
- White	705	16%	752	18%
- African American	727	16%	636	16%
- American Indian/Alaska Native	31	1%	23	1%
- Asian, Native Hawaiian/Pacific Isl.	544	12%	463	11%
Hispanic	2,368	52%	2,123	52%

An estimated 88%* of PHSKC’s female reproductive age clients used contraception

	2022		2021	
	Count	% of total	Count	% of total
No method	440	12%	268	8%
Combined hormonal methods	1,132	31%	1,149	35%
3-month hormonal injection	464	13%	442	13%
LARC	706	20%	696	21%
Barrier	606	17%	501	15%
Other methods	264	7%	243	7%

*The remaining 12% 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* 830 unintended pregnancies and 280 abortions, and saved over \$4.4M in health care costs in 2022 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 2022 the agency’s services prevented an estimated 830 unintended pregnancies, 390 unplanned births, and 280 abortions resulting in net savings of more than \$4.4 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, 2022

Unintended pregnancies	670
Unplanned births	320
Abortions	230
Miscarriages following unintended pregnancies prevented	130
Maternal & birth-related gross costs saved from contraceptive services	\$4,455,000
Miscarriage & ectopic pregnancy gross costs saved	\$141,530
Chlamydia infections	70
Gonorrhea infections	10
HIV Infections	**
Gross costs saved from STI testing	\$77,640
Gross costs saved from Pap and HPV testing & vaccinations	\$0
Total gross savings	\$4,674,170
Total family planning costs	\$1,075,610
Total net savings	\$3,598,570

**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 2021,2022 (2) Guttmacher Institute Data Center. Estimates retrieved from <https://data.guttmacher.org/calculator> on 02/24//2023

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