

# SKAMANIA COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT PROFILE 2021

Skamania County Health Department (SCHD) 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). SCHD works with Washington State Department of Health to assure quality and affordable sexual and reproductive health services at its clinic in Skamania County.

In 2021 SCHD served 41 clients during 63 clinic visits, representing no change in client numbers and 20% decrease in the number of clinic visits from 2020. An estimated 97% 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.

## SCHD served 41 clients in 2021

	2021		2020	
	Count	% of total	Count	% of total
<b>Total</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>100%</b>
Male	4	10%	0	
Female	37	90%	41	100%
- reproductive age (15-44 yrs)	35	85%	36	88%
Non Hispanic				
- White	36	88%	34	83%
- African American	0		0	
- American Indian/Alaska Native	2	5%	1	2%
- Asian, Native Hawaiian/Pacific Isl.	0		0	
Hispanic	2	5%	4	10%

## An estimated 97%\* of SCHD's female reproductive age clients used contraception

	2021		2020	
	Count	% of total	Count	% of total
No method	1	3%	2	6%
Combined hormonal methods	12	34%	11	31%
3-month hormonal injection	12	34%	14	39%
LARC	6	17%	6	17%
Barrier	0	0%	3	8%
Other methods	4	11%	0	

\* The remaining 3% 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 SCHED prevented an estimated\* 10 unintended pregnancies and saved over \$42k in health care costs in 2021 alone**

SCHED’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 10 unintended pregnancies resulting in net savings of over \$42,000 associated with maternal and birth-related care, miscarriages, and ectopic pregnancies averted.

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

Unintended pregnancies	10
Unplanned births	**
Abortions	**
Unplanned preterm/low-birth-weight births	**
Maternal & birth-related gross costs saved from contraceptive services	\$52,710
Miscarriage & ectopic pregnancy gross costs saved	\$1,670
Chlamydia infections	**
Gonorrhea infections	**
HIV Infections	**
Gross costs saved from STI testing	\$310
Gross costs saved from Pap and HPV testing & vaccinations	\$40
<b>Total gross savings</b>	<b>\$54,740</b>
<b>Total family planning costs</b>	<b>\$12,730</b>
<b>Total net savings</b>	<b>\$42,010</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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