

WASHINGTON STATE PROFILE, 2021

Washington State Department of Health Sexual & Reproductive Health Program is devoted solely to sexual and reproductive health and related preventive health services with a focus on low-income and uninsured persons. Funding 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). Washington State works with sexual and reproductive care providers across the state to deliver these services.

In 2021, providers served 86,380 clients over 121,243 clinic visits across the state, representing a 5% decrease in clients and a 4% decrease in clinic visits from 2020. An estimated 86% of female clients of reproductive age served in 2021 across the state were on some form of contraceptive method resulting in a lower risk of unintended pregnancy, unplanned births, and abortions.

Washington State served over 86,000 clients in 2021

	2021		2020	
	Count	% of total	Count	% of total
Total	86,380	100%	90,852	100%
Male	9,480	11%	8,855	10%
Female	76,900	89%	81,997	90%
- reproductive age (15-44 yrs)	74,194	86%	79,372	87%
Non Hispanic				
- White	43,714	51%	44,946	49%
- African American	3,733	4%	4,476	5%
- American Indian/Alaska Native	1,385	2%	1,125	1%
- Asian, Native Hawaiian/Pacific Isl.	5,168	6%	5,540	7%
Hispanic	23,302	27%	23,392	26%

86%* of the State's female reproductive age clients used contraception

	2021		2020	
	Count	% of total	Count	% of total
No method	10,352	14%	10,516	13%
Combined hormonal methods	23,785	32%	27,541	35%
3-month hormonal injection	9,993	13%	11,882	15%
LARC	16,327	22%	16,059	20%
Barrier	9,457	13%	9,483	12%
Other methods	4,280	6%	3,891	5%

* The remaining 14% includes female clients 15-44 years who were pregnant or seeking pregnancy and those who reported no method.

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Title: Washington State Sexual & Reproductive Health Network

Sexual & reproductive health services provided in Washington State prevented an estimated* 14,210 unintended pregnancies and 4,810 abortions, and saved over \$75M in health care costs in 2021 alone

Washington State’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 program’s services prevented an estimated 14,210 unintended pregnancies, 6,690 unplanned births, and 4,810 abortions resulting in net savings of over \$75 million associated with maternal and birth-related care, miscarriages, ectopic pregnancies, and abortions averted.

Estimate of unwanted outcomes and health expenditures prevented by Washington State family planning services, 2021

Unintended pregnancies	14,210
Unplanned births	6,690
Abortions	4,810
Miscarriages following unintended pregnancies prevented	2,710
Maternal & birth-related gross costs saved from contraceptive services	\$94,408,420
Miscarriage & ectopic pregnancy gross costs saved	\$2,999,180
Chlamydia infections	1,090
Gonorrhea infections	150
HIV infections	**
Gross costs saved from STI testing	\$1,201,590
Gross costs saved from Pap and HPV testing & vaccinations	\$151,720
Total gross savings	\$98,760,910
Total family planning costs	\$22,793,750
Total net savings	\$75,967,160

Estimates are based on Washington State Sexual & Reproductive 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/doi/10.1111/1468-0009.12080>>.)

** Data unavailable because number is too low.

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 03/8/2022

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