

WASHINGTON STATE PROFILE, 2022

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 supports 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 2022, providers served 84,937 clients over 118,956 clinic visits across the state, representing a 2% decrease in clients and a 2% decrease in clinic visits from 2021. An estimated 86% of female clients of reproductive age served in 2022 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 84,000 clients in 2022

	2022		2021	
	Count	% of total	Count	% of total
Total	84,937	100%	86,380	100%
Male	9,566	11%	9,480	11%
Female	75,371	89%	76,900	89%
- reproductive age (15-44 yrs)	72,488	85%	74,194	86%
Non Hispanic				
- White	42,444	50%	43,714	51%
- African American	3,984	5%	3,733	4%
- American Indian/Alaska Native	1,343	2%	1,385	2%
- Asian, Native Hawaiian/Pacific Isl.	5,157	6%	5,168	6%
Hispanic	24,235	29%	23,302	27%

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

	2022		2021	
	Count	% of total	Count	% of total
No method	10,345	14%	10,352	14%
Combined hormonal methods	22,128	31%	23,785	32%
3-month hormonal injection	9,645	13%	9,993	13%
LARC	15,069	21%	16,327	22%
Barrier	10,000	14%	9,457	13%
Other methods	5,301	7%	4,280	6%

* 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* 13,330 unintended pregnancies and 4,510 abortions, and saved over \$71M in health care costs in 2022 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 2022 the program’s services prevented an estimated 13,330 unintended pregnancies, 6,270 unplanned births, and 4,510 abortions resulting in net savings of over \$71 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, 2022

Unintended pregnancies	13,330
Unplanned births	6,270
Abortions	4,510
Miscarriages following unintended pregnancies prevented	2,540
Maternal & birth-related gross costs saved from contraceptive services	\$88,534,430
Miscarriage & ectopic pregnancy gross costs saved	\$2,812,580
Chlamydia infections	1,060
Gonorrhea infections	140
HIV infections	**
Gross costs saved from STI testing	\$1,178,990
Gross costs saved from Pap and HPV testing & vaccinations	\$145,010
Total gross savings	\$92,671,000
Total family planning costs	\$21,375,540
Total net savings	\$71,295,460

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

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