

PUBLIC HEALTH SEATTLE & KING COUNTY PROFILE 2023

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 2023, PHSKC served 4,777 clients during 8,351 clinic visits, representing a 5% increase in clients and a 6% increase in clinic visits from 2022. An estimated 89% of female clients of reproductive age served in 2023 were on some form of contraceptive method resulting in a lower risk of unintended pregnancy, unplanned births, and abortions.

PHSKC served 4,777 clients in 2023

| | 2023 | | 2022 | |
|---|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|
| | Count | % of total | Count | % of total |
| Total | 4,777 | 100% | 4,535 | 100% |
| Male | 856 | 18% | 649 | 14% |
| Female | 3,921 | 82% | 3,886 | 86% |
| Females of reproductive age (15-44) | 3,673 | 77% | 3,612 | 80% |
| Hispanic | 2,215 | 50% | 2,368 | 54% |
| Non Hispanic: | | | | |
| American Indian/Alaska Native | 34 | 1% | 31 | 1% |
| Asian | 385 | 9% | 431 | 10% |
| Black or African American | 825 | 19% | 727 | 17% |
| Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islanders | 128 | 3% | 113 | 3% |
| White | 853 | 19% | 705 | 16% |
| More than one race | 0 | | 0 | |

| | 2023 | | 2022 | |
|---|-------|------------|-------|------------|
| | Count | % of total | Count | % of total |
| Female Reproductive Age Clients by Contraception | | | | |
| No method | 420 | 11% | 440 | 12% |
| Combined hormonal methods | 1,148 | 31% | 1,132 | 31% |
| 3-month hormonal injection | 438 | 12% | 464 | 13% |
| LARC | 745 | 20% | 706 | 20% |
| Barrier | 601 | 16% | 606 | 17% |
| Other methods | 321 | 9% | 264 | 7% |

* No method 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 by PHSKC prevented an estimated* 700 unintended pregnancies and 240 abortions, and saved over \$3.7M in health care costs in 2023 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 2023 the agency’s services prevented an estimated 700 unintended pregnancies, 330 unplanned births, and 240 abortions resulting in net savings of more than \$3.7 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, 2023

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| Unintended pregnancies | 700 |
| Unplanned births | 330 |
| Abortions | 240 |
| Miscarriages following unintended pregnancies prevented | 130 |
| Maternal & birth-related gross costs saved from contraceptive services | \$4,634,510 |
| Miscarriage & ectopic pregnancy gross costs saved | \$147,230 |
| Chlamydia infections | 80 |
| Gonorrhea infections | 10 |
| HIV Infections | ** |
| Gross costs saved from STI testing | \$95,640 |
| Gross costs saved from Pap and HPV testing & vaccinations | \$0 |
| Total gross savings | \$4,877,380 |
| Total family planning costs | \$1,118,950 |
| Total net savings | \$3,758,440 |

**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 2023,2022 (2) Guttmacher Institute Data Center. Estimates retrieved from <https://data.guttmacher.org/calculator> on 02/24//2024

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