

JEFFERSON COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH PROFILE 2023

Jefferson County Public Health (JCPH) 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). JCPH works with Washington State Department of Health to assure quality and affordable sexual and reproductive health services at its clinics in Jefferson County.

In 2023, JCPH served 518 clients during 903 clinic visits, representing a 4% decrease in clients and a 9% decrease in clinic visits from 2022. An estimated 94% 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.

JCPH served 518 clients in 2023

	2023		2022	
	Count	% of Total	Count	% of Total
Total	518	100%	541	100%
Male	89	17%	87	16%
Female	429	83%	454	84%
Females of reproductive age (15-44)	368	71%	400	74%
Hispanic	5	1%	13	3%
Non Hispanic:				
American Indian/Alaska Native	7	1%	10	2%
Asian	9	1%	6	1%
Black or African American	5	2%	6	1%
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islanders	2	<1%	0	
White	457	92%	456	89%
More than one race	13	3%	20	4%
	2023		2022	
Female Reproductive Age Clients	Count	% of Total	Count	% of Total
No method	26	7%	28	7%
Combined hormonal methods	87	24%	90	23%
3-month hormonal injection	48	13%	58	15%
LARC	91	25%	110	28%
Barrier	58	16%	54	14%
Other methods	58	16%	60	15%

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

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Sexual & reproductive health services provided by JCPH prevented an estimated* 70 unintended pregnancies and 20 abortions, and saved over \$300k in health care costs in 2023 alone

JCPH’s family planning 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 70 unintended pregnancies, 30 unplanned births, and 20 abortions resulting in net savings of over \$300,000 associated with maternal and birth-related care, miscarriages, ectopic pregnancies, and abortions averted.

Estimate of unwanted outcomes and health expenditures prevented by JCPH family planning services, 2023

Unintended pregnancies	70
Unplanned births	30
Abortions	20
Miscarriages following unintended pregnancies prevented	10
Maternal & birth-related gross costs saved from contraceptive services	\$487,240
Miscarriage & ectopic pregnancy gross costs saved	\$15,480
Chlamydia infections	10
Gonorrhea infections	**
HIV Infections	**
Gross costs saved from STI testing	\$10,170
Gross costs saved from Pap and HPV testing & vaccinations	\$920
Total gross savings	\$513,810
Total family planning costs	\$117,640
Total net savings	\$396,170

**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 2022, 2023; (2) Guttmacher Institute Data Center. Estimates retrieved from <https://data.guttmacher.org/calculator> on 03/05/2024.

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