

Public Health Activities & Services Inventory

Technical Notes

ASSESSMENT

In 2014, decision was made to adopt number of national public health activities and services standardized measures—[Multi-network Practice and Outcome Variation Examination \(MPROVE\) Measures](#)—which would allow Washington State to be compared with other states. These have been bolded and marked with the words (MPROVE) next to the measure.

Community Health Assessments

A Community Health Assessment (CHA) is the collection, analysis and sharing of information about public health issues and the health status of the population to identify and prioritize health issues and develop recommendations for public health action.

- LHI conducted or participated in a broadly focused community health assessment project (*Data source: LHI*)
- LHI conducted assessments other than the CHA (e.g. a report on an emerging issue or as assessment on a single issue that examines health disparities or high risk subpopulations) (*Data source: LHI*)
- LHI had an assessment program with its own clearly identified budget and staffing (*Data source: LHI*)
- FTEs of staff time involved in assessment activities (*Data source: LHI*)

BRFSS and CHARS Data

- Number of adults interviewed for BRFSS (*Data source: DOH*)
The Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) is an on-going telephone survey of adults age 18 and older in Washington State. The survey collects information on health risk behaviors, preventive health practices, health care use and access, and prevalence of selected diseases.
- Number of hospital patient discharge records collected (*Data source: DOH*)
The Comprehensive Hospital Abstract Reporting System (CHARS) collects inpatient billing records from state-licensed acute care hospitals in Washington State (military, VA, and state psychiatric hospitals are excluded). The billing records reported to CHARS contain diagnostic information used to track illness, injury, and health care utilization.

Birth and Death Certificates

- Number of birth records registered (*Data source: DOH*)
DOH is mandated in state law to collect and permanently store records of all births that occur in Washington State. Birth records are registered directly with DOH by hospitals and midwives.
- Number of birth certificates issued (*Data source: DOH*)
Both DOH and LHJs issue certified copies of birth certificates.
- Number of death records registered (*Data source: DOH*)
DOH is mandated in state law to collect and permanently store records of all deaths that occur in Washington State. Death records are reviewed and approved by the LHJ where the death occurred before they are registered with DOH.
- Number of death certificates issued (*Data source: DOH*)
Both DOH and LHJs issue certified copies of death certificates.
- Number of amendments and corrections to birth and death certificates (*Data source: DOH*)
Amendments are changes made to the information on the legal record, such as changing the parents listed on a birth record following an adoption.