



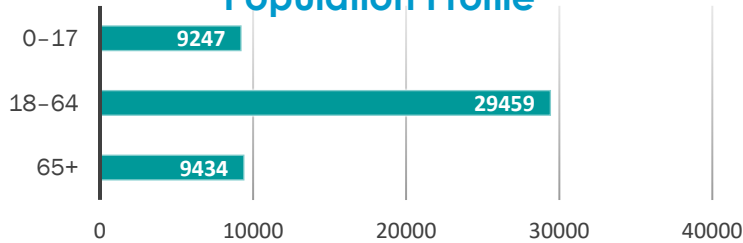
Washington Rural County Medicaid Workforce Report

Kittitas County

Established in 1883, Kittitas is the 8th largest county in Washington state covering 2,297 square miles. It has a population of 45, 499. The city of Ellensburg is the county seat and largest city. The county falls within the boundaries of the Greater Health Now Accountable Community of Health (ACH) Region.

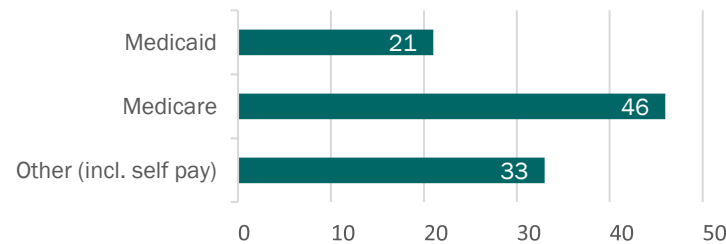
Source¹: Employment Security Department, county-profiles; HCA, ACH Regions Map

Population Profile



Source2: OFM, WA Data&Research, Population Estimates, 2020

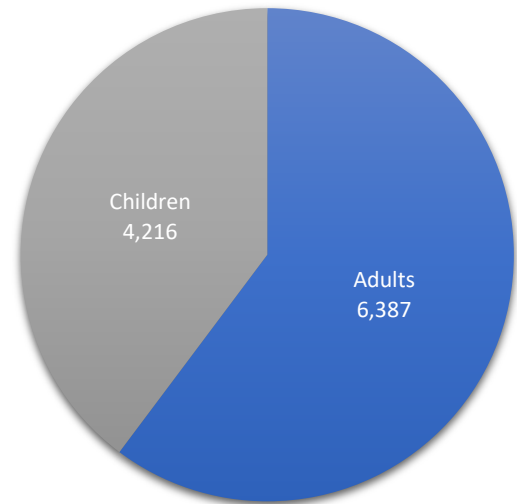
Hospital Payer Mix %



Source3: DOH HospitalFinancialData 2023

Medicaid Program Enrollment

for 2023



Source4: Apple Health Client Eligibility Dashboard

Licensed In-County Workforce

Represents all physicians, nurses, maternal care providers, master level behavioral health and substance use disorder professionals with an active WA credential in the county (does not incl. professionals with an associate/trainee credentials).

Profession Type	Count
ARNP (NP, ANP, FNP, GNP, PNP, WHNP)	45
ARNP-CNM	2
Dentist	21
Licensed Midwife	1
Licensed Practical Nurse	30
Marriage&Family Therapist	4
Medical Doctor (incl. Psychiatry)	40
Mental Health Counselor	57
Osteopathic Physician (incl. Psychiatry)	16
Physician Assistant	28
Psychologist	11
Registered Nurse	336
Social Worker	15
Substance Use Disorder Professional	13

Source5: DOH Licensing Database; Washington Medical Commission (As of 4/23/2024)

Health Service Systems

This section is a list of county institutions and resources that provide health care services at the local level to meet the health needs of the population. The following are links to source web pages to provide more information about the facilities in the county.

[Federally Qualified Health Centers \(FQHC\)](#)

- CHCW-Ellensburg

[Rural Health Clinics \(RHC\)](#)

- Cle Elum Family Medicine Center
- Kittitas Valley Healthcare Internal Medicine
- Medical Arts Center Clinic

[Critical Access Hospitals \(CAH\)](#)

- Kittitas Valley Community Hospital

[Behavioral Health Agencies \(BHA\)](#)

- Barth Clinic
- Comprehensive Healthcare-Cle Elum

- Comprehensive Healthcare-Ellensburg 4th Avenue
- Comprehensive Healthcare-Ellensburg Pearl Street
- MERIT Resource Services-Ellensburg

[Nursing Homes](#)

- Prestige Post-Acute and Rehab Center-Kittitas

[Assisted Living \(ALF\)](#)

- Avista Senior Living Ellensburg
- Pacifica Senior Living Ellensburg
- Prestige Senior Living at Hearthstone

Kittitas County At-a-Glance

Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) and Maternal Care Target Area (MCTA)

Healthcare providers in Washington are surveyed to determine if a shortage of eligible types that serve the low-income, disadvantaged populations exist. Areas with these designations receive scores based on a combination of data gathered during the surveying process and national datasets. These federal designations allow eligible facilities and providers access to numerous federal and state workforce incentive programs. There are three main HPSA categories: behavioral health, dental health, and primary care. MCTAs are supplementary scores added only to an existing primary care designated area. If you would like more information about HPSAs, MCTAs or the Medicaid Provider Survey, [contact our office](#). **Note: A provider may work at multiple locations. Provider/FTE counts are based on each location of service.**

Primary Care survey	
Number of physicians	23
Physician FTE	18.9
Number serving Medicaid	20
Number serving MFW/S	15
Number serving homeless	9
Number with sliding scale	7
Number serving AI/AN	10

Maternal care survey	
Number of MCTA provider (incl. OB/GYN)	1
MCTA FTE	1
Number serving Medicaid	1
Number serving MFW/S	0
Number serving homeless	0
Number with sliding scale	0
Number serving AI/AN	0

Dental survey	
Number of dentists	11
Dental FTE	8.9
Number serving Medicaid	3
Number serving MFW/S	9
Number serving homeless	4
Number with sliding scale	2
Number serving AI/AN	5

Behavioral health survey	
Number of psychiatrists	0
Psychiatric FTE	0
Number serving Medicaid	0
Number serving MFW/S	0
Number serving homeless	0
Number with sliding scale	0
Number serving AI/AN	0

Source⁶: DOH County Medicaid Provider Survey



Health Workforce Investments

Health Workforce Investments represents the number of clinicians and students currently participating in federal and/or state loan repayment programs and the [J-1 Visa Waiver Program](#). The [National Health Service Corps \(NHSC\) Loan Repayment Program](#) and the [Washington Student Achievement Council \(WSAC\)](#), connect healthcare professionals interested in loan repayment or scholarship opportunities with rural and urban underserved employers. They are open to a range of different healthcare professionals seeking employment at approved sites in Washington. For more information about workforce recruitment and retention, [contact our office](#).

Medical workforce	
NHSC (LRP/SP/S2S) awardees	3
WSAC (FHP/SHP/BHP) awardees	1
Obligated J1-Visa Waivers	0

Dental workforce	
NHSC (LRP/SP/S2S) awardees	0
WSAC (FHP/SHP/BHP) awardees	1
Obligated J1-Visa Waivers	N/A

Behavioral Health workforce	
NHSC (LRP/SP/S2S) awardees	1
WSAC (FHP/SHP/BHP) awardees	0
Obligated J1-Visa Waivers	0

Source⁷: NHSC & WSAC Field Strength Reports



Data Notes and Resources

Data published in this report is current as of document publication date of April 30, 2024

List of Source web links:

- Source¹: <https://esd.wa.gov/labormarketinfo/county-profiles> & <https://www.hca.wa.gov/about-hca/healthier-washington/accountable-communities-health-ach>
- Source²: <https://www.ofm.wa.gov/washington-data-research/population-demographics/population-estimates/estimates-april-1-population-age-sex-race-and-hispanic-origin>
- Source³: <https://www.doh.wa.gov/DataandStatisticalReports/HealthcareinWashington/HospitalandPatientData/HospitalFinancialData/YearEndReports/2017HospitalYearEndReports>
- Source⁴: <https://www.hca.wa.gov/about-hca/apple-health-medicare-reports#apple-health-enrollment-reports>
- Source⁵: <https://fortress.wa.gov/doh/providercredentialsearch/> & <https://wmc.wa.gov/>
- Source⁶: not privy due to personally identifiable and financial information.
- Source⁷: Field Strength reports are not privy due to personally identifiable information.

List of Acronyms:

- ACH—Accountable Communities of Health
- AI/AN—American Indian/Alaskan Native
- DOH—WA State Department of Health
- HCA—WA State Health Care Authority
- WSAC—WA Student Achievement Council
- HRSA—Health Resources & Services Administration
- SDB—Shortage Designation Branch
- OFM—Office of Financial Management
- ARNP—Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner
- SUD—Substance Use Disorder Professional
- MFW/S—Migrant Farm Worker/ Seasonal
- LRP—Loan Repayment Program
- SP—Scholar Program
- S2S—Student-to-Service
- FHP—Federal Health Loan Repayment Program
- SHP—State Health Loan Repayment Program
- BHP—Behavioral Health Loan Repayment Program