



Reducing Sexually Transmitted Diseases in Washington State Adolescents

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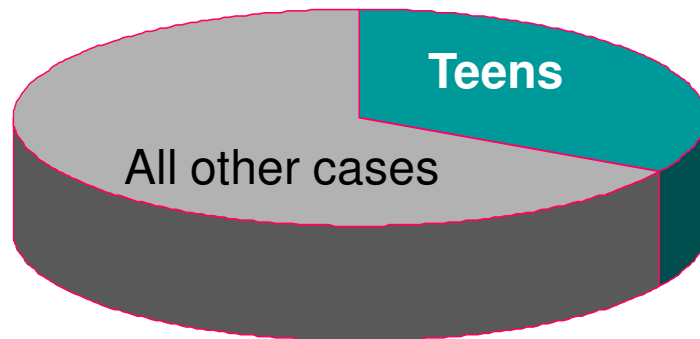
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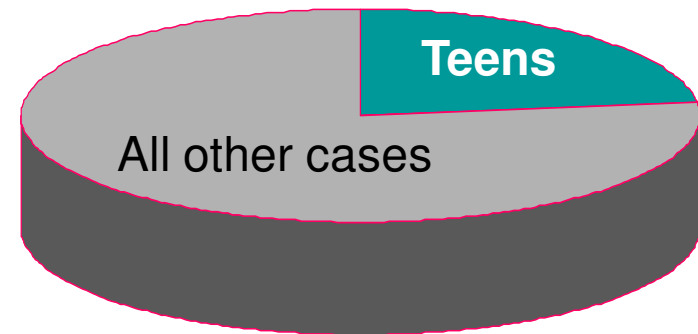
Washington 2008

Chlamydia



6,637 teens / 20,000 cases

Gonorrhea



680 teens / 3,000 cases

* 758 cases of salmonella, 32 cases of meningitis in 2007

Infertility Prevention Project

Family Planning Clinics

School Based Health Centers

Juvenile Detention Centers

Community Health Centers

Tribal Collaboration

Health Youth Act 2007

Requires medical and scientific accuracy

Emphasizes abstinence but must also include other forms of prevention

Age appropriate

Optional

Barriers

Healthy Youth Survey

(Washington State version of Youth Risk Behavior Survey)

Washington State law excludes questions regarding sexual behavior of any kind

Barriers

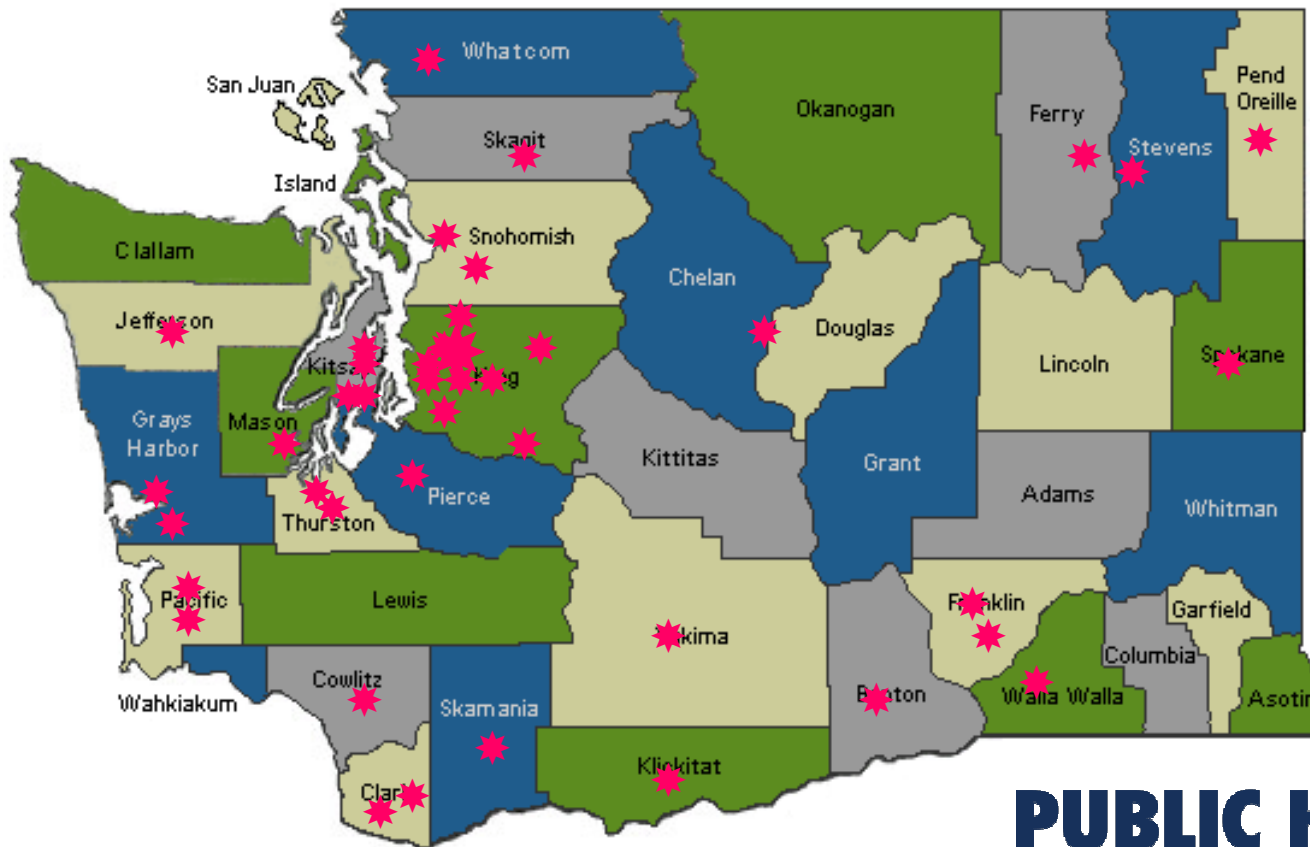
Access to services

Reductions in public health clinics available to youth

Health care provider and teen (lack of) awareness about STD prevalence

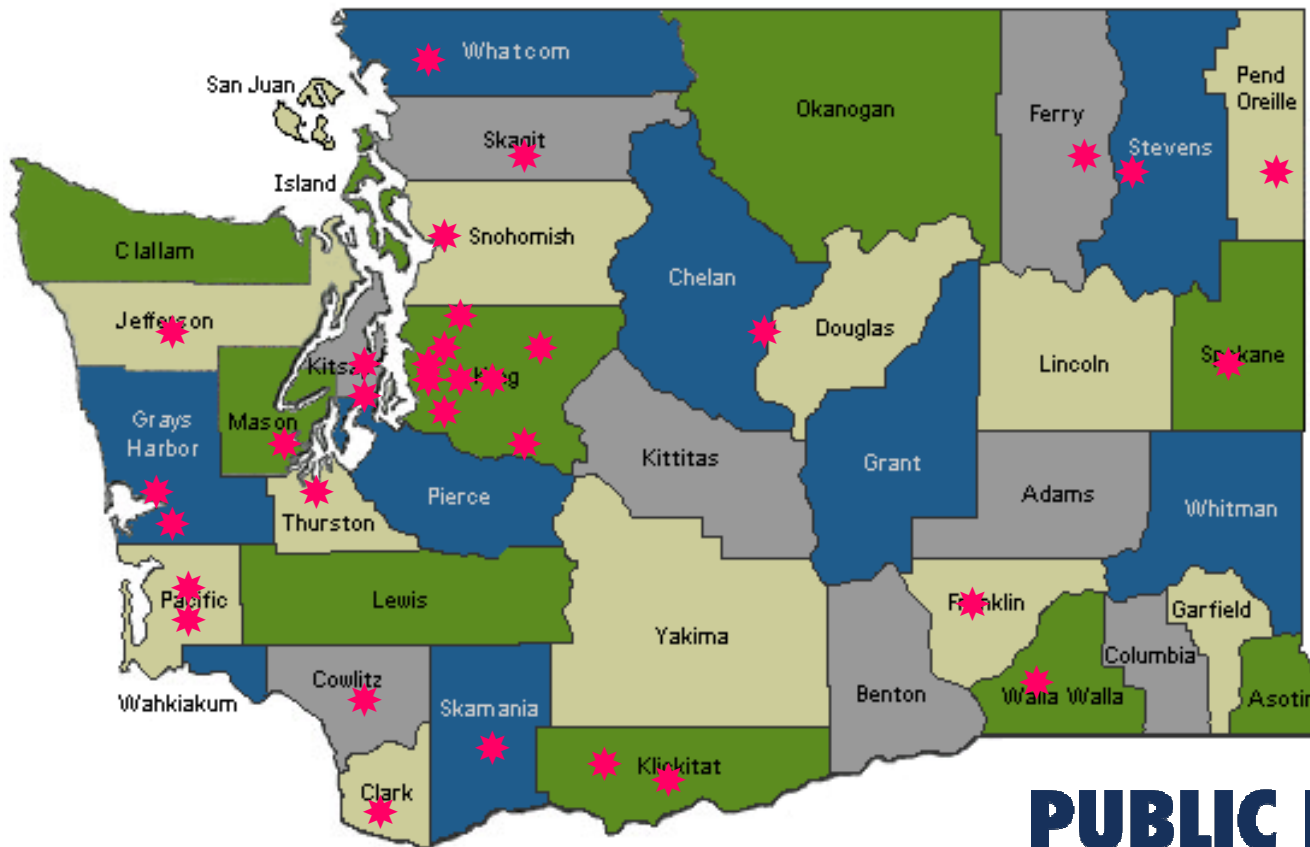
Changes to Medicaid eligibility have increased difficulty for teen access.

Health Department Clinics 1997



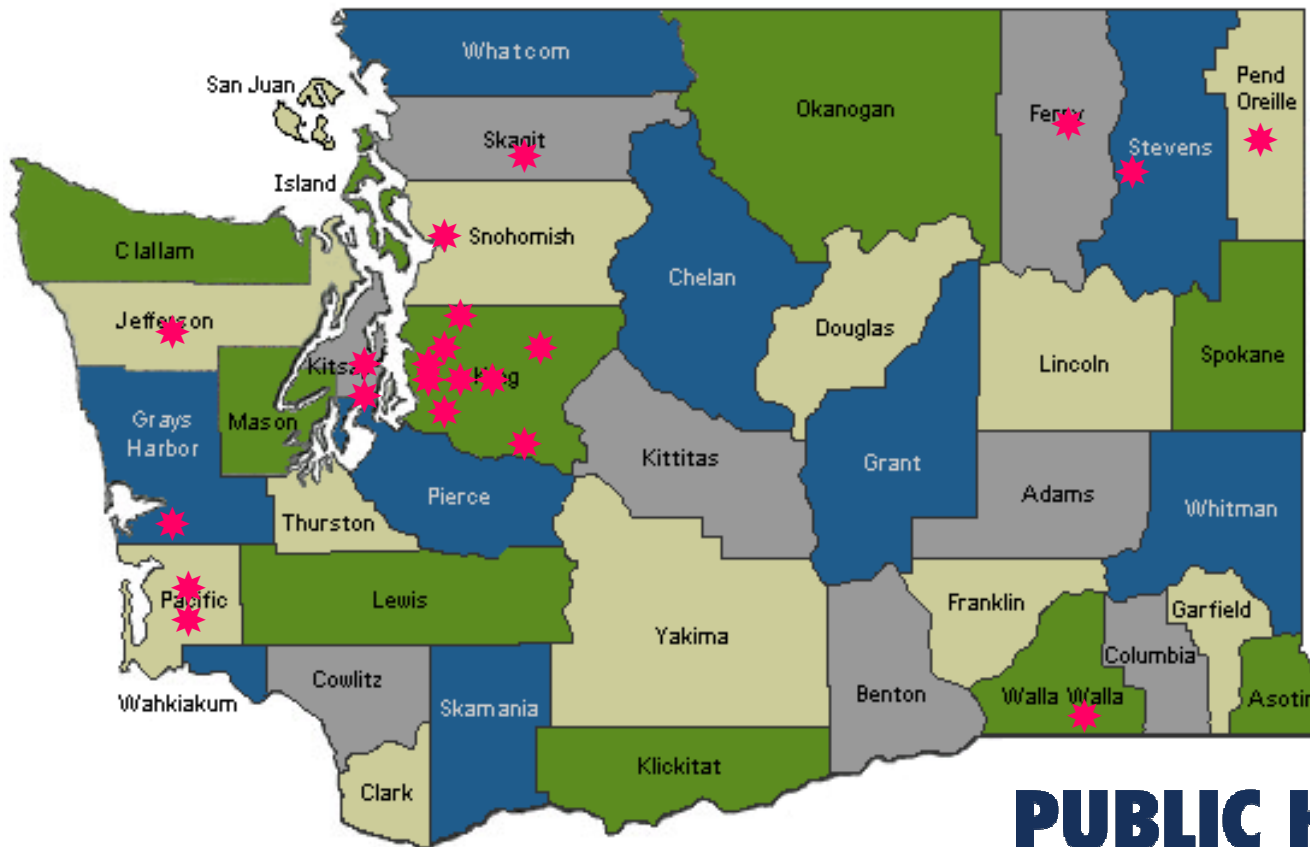
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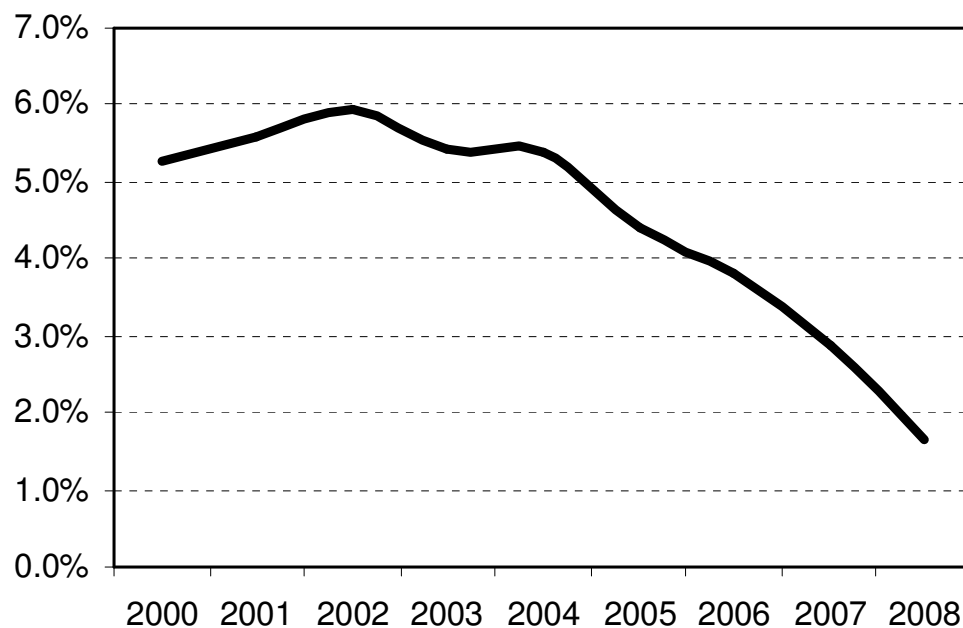
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Reported Cases

STD Clinic





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