

2024 Whitman County Annual Health Summary



See below for a quick summary of Whitman County's health trends.

To view the full report, go to WhitmanCountyPublicHealth.org under Community Health > Community Data > click on 2024 Annual Health Summary.

Our Community's Health Snapshot

Improved

- People getting the flu vaccine annually
- People with health insurance
- Infant deaths
- Youth who use electronic cigarettes
- Adults 50–75 screened for colorectal cancer
- Aerobic and muscle-strengthening activity in adults
- Employment rate

Worsened

- Drug overdose deaths
- People who were food insecure
- People getting oral healthcare
- Cigarette smoking in adults
- Adolescents treated with diagnosed depression
- Adults who smoke cigarettes
- Adults 21+ engaging in binge drinking
- Suicide Rate
- Homicide Rate

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Our Community's Health Priorities

Mental & Behavioral Health

Mental Health Conditions & Suicide

Suicide Rate	2022 16.3	2024 20.2 ↑
Mental Illness Hospitalizations	2020 221.1	2021 191.3 ↓

Access to Mental & Behavioral Health Providers

People receiving mental health care (through Medicaid)	2022 60%	2023 59% ↓
People receiving treatment from substance use disorder (through Medicaid)	2022 33%	2023 32% ↓

Alcohol, Prescription, & Illicit Drug Use

People prescribed chronic opioids and chronic sedative (through Medicaid)	2021 21%	2022 20% ↓
People prescribed chronic opioid therapy greater than or equal to 50mg morphine (through Medicaid)	2021 27%	2022 33% ↑

Preventive Care

Routine Checkups

People 3 – 21 years of age, who had at least one well-care visit (through Medicaid)	2022 37%	2023 39% ↑
Percentage of fee-for-service (FFS) Medicare enrollees with an annual wellness visit	2021 29%	2022 32% ↑

Cancer Screenings & Treatment

Colorectal cancer screening (50 – 75 years) (through Medicaid)	2022 35%	2023 39% ↑
Females who received a Mammogram, 50–74 years (through Medicaid)	2022 47%	2023 50% ↑
Females screened for cervical cancer, 21–64 years	2022 38%	2023 36% ↓

Standard of Living

Poverty

Families with children under 18 living in poverty	2021 14.1%	2022 11.7% ↓
Adults (65+) living in poverty	2021 10.4%	2022 9.7% ↓
Households receiving Food Stamps/SNAP in the last 12 months	2021 8.9%	2022 9.2% ↑

Housing

Children who are homeless	2022 1.1%	2023 1.55% ↑
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Child Care

Cost of care at childcare centers for toddlers as a percentage of income	2022 27%	2023 28% ↑
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