

Characteristics of Whatcom County Individuals Who Gave Birth

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Individuals Who Gave Birth	2,265	2,330	2,257	2,142	2,139	1,965	1,983	2,010	1,929	1,914
Race / Ethnicity										
White	1,677	1,692	1,602	1,507	1,493	1,348	1,355	1,379	1,266	1,216
Hispanic	300	312	329	318	319	321	296	285	343	380
Asian	87	100	105	99	112	85	98	93	91	115
African American	15	17	15	30	19	12	15	12	15	21
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Native American	114	105	107	84	86	64	71	75	53	44
More than 1 race	58	71	64	77	75	79	87	66	83	81
Other/Unknown	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Average Age (Yrs.)	28.8	28.9	29.1	29.6	29.6	29.7	29.9	30.0	30.3	30.5
Age Less Than 18 Yrs. Old	24	30	25	16	-	14	18	-	14	14
Marital Status (Married)	1,575	1,605	1,580	1,514	1,504	1,325	1,387	1,430	1,303	1,334
High School Education or Higher	2,001	2,076	1,985	1,902	1,880	1,722	1,750	1,756	1,679	1,652
Smoking History (Yes)	190	131	144	127	123	119	105	64	48	46
Prenatal Care Began										
First Trimester	1,526	1,530	1,568	1,552	1,594	1,415	1,474	1,523	1,405	1,343
Second Trimester	530	555	437	377	328	284	304	309	327	365
Third Trimester	91	161	138	123	121	112	105	104	111	129
None	30	28	13	13	-	24	26	19	28	21
Unknown	88	56	101	77	-	130	74	55	58	56
Low Birthweight	83	95	97	96	100	84	82	73	87	95
Singleton Liveborn	2,216	2,261	2,203	2,099	2,098	1,920	1,940	1,970	1,879	1,872

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Race / Ethnicity										
White	74.0%	72.6%	71.0%	70.4%	69.8%	68.6%	68.3%	68.6%	65.6%	63.5%
Hispanic	13.2%	13.4%	14.6%	14.8%	14.9%	16.3%	14.9%	14.2%	17.8%	19.9%
Asian	3.8%	4.3%	4.7%	4.6%	5.2%	4.3%	4.9%	4.6%	4.7%	6.0%
African American	0.7%	0.7%	0.7%	1.4%	0.9%	0.6%	0.8%	0.6%	0.8%	1.1%
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-%	-%	-%	-%	-%	-%	-%	-%	-%	-%
Native American	5.0%	4.5%	4.7%	3.9%	4.0%	3.3%	3.6%	3.7%	2.7%	2.3%
More than 1 race	2.6%	3.0%	2.8%	3.6%	3.5%	4.0%	4.4%	3.3%	4.3%	4.2%
Other/Unknown	-%	-%	-%	-%	-%	-%	-%	-%	-%	-%
Age Less Than 18 Yrs. Old	1.1%	1.3%	1.1%	0.7%	-%	0.7%	0.9%	-%	0.7%	0.7%
Marital Status (Married)	69.5%	68.9%	70.0%	70.7%	70.3%	67.4%	69.9%	71.1%	67.5%	69.7%
High School Education or Higher	88.3%	89.1%	87.9%	88.8%	87.9%	87.6%	88.3%	87.4%	87.0%	86.3%
Smoking History (Yes)	8.4%	5.6%	6.4%	5.9%	5.8%	6.1%	5.3%	3.2%	2.5%	2.4%
Prenatal Care Began										
First Trimester	70.1%	67.3%	72.7%	75.2%	77.7%	77.1%	77.2%	77.9%	75.1%	72.3%
Second Trimester	24.3%	24.4%	20.3%	18.3%	16.0%	15.5%	15.9%	15.8%	17.5%	19.6%
Third Trimester	4.2%	7.1%	6.4%	6.0%	5.9%	6.1%	5.5%	5.3%	5.9%	6.9%
None	1.4%	1.2%	0.6%	0.6%	-%	1.3%	1.4%	1.0%	1.5%	1.1%
Unknown	3.9%	2.4%	4.5%	3.6%	-%	6.6%	3.7%	2.7%	3.0%	2.9%
Low Birthweight										
Singleton Liveborn	3.7%	4.2%	4.4%	4.6%	4.8%	4.4%	4.2%	3.7%	4.6%	5.1%

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Characteristics of Whatcom County Medicaid Individuals Who Gave Birth

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Medicaid Individuals	1,141	1,217	1,187	1,065	1,061	977	940	919	927	943
All Individuals Who Gave Birth	2,265	2,330	2,257	2,142	2,139	1,965	1,983	2,010	1,929	1,914
Race / Ethnicity										
White	699	743	700	593	596	538	517	494	471	457
Hispanic	246	247	270	257	255	253	230	213	264	301
Asian	38	50	65	57	59	45	48	38	40	53
African American	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Native American	98	-	86	72	69	-	-	64	42	-
More than 1 race	38	45	39	48	45	46	44	39	47	48
Other/Unknown	-	-	-	-	-	-	30	59	-	-
Average Age (Yrs.)	27.1	27.2	27.6	27.8	27.9	28.1	28.4	28.2	28.5	28.8
Age Less Than 18 Yrs. Old	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Marital Status (Married)	543	573	604	521	521	432	438	413	402	440
High School Education or Higher	897	988	948	840	831	773	747	712	706	715
Smoking History (Yes)	164	115	132	114	110	111	100	58	43	41
Prenatal Care Began										
First Trimester	694	735	751	685	726	637	612	614	603	585
Second Trimester	317	323	286	238	206	182	188	189	192	225
Third Trimester	56	105	89	87	74	77	71	68	71	79
None	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unknown	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maternity Support Services (MSS)	480	428	365	295	361	347	292	294	299	297
Average No. MSS Visits	4.0	5.0	5.5	6.6	6.4	6.6	7.2	7.9	7.5	7.4
Infant Case Management (ICM)	91	136	117	124	148	148	144	151	174	175
Average No. ICM Visits	5.0	5.2	6.0	5.8	5.5	4.8	6.3	6.2	6.4	7.1
Low Birthweight	50	54	56	64	61	49	45	41	51	54
Singleton Liveborn	1,114	1,180	1,160	1,041	1,038	956	914	899	906	918

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Medicaid Individuals	1,141	1,217	1,187	1,065	1,061	977	940	919	927	943
% of All Individuals Who Gave Birth	50.4%	52.2%	52.6%	49.7%	49.6%	49.7%	47.4%	45.7%	48.1%	49.3%
Race / Ethnicity										
White	61.3%	61.1%	59.0%	55.7%	56.2%	55.1%	55.0%	53.8%	50.8%	48.5%
Hispanic	21.6%	20.3%	22.7%	24.1%	24.0%	25.9%	24.5%	23.2%	28.5%	31.9%
Asian	3.3%	4.1%	5.5%	5.4%	5.6%	4.6%	5.1%	4.1%	4.3%	5.6%
African American	-%	-%	-%	-%	-%	-%	-%	-%	-%	-%
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-%	-%	-%	-%	-%	-%	-%	-%	-%	-%
Native American	8.6%	-%	7.2%	6.8%	6.5%	-%	-%	7.0%	4.5%	-%
More than 1 race	3.3%	3.7%	3.3%	4.5%	4.2%	4.7%	4.7%	4.2%	5.1%	5.1%
Other/Unknown	-%	-%	-%	-%	-%	-%	3.2%	6.4%	-%	-%
Age Less Than 18 Yrs. Old	-%	-%	-%	-%	-%	-%	-%	-%	-%	-%
Marital Status (Married)	47.6%	47.1%	50.9%	48.9%	49.1%	44.2%	46.6%	44.9%	43.4%	46.7%
High School Education or Higher	78.6%	81.2%	79.9%	78.9%	78.3%	79.1%	79.5%	77.5%	76.2%	75.8%
Smoking History (Yes)	14.4%	9.4%	11.1%	10.7%	10.4%	11.4%	10.6%	6.3%	4.6%	4.3%
Prenatal Care Began										
First Trimester	63.8%	62.2%	66.2%	67.2%	71.5%	70.0%	68.8%	69.4%	68.2%	64.6%
Second Trimester	29.1%	27.3%	25.2%	23.4%	20.3%	20.0%	21.1%	21.4%	21.7%	24.8%
Third Trimester	5.1%	8.9%	7.8%	8.5%	7.3%	8.5%	8.0%	7.7%	8.0%	8.7%
None	-%	-%	-%	-%	-%	-%	-%	-%	-%	-%
Unknown	-%	-%	-%	-%	-%	-%	-%	-%	-%	-%
Maternity Support Services	42.1%	35.2%	30.7%	27.7%	34.0%	35.5%	31.1%	32.0%	32.3%	31.5%
Infant Case Management	8.0%	11.2%	9.9%	11.6%	13.9%	15.1%	15.3%	16.4%	18.8%	18.6%
Low Birthweight										
Singleton Liveborn	4.5%	4.6%	4.8%	6.1%	5.9%	5.1%	4.9%	4.6%	5.6%	5.9%

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