

COMMUNITY CHECKUP: SKAGIT COUNTY RESULTS

The following results show comparison scores for both commercial and Medicaid populations. These results show how Skagit County is performing as compared to other counties and not whether the county is meeting national benchmarks. Please visit the [Community Checkup website](#) to see the full results for Skagit County.

BRIGHT SPOTS

- Skagit County is performing well on generic prescribing with half of the generic prescription measures rating above average, half showing average results and no below average results.
- Skagit County is doing a good job reaching several age groups on access to care measures, with the exception of teenage Medicaid enrollees between 12–19 years old.

ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT

- Skagit County falls below the state average on multiple prevention measures, including screening for chlamydia and screenings for breast and colon cancer.
- There is room for improvement in the areas of diabetes care and appropriate use of care measures, particularly in the area of the overuse of antibiotics for the common cold.

ABOUT THE COMMUNITY CHECKUP

The Community Checkup is the Washington Health Alliance's annual report to the public comparing the performance of medical groups and clinics for basic measures of quality care. Providers use the data to discover areas for improvement, and consumers to help choose a primary care home. The report demonstrates that everyone has room to improve.

SKAGIT COUNTY COMMUNITY CHECKUP RESULTS OVERVIEW

	COMMUNITY CHECKUP MEASURE	COMMERCIAL RESULTS	MEDICAID RESULTS
ACCESS TO CARE	Child and adolescent access to primary care – ages 12–24 months	■ AVERAGE	● BETTER THAN AVERAGE
	Child and adolescent access to primary care – ages 2–6 years	● BETTER THAN AVERAGE	● BETTER THAN AVERAGE
	Child and adolescent access to primary care – ages 7–11 years	■ AVERAGE	■ AVERAGE
	Child and adolescent access to primary care – ages 12–19 years	● BETTER THAN AVERAGE	▼ LOWER THAN AVERAGE
	Adult access to preventive/ambulatory care – ages 20–44	■ AVERAGE	● BETTER THAN AVERAGE
	Adult access to preventive/ambulatory care – ages 45–64	■ AVERAGE	■ AVERAGE
	Adult access to preventive/ambulatory care - ages 65+	■ AVERAGE	*

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APPROPRIATE USE OF CARE	Avoidance of antibiotic treatment in adults with acute bronchitis	■ AVERAGE	*
	Avoidance of antibiotics for common cold	▼ LOWER THAN AVERAGE	▼ LOWER THAN AVERAGE
	Avoidance of x-ray, MRI and CT scan for low back pain	■ AVERAGE	*
PRESCRIBING GENERIC PRESCRIPTIONS	Antacids (proton pump inhibitors)	● BETTER THAN AVERAGE	■ AVERAGE
	Antidepressants	● BETTER THAN AVERAGE	■ AVERAGE
	Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder	● BETTER THAN AVERAGE	● BETTER THAN AVERAGE
	Cholesterol-lowering drugs (statins)	■ AVERAGE	■ AVERAGE
	High-blood pressure (antihypertensives)	● BETTER THAN AVERAGE	■ AVERAGE
PREVENTION HEALTH SCREENINGS	Adolescent well-care visits	■ AVERAGE	■ AVERAGE
	Screening for breast cancer (ages 52-69)	▼ LOWER THAN AVERAGE	■ AVERAGE
	Screening for cervical cancer	■ AVERAGE	■ AVERAGE
	Screening for chlamydia	▼ LOWER THAN AVERAGE	▼ LOWER THAN AVERAGE
	Screening for colon cancer	▼ LOWER THAN AVERAGE	■ AVERAGE
CHRONIC HEALTH CONDITIONS	Asthma - use of appropriate medication	■ AVERAGE	*
	COPD - use of spirometry testing in the assessment and diagnosis of COPD	*	*
	Depression – antidepressant medication (12 weeks)	■ AVERAGE	*
	Depression – antidepressant medication (6 months)	■ AVERAGE	*
	Diabetes – blood sugar (HBA1c) test	■ AVERAGE	■ AVERAGE
	Diabetes – cholesterol test (LDL-c or “bad” cholesterol)	▼ LOWER THAN AVERAGE	■ AVERAGE
	Diabetes – eye exam	■ AVERAGE	■ AVERAGE
	Diabetes – kidney disease screening	▼ LOWER THAN AVERAGE	▼ LOWER THAN AVERAGE
	Heart disease – beta blockers	*	*
	Heart disease – cholesterol test (LDL-c or “bad” cholesterol)	■ AVERAGE	*
	Heart disease – cholesterol-lowering medication	■ AVERAGE	*

* There were too few patients (fewer than 160) with the condition of interest to meaningfully report on this measure.

Note: The results are based on claims data with dates of service between January 1, 2004 and June 30, 2013 and the measurement year of July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013.