

COMMUNITY CHECKUP: YAKIMA COUNTY RESULTS

These results show how Yakima County performs compared to other counties for both commercial and Medicaid populations. Some results are limited because they fail to meet the Alliance threshold of 160 cases for public reporting. Future reports will likely include more results, as the Alliance lowers the denominator for public reporting and collects additional data. Please visit the [Community Checkup website](#) for full results.

Bright spots

- Yakima County has above average performance for access to primary care for 12 months to six year-olds in the Medicaid population.
- The county is doing a good job prescribing generic ADHD medications for both commercial and Medicaid enrollees and generic antacids for Medicaid enrollees.














Room for improvement

- Yakima County has room for improvement in appropriate prescribing of antibiotics.
- The county falls below the state average for prescribing generic depression medications and statins.
- Yakima County’s biggest areas for improvement are among prevention screenings, such as screenings for colon, breast and cervical cancers.

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.

YAKIMA 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	 AVERAGE	 BETTER THAN AVERAGE
	Child and adolescent access to primary care - ages 7-11 years	 AVERAGE	 LOWER THAN AVERAGE
	Child and adolescent access to primary care - ages 12-19 years	 AVERAGE	 LOWER THAN AVERAGE
	Adult access to preventive/ambulatory care - ages 20-44	 AVERAGE	 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	▼ LOWER THAN 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	*	*
PRESCRIBING GENERIC PRESCRIPTIONS	Antacids (proton pump inhibitors)	▼ LOWER THAN AVERAGE	● BETTER THAN AVERAGE
	Antidepressants	▼ LOWER THAN AVERAGE	▼ LOWER THAN AVERAGE
	Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder	● BETTER THAN AVERAGE	● BETTER THAN AVERAGE
	Cholesterol-lowering (statins)	▼ LOWER THAN AVERAGE	▼ LOWER THAN AVERAGE
	High blood pressure (antihyperintensives)	■ AVERAGE	■ AVERAGE
PREVENTION HEALTH SCREENINGS	Adolescent well-care visits	▼ LOWER THAN AVERAGE	▼ LOWER THAN AVERAGE
	Screening for breast cancer (ages 52-69)	▼ LOWER THAN AVERAGE	■ AVERAGE
	Screening for cervical cancer	▼ LOWER THAN AVERAGE	▼ LOWER THAN AVERAGE
	Screening for chlamydia	▼ LOWER THAN AVERAGE	■ AVERAGE
	Screening for colon cancer	▼ LOWER THAN AVERAGE	■ AVERAGE
CHRONIC HEALTH CONDITIONS	Asthma - use of appropriate medication	*	*
	COPD - use of spirometry testing in assessment and diagnosis	*	*
	Depression – antidepressant medication (12 weeks)	*	*
	Depression – antidepressant medication (6 months)	*	*
	Diabetes – blood sugar (HBA1c) test	*	*
	Diabetes – cholesterol test (LDL-c or “bad” cholesterol)	*	*
	Diabetes – eye exam	*	*
	Diabetes – kidney disease screening	*	*
	Heart disease – use of beta blockers	*	Not measured
	Heart disease – cholesterol test (LDL-c or “bad” cholesterol)	*	*
	Heart disease – cholesterol-lowering medication	*	*

*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.