

COMMUNITY CHECKUP: SPOKANE COUNTY RESULTS

The following results show comparison scores for both commercial and Medicaid populations. These results show how Spokane 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 full Spokane County results.

Bright spots

- Spokane County is doing a good job reaching most age groups on access to care measures.
- Spokane County is rating better than the state average when it comes to screening for cervical and breast cancer.

Room for improvement

- Spokane falls below the state average for antibiotic overuse for common colds and acute bronchitis, cholesterol testing for patients with diabetes and heart disease and screening for colon cancer.

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.

SPOKANE 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	 BETTER THAN AVERAGE	 BETTER THAN AVERAGE
	Child and adolescent access to primary care - ages 2-6 years	 BETTER THAN AVERAGE	 AVERAGE
	Child and adolescent access to primary care - ages 7-11 years	 BETTER THAN AVERAGE	 AVERAGE
	Child and adolescent access to primary care - ages 12-19 years	 BETTER THAN AVERAGE	 BETTER THAN AVERAGE
	Adult access to preventive/ambulatory care - ages 20-44	 BETTER THAN AVERAGE	 BETTER THAN AVERAGE
	Adult access to preventive/ambulatory care - ages 45-64	 AVERAGE	 AVERAGE
	Adult access to preventive/ambulatory care - ages 65+	 LOWER THAN AVERAGE	*
APPROPRIATE USE OF CARE	Avoidance of antibiotic treatment in adults with acute bronchitis	 LOWER THAN AVERAGE	 AVERAGE
	Avoidance of antibiotics for common cold	 AVERAGE	 LOWER THAN AVERAGE
	Avoidance of x-ray, MRI and CT scan for low back pain	 AVERAGE	 AVERAGE

	COMMUNITY CHECKUP MEASURE	COMMERCIAL RESULTS	MEDICAID RESULTS
PRESCRIBING GENERIC PRESCRIPTIONS	Antacids (proton pump inhibitors)	■ AVERAGE	■ AVERAGE
	Antidepressants	■ AVERAGE	■ AVERAGE
	Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder	▼ LOWER THAN AVERAGE	▼ LOWER THAN AVERAGE
	Cholesterol-lowering (statins)	● BETTER THAN AVERAGE	■ AVERAGE
	High blood pressure (antihyperintensives)	■ AVERAGE	■ AVERAGE
PREVENTION HEALTH SCREENINGS	Adolescent well-care visits	■ AVERAGE	▼ LOWER THAN AVERAGE
	Screening for breast cancer (ages 52-69)	● BETTER THAN AVERAGE	■ AVERAGE
	Screening for cervical cancer	● BETTER THAN AVERAGE	● BETTER THAN AVERAGE
	Screening for chlamydia	■ AVERAGE	■ AVERAGE
	Screening for colon cancer	▼ LOWER THAN AVERAGE	▼ LOWER THAN AVERAGE
CHRONIC HEALTH CONDITIONS	Asthma - use of appropriate medication	■ AVERAGE	■ AVERAGE
	COPD - use of spirometry testing in assessment and diagnosis	■ AVERAGE	*
	Depression – antidepressant medication (12 weeks)	■ AVERAGE	■ AVERAGE
	Depression – antidepressant medication (6 months)	■ AVERAGE	■ AVERAGE
	Diabetes – blood sugar (HBA1c) test	■ AVERAGE	■ AVERAGE
	Diabetes – cholesterol test (LDL-c or “bad” cholesterol)	▼ LOWER THAN AVERAGE	■ AVERAGE
	Diabetes – eye exam	● BETTER THAN AVERAGE	■ AVERAGE
	Diabetes – kidney disease screening	▼ LOWER THAN AVERAGE	■ AVERAGE
	Heart disease – use of beta blockers	*	*
	Heart disease – cholesterol test (LDL-c or “bad” cholesterol)	▼ LOWER THAN AVERAGE	*
Heart disease – cholesterol-lowering medication	■ AVERAGE	■ 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.