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# Annual Report

## 2020-2021

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May 2021



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## **VISION**

**Healthy and Prepared People in Our Communities.**

## **MISSION**

**Serving as the Region's Public Health Leader to:**

- **Prevent Disease**
- **Promote Healthy Lifestyles**
- **Protect and Prepare the Public Against Health Threats**

## **CORE VALUES**

- **Respect for All**
- **Excellence in Service**
- **Science Base Decision Making**
- **Partnerships in Collaboration**
- **Eliminate Health Inequities**
- **Community Empowerment**
- **Teamwork**

## **GOALS**

- **Monitor health status and understand health issues.**
- **Protect people from health problems and health hazards.**
- **Give people information they need to make healthy choices.**
- **Engage the community to identify and solve health problems.**
- **Develop public health policies and plans. 6. Enforce public health laws and regulations.**
- **Help people receive health services.**
- **Maintain a competent public health workforce.**
- **Evaluate and improve the quality of programs and interventions.**
- **Contribute to and apply evidence-based practices in public health.**



**Clearwater County Commissioner  
Rick Winkel**



**Latah County Representative  
Connie Osborn, RN**



**Latah County Commissioner  
Dave McGraw**



**Idaho County Commissioner  
Denis Duman**



**Lewis County Commissioner  
Greg Johnson**



**Nez Perce County Commissioner  
Doug Zenner**



**Nez Perce County Representative  
Dr. Glenn Jefferson**

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## Carol Moehrle, District Director



*What is Public Health? In three words, it's Prevention, Promotion, and Protection. These three words are the driving force for all activities that take place in local Public Health.*

*Our local Board of Health reviews our services and activities on a regular basis, making sure we hold to our mission of:*

- *Prevent Disease*
- *Promote Healthy Lifestyles*
- *Protect & Prepare the Public Against Health Threats*

*2020-21 was an unprecedented year for Public Health. This annual report will highlight some of our ongoing programs and work to serve the public while in the throgs of a national pandemic.*

*Local Public Health exists for the common good of all people and we are responsible for demonstrating strong leadership in the promotion of social, economic, and environmental conditions that improve health and well-being. Thank you to the Board of Health for your ongoing leadership, especially during COVID-19.*

*Public Health operates according to the highest level of professionalism and ethics to inspire public confidence and trust. As always, we could not accomplish our work without the multitude of partners that share our enthusiasm and commitment to preventive health. Many of these partners include YOU, the public, as you volunteer to assist us in coalitions, committees, and work done in our communities. We offer a special "Thank you" to our volunteers through the Medical Reserve Corp, who assisted with our community COVID-19 vaccine clinics. Your help and support were invaluable.*

*Public Health will continue to be accountable to our public as we strive to protect and improve the health of our community.*

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# Administrative Staff

Carol Moehrle, District Director

Rachaell JeanBlanc, Financial Manager

Tara Macke, HR/PIO

Mike Larson , Family & Clinical Division Administrator

Perri Larson , Office Services Supervisor

Sherise Jurries, Environmental Health Director

Kayla Sprenger, Community Health Manager



# Programs & Services

## ADMINISTRATION

Administrative Operations  
Business Operations  
Human Resources & Personnel  
Information Technology  
Fiscal Operations  
Public Information

## FAMILY & CLINICAL SERVICES

Disease Surveillance & Epidemiology  
Immunizations  
Women, Infants, & Children (WIC)

## ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Child Care Health & Safety Inspections  
Environmental Complaints  
Food Permits and Inspections  
Land Development  
Public Drinking Water  
Public Swimming Pool Inspection  
Solid Waste Management  
Subsurface Sewage Disposal

## COMMUNITY HEALTH

Parents as Teachers Home Visitation  
Oral Health  
Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention  
Drug Overdose Prevention  
Tobacco Prevention and Cessation  
Senior Health/Fit & Fall Proof  
Physical Activity and Nutrition  
Chronic Disease Prevention  
Comprehensive Cancer Control  
Suicide Prevention  
Crisis Centers  
Partnerships for Success

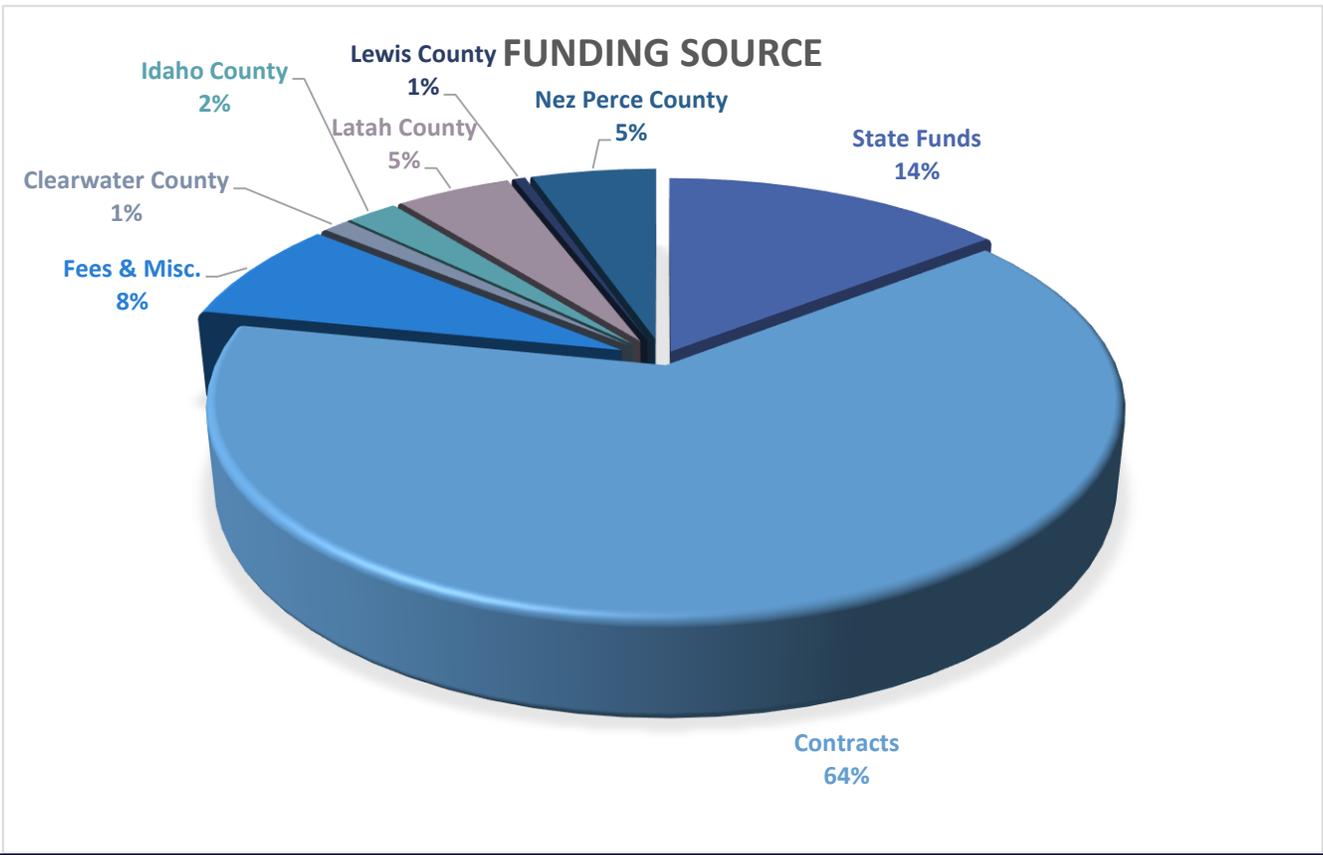
## PUBLIC HEALTH PREPAREDNESS

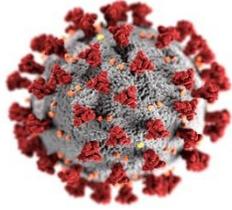
Emergency Preparedness Planning & Response  
Hospital Preparedness  
Medical Reserve Corps



# PH-INCD FY2021 Budget – Funding Source

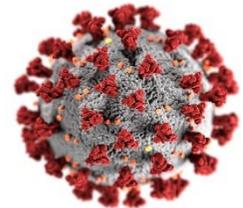
<b>COUNTY FUNDS</b>		<b>\$ 829,357</b>
Clearwater	\$ 66,810	8.06%
Idaho	\$ 129,379	15.60%
Latah	\$ 288,771	34.82%
Lewis	\$ 29,649	3.57%
Nez Perce	\$ 314,749	37.95%
<b>STATE FUNDS</b>		<b>\$ 858,500</b>
<b>CONTRACTS &amp; MILLENNIUM FUND</b>		<b>\$ 3,771,318</b>
<b>FEES &amp; MISCELLANEOUS</b>		<b>\$ 463,840</b>
<b>TOTAL PROPOSED FUNDS RECEIVED BY SOURCE</b>		<b>\$ 5,923,015</b>





## COVID-19 Pandemic

The COVID-19 pandemic, also known as the coronavirus pandemic, is an ongoing global pandemic of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) caused by severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2). The virus was first identified in December 2019 in Wuhan, China. The World Health Organization declared a Public Health Emergency of International Concern regarding COVID-19 on January 30, 2020, and later declared a pandemic on March 11, 2020. As of May 14, 2021, more than 161 million cases have been confirmed, with more than 3.34 million deaths attributed to COVID-19, making it one of the deadliest pandemics in history.



Public Health – Idaho North Central District (PH-INCD) received notification of a possible COVID -19 exposure in Latah County by a student from Kirkland, Washington who had attended a jazz festival in Moscow. This event spurred Public Health to open a COVID-19 message line as concerned public and provider inquiries increased. Public Health Incident Command was stood up March 5, 2020 prior to the first case in Boise, Idaho being confirmed on March 13, 2020. On this day of the first COVID -19 case in Idaho, Governor Brad Little declared the State of Idaho to be in a State of Emergency. PH-INCD's first confirmed case of COVID-19 occurred in Nez Perce County resident on March 24, 2020.

During the past year Public Health has been enthralled in the pandemic, from fielding hundreds of calls a day from the public, to assisting our partners with testing for the virus, to providing contact tracing to each confirmed cases of COVID-19. November 23, 2020, we had our highest day for new cases with 353 reported cases in a single day. On December 17, 2020 we received our first shipment of COVID-19 vaccine and began vaccination clinics for the public.

In this report you will find program updates as we navigated COVID-19, as well as a roadmap of our travels and key milestones of our journey through COVID-19 in 2020.

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# COVID-19 Investigations and Contact Tracing



Public Health investigates all reportable diseases in Idaho. Some of these diseases include hepatitis, pertussis, giardia, salmonella, COVID, etc. Once these diseases are reported, Public Health begins the investigation and contact tracing process to help slow or mitigate the spread of disease. Contact tracing is a tool that can help slow the spread of infectious diseases, such as coronavirus disease (COVID-19). Across Idaho, contract tracing was implemented early with COVID. Clinics, labs, hospitals and medical providers report confirmed diagnosed cases of COVID to Public Health.

Public Health makes contact with the individual and helps the person determine close contacts who may have been exposed to the virus. This process is anonymous and confidential.

If you were contacted by Public Health during COVID investigations, thank you for your cooperation in participating in this process. Because of individual's cooperation we were able to slow the spread of the virus in our communities.

The charts on the next page show, by county, a line listing of the cases of COVID reported to Public Health, and the dates of report. You will see the largest spike in cases in all five counties happened the third week of November 2020. We continue to see a smaller number of cases in each county, but nothing as great as the peak in November.

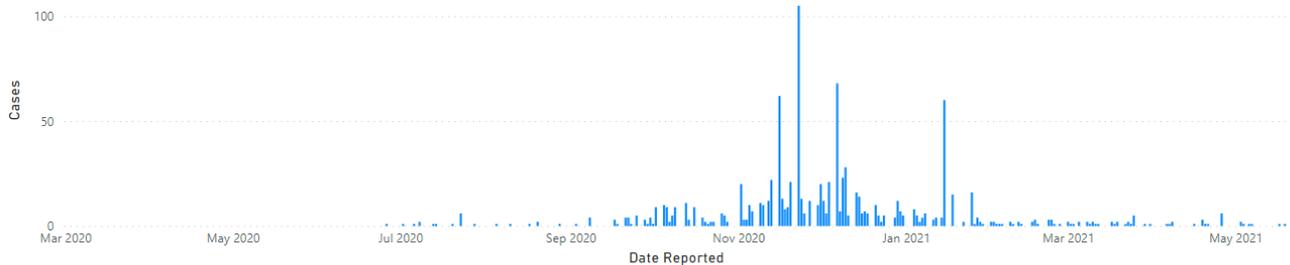
During COVID-19 we began publishing our regional data daily.

If you are not familiar with our data dashboard, please visit [www.idahopublic.com](http://www.idahopublic.com) and check out our interactive data.

# COVID-19 & Epidemiology

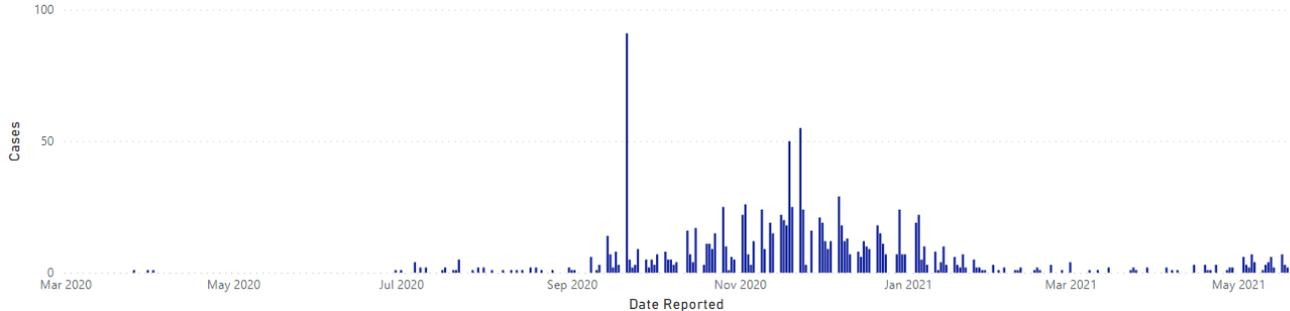
Clearwater County Case Trends

County ● Clearwater



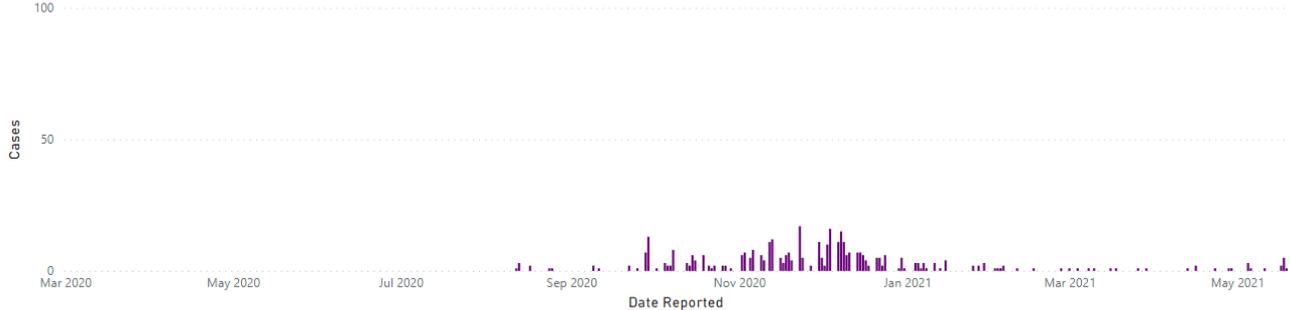
Idaho County Case Trends

County ● Idaho



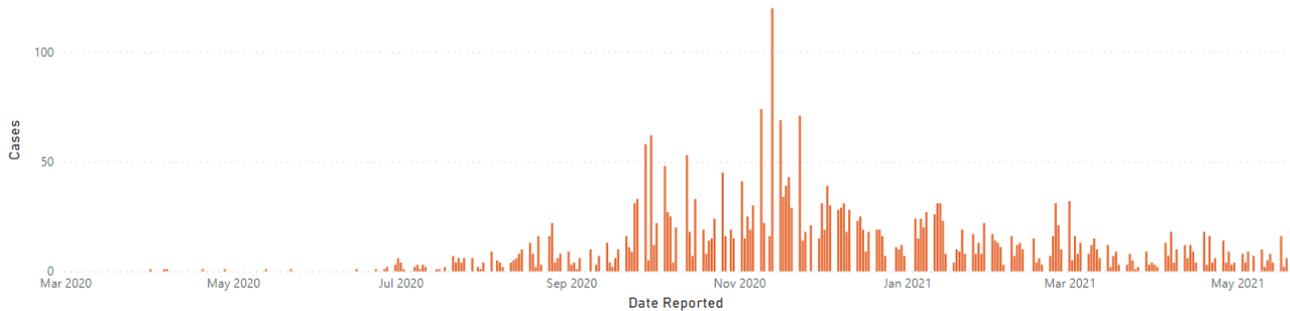
Lewis County Case Trends

County ● Lewis



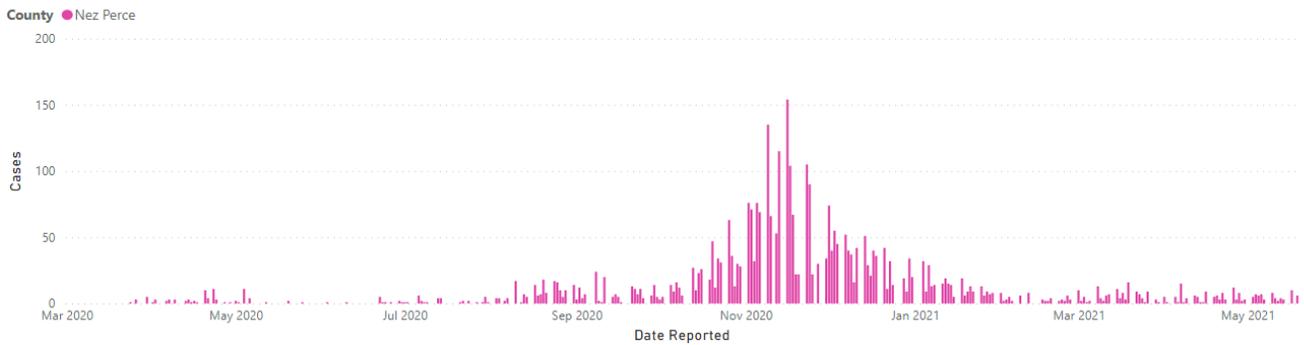
Latah County Case Trends

County ● Latah

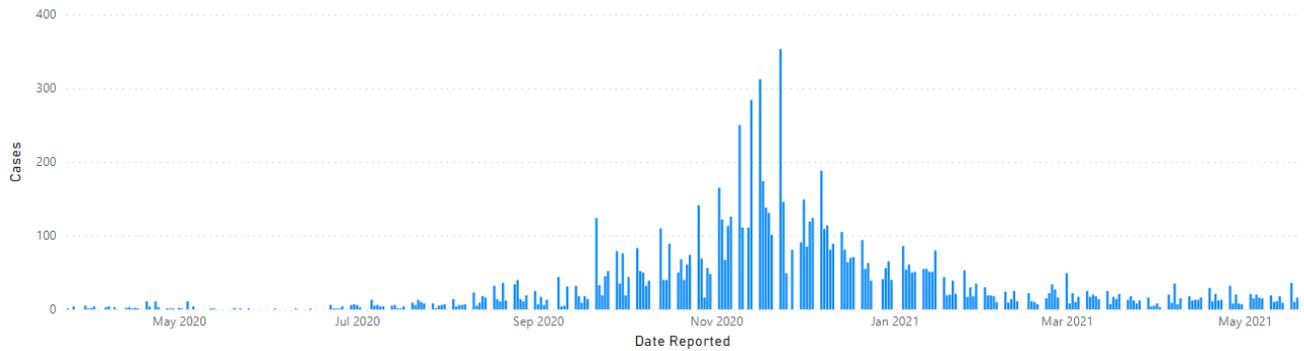


# COVID-19 & Epidemiology

Nez Perce County Case Trends



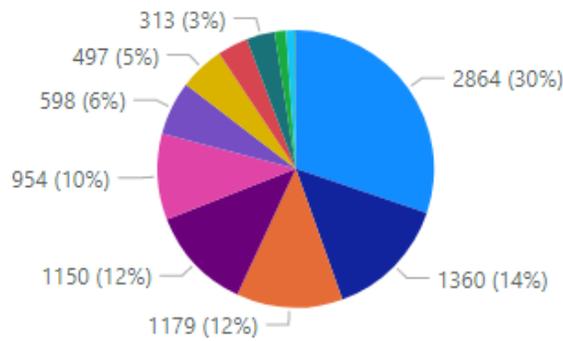
District Case Trends



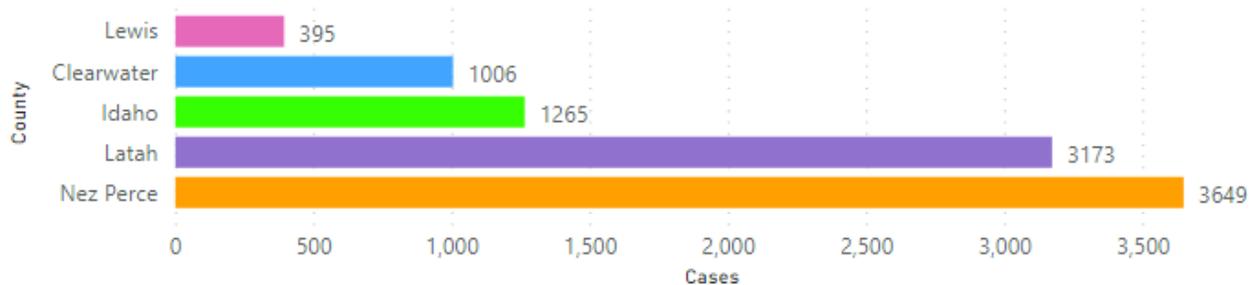
Cases by Age

**Age**

- 18-29
- 30s
- 40s
- 50s
- 60s
- 70s



Cases by County





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# Women, Infants, Children (WIC)

WIC is a special program for women and children facing nutritional risk. What does that mean? WIC helps pregnant women, post-partum non-breastfeeding women, breastfeeding women, infants, and children under the age of five. Each family must meet income requirements.

The goal of WIC is to help low-income families live a healthy lifestyle and avoid poor nutritional choices that will cost them, and society, much more in healthcare down the road.



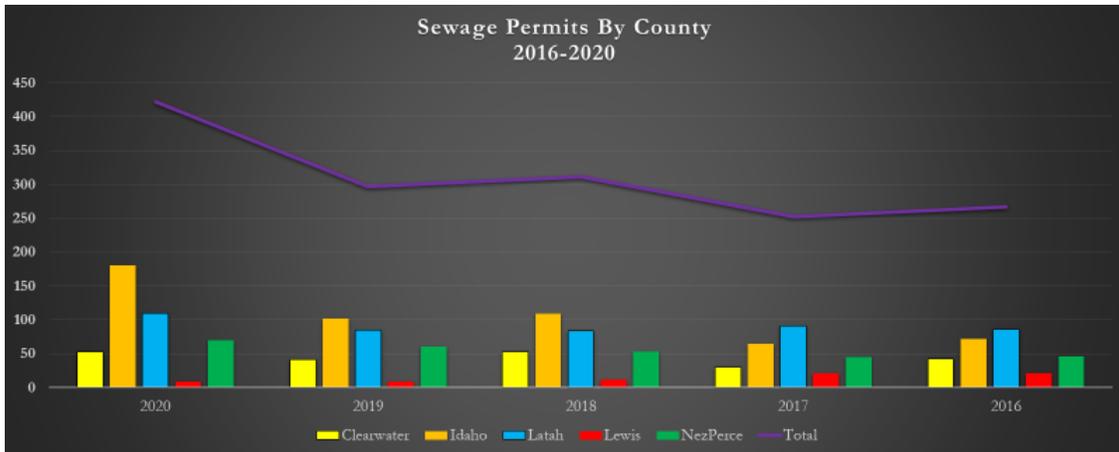
Highlight from the last year:

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic WIC temporarily transferred to offering WIC by phone rather than requiring in person WIC appointments every 3 months. WIC by phone was overwhelmingly well received by WIC participants. While we are excited to get back to seeing WIC participants in the clinics, we have also made plans to continue to offer some WIC appointment by phone. For working caregivers that struggle to make it to the office during our clinic hours or families that have transportation challenges this improves access to WIC.

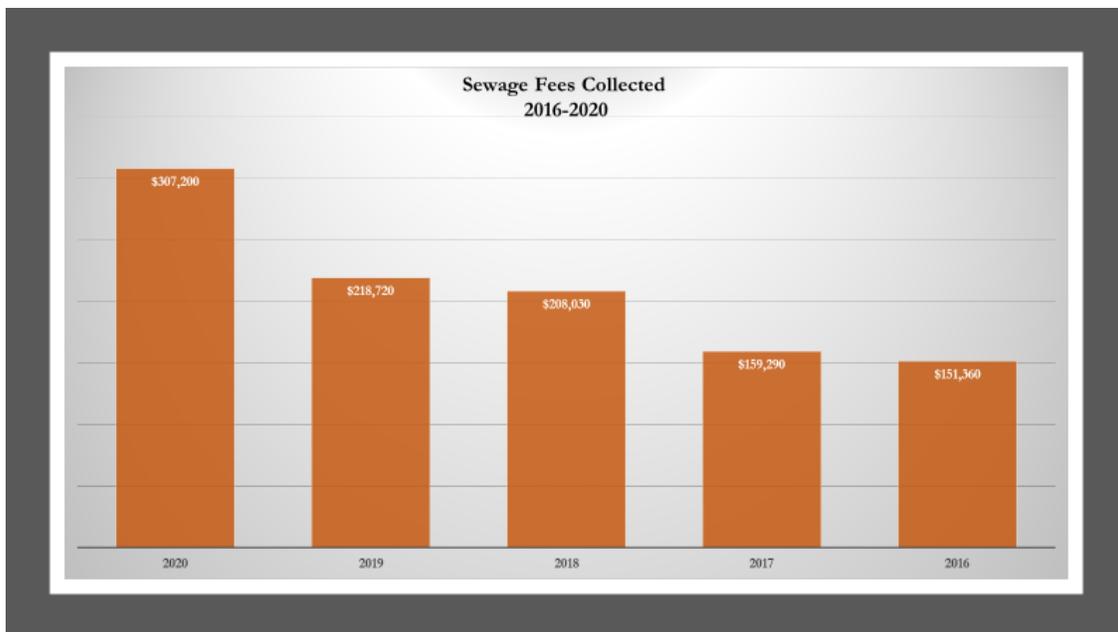


# Environmental Health – Sewage Program

The graphics provide an overview of the upward trend environmental health has seen in the sewage program. The data compiled is for the last 5 calendar years. These numbers include new and repair sewage permits. 80% of the permits issued in 2020 were for new construction.



Permits	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Clearwater	53	41	53	30	42
Idaho	180	102	109	65	72
Latah	110	85	84	91	86
Lewis	9	9	12	21	21
NezPerce	70	60	53	45	46
<b>Total</b>	<b>422</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>311</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>267</b>



# Home Visiting

## Population Reach



Parents as Teachers

Families Served



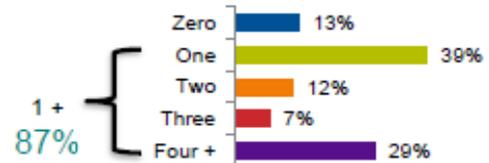
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Children Served



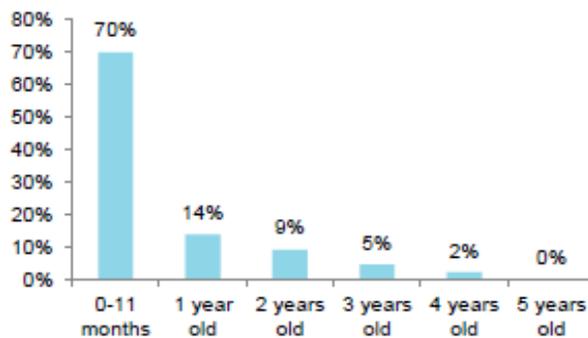
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High Needs Characteristics

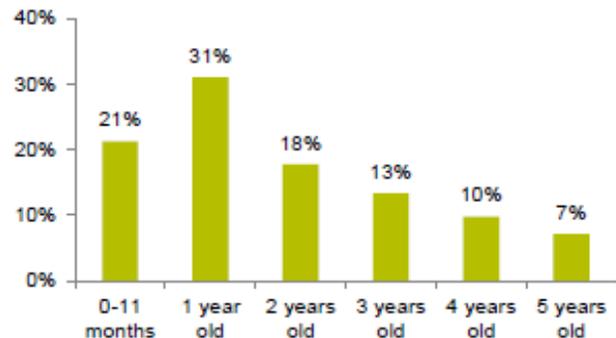


1+  
87%

Child Age at Enrollment



Child Age at End of Program Year



• 12.9% Enrolled Prenatally

Accuracy of the data presented in this report is contingent upon the accuracy of APR data submitted by affiliates.

## Program Services and Impact

Personal Visits

754



Group Connections

Average # of group connections per affiliate = 9

16 enrolled families attended

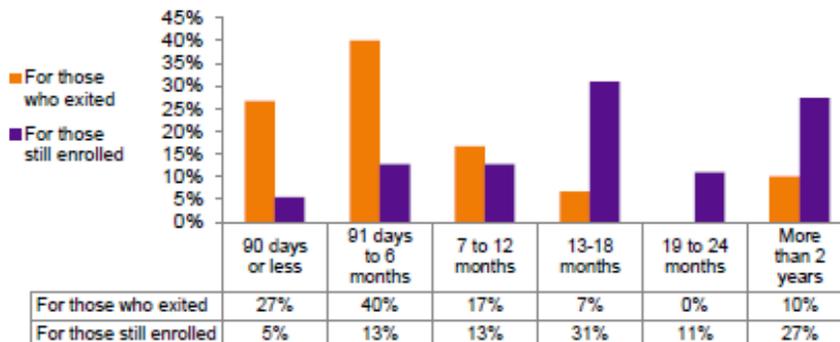
Immunizations



84%

of 19-35 month olds reported up-to-date

Length of Time Enrolled in Program



Waitlist and Family Retention

71% Family Retention Rate

75% Family Retention Rate (excluding families who moved out of service area)

0 Families on waitlist

NOTE: Retention rates are based on one year of data.

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# Public Health Office Locations



**LEWISTON, ID**  
Nez Perce County  
215 10th Street 83501  
208.799.3100



**MOSCOW, ID**  
Latah County  
333 E. Palouse River Drive 83843  
208.882.7506



**OROFINO, ID**  
Clearwater County  
105 115th Street 83544  
208.476.7850



**KAMIAH, ID**  
Lewis County  
132 N. Hill Street 83536  
208.935.2124



**GRANGEVILLE, ID**  
Idaho County  
903 W. Main 83530  
208.983.2842