

DIVISION: COMMUNITY HEALTH  
**ASSESSMENT/EPIDEMIOLOGY**  
PROGRAM



**HEALTH DATA THAT DRIVES ACTION**

Our program provides information about the social, economic, mental, and physical health and well-being of Kitsap residents and our environment so that Health District programs, leadership, and community partners are equipped to identify issues, prioritize resources, and take action.

*“The aspect of my work I find most rewarding is interacting with people in the community who use our data.”*

Amanda Tjemsland, MPH, Epidemiologist

**WHAT WE DO**

Our team’s work includes:

- Providing **epidemiological (epi) support to Health District programs**, including disease surveillance.
- Providing **epi support to outside agencies** through contracts.
- Compiling **annual health indicators and disparities reports** for community health assessments.
- Compiling **quarterly opioid surveillance reports** for emergency medical services.
- Developing methods for **identifying and highlighting health inequities and disparities**.

**KITSAP HEALTH INDICATORS**

**DRUG-RELATED MORTALITY RATE PER 100,000, AGE-ADJUSTED**  
Updated November 30, 2022

**Definition:** The number of deaths where any drug was a contributing cause of death for every 100,000 residents. The rate is age-adjusted to account for the differences in age distribution between Kitsap and Washington.

**Interpretations:** In 2020 there were 17.8 deaths per 100,000 where any drug was a contributing cause of death in Kitsap County. This has been statistically significantly increasing since 2000. The rate of deaths where any drug was a contributing cause of death was about the same as Washington in 2020. As of November 30, 2022, there were 52 confirmed drug-related deaths in Kitsap County in 2021, with 10% listed Fentanyl as a contributing cause of death.

**Data Source:** Washington State Department of Health, Center for Health Statistics, Death Certificate Data, 1990-2020, Community Health Assessment Tool (CHAT), June 2022. [Analyzed by Kitsap Public Health District, Assessment & Epidemiology Program].

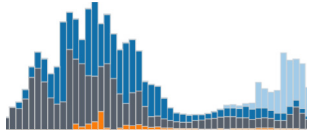
**Kitsap Trend**  
Increasing 2000 to 2020

**Similar to WA**  
2020



**Our team maintains a library of more than 110 data dashboards** to help our community better understand and address local health and socioeconomic trends. To explore these dashboards, go to:

[kitsappublichealth.org/data](https://kitsappublichealth.org/data)



## 2022 HIGHLIGHTS

# ASSESSMENT/EPIDEMIOLOGY

### 2022 BY THE NUMBERS

**25+** COVID-19 Active Outbreak Reports compiled.

**40+** COVID-19 Surveillance Reports published.

**8** external partners and all Health District programs received support from our team.

**4,500** community survey responses gathered; **10** focus groups discussions, and **16** key informant interviews; and **293** pages of audio transcribed and analyzed.

## AT A GLANCE

**PROGRAM NAME:** Assessment/Epidemiology

**MANAGER:** Kari Hunter

**2022 FTE STAFF:** 4

### GRANTS & SPECIAL FUNDING SOURCES FOR 2022:

- Foundational Public Health Services grant for community health assessment
- Clallam, Jefferson and Kitsap counties for the Mental Health, Chemical Dependency & Therapeutic Court Program
- Kitsap Interagency Coordinating Council
- Olympic Educational Service District 114 for Behavioral Health Counseling Enhancement Project
- Kitsap Community Resources for qualitative data collection and analysis
- Virginia Mason Franciscan Health for Community Health Needs Assessment
- Kitsap Aging and Long-Term Care (ALTC)

*Thank you to our funders and community partners for their continued support!*

## 2022 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- We developed **dashboard visualizations of key indicators** for health assessment, strategic planning, and quality improvement work.
- We published the **Kitsap County Community Public Health Indicators and Disparities Report** and Equity Fact Sheet, with support from our Equity and Communications programs.
- We collaborated with other Health District programs to create reports to aid decision-making and situational awareness, such as the **Kitsap County Jail COVID-19 Outbreak Report** and **Child Death Review Case List**.
- We teamed with our Equity program to conduct a **survey on equity** among Health District staff and managers.
- In partnership with **Kitsap Community Resources, Virginia Mason Franciscan Health**, and many other contributing organizations, we conducted qualitative data collection for a community survey, 10 focus groups and 16 key informant interviews.
- **We collaborated with many other community partners**, including foodbanks, Olympic Educational Service District 114, Kitsap Aging and Long Term Care, and the Mental Health, Chemical Dependency & Therapeutic Drug Court Community Advisory Committee, and strengthened partnerships with neighboring county public health jurisdictions in Clallam, Jefferson, Pierce and King.



## LOOKING AHEAD TO 2023

Epidemiology is working with other Health District programs and a workgroup led by Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security to **identify opportunities to close gaps in services and improve access to healthcare in Kitsap County.**

Additionally, epi members will benefit from a **reorganization of our program under a new Public Health Infrastructure Division.** We believe this will help better integrate our program's work throughout the agency.

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