



Spokane Counts 2015

A summary of 59 selected public health indicators

Well Water

Environmental



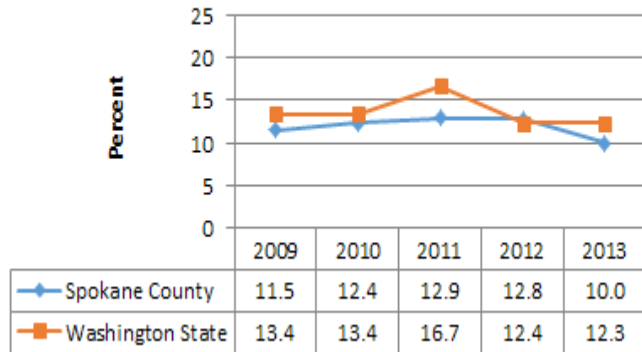
Indicator: Well Water

Definition: Percent of people served by domestic (self-supplied) wells.

Why this is important: Everyone needs clean water to drink. Contaminated water can be a threat to anyone's health, especially young children. The risk of having drinking water quality problems depends on the quality of well construction and maintenance, the local environment, the aquifer from which water is drawn, and human activities in the area. All 50 states have detected elevated groundwater levels of contaminants. Local rules and permitting help ensure wells are built properly, but the responsibility of checking to make sure a well is functioning properly and that the water is healthy to drink is that of the well owner.

Where we are: In 2013 in Spokane County, 10.0% of residents received water from a private well. The proportion of residents using a private well significantly decreased from 2009 to 2013. The proportion of residents in Spokane County receiving water from a private well was significantly lower than that of Washington state.

Population Using a Private Water System



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Data Source WTN, 2013

Geography Spokane County 10.3% (10.2-10.4)
WA 13.0% (12.9-13.0)
U.S. Not avail

Trend 11-13 No Trend

Data Source: Washington State Department of Health, Office of Drinking Water, Sentry Database. Accessed through the Washington Tracking Network. Presentation of data by Spokane Regional Health District, Data Center.

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