

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Food Inspections

There is no data for this measure in 2007, but it has been added to the indicator list for its significant impact on the public's health. Data should be available in future reports.³⁸

This will be a measure of food establishments with 35 points or more in critical violations. The points are based on a statewide scoring sheet, and a higher score indicates a higher risk of infecting patrons with a food borne illness.



Solid Waste

There is no data for this measure in 2007, but it has been added to the indicator list for future publications. Data should be available in future reports.³⁹

This will be a measure of solid waste facilities in compliance with their permit conditions. Solid waste facilities need to be in compliance to prevent toxic leaks into the soil, air, or water, ultimately preserving the health of the public.

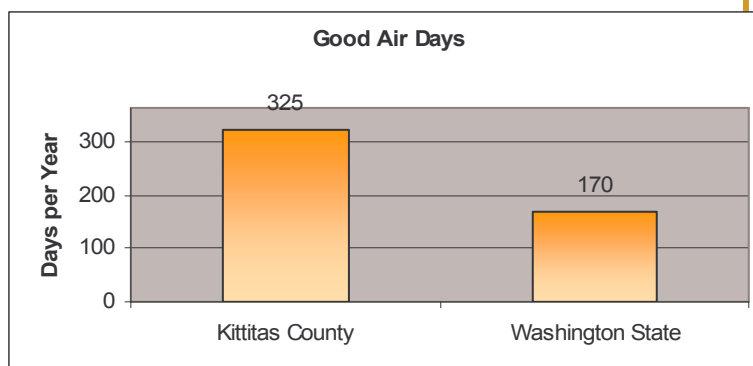
Corrected On Site Sewage Failures

There is no data for this indicator in 2007, but it has been added to the indicator list for future indicator reports. Data should be available in future reports.⁴⁰

This will be a measure of failed on site sewage systems initiating corrective action within two weeks of system failure. The likelihood of contracting a sewage related disease decreases the faster a failed sewage system is repaired.



Good Air Days



This is a measure of the number of “good” air days, as defined by the Department of Ecology.

Kittitas County had 325 good air days in 2006, compared to only 170 good air days across Washington State.⁴¹

There is no national data or Healthy People 2010 Target for this indicator.

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Environmental Health indicators are a new addition to our Key Health Indicators, and as a result there is little data available for this baseline report. The indicators included here are intended to provide a snapshot of public health's work in the environment. The "Good Air Days" indicator was added at the request of the community.

Data collection in Environmental Health is difficult at a county, state, and national level, because there is no standardized reporting system for environmental health factors as there is for communicable disease or other indicators.

Indicator		Inspections of Food Establishments with 35+ Violation	Compliant Solid Waste Facilities	On Site Sewage Failures Corrected	Good Air Days per Year
Source					DOE
					2006
Total					
	Kittitas County				325.0
	Washington State				170.0
	United States				n/a
	HP 2010 Target				n/a



Top Ten Reasons for Food Borne Illness

1. Infected or ill food worker
2. Bare hand contact
3. Ingesting contaminated food
4. Unknown cause
5. Contaminated raw products
6. Cross contamination
7. Slow cooling
8. Improper reheating
9. Hand washing
10. Room temperature storage