Agency Mission
The department of health works to protect and improve the health of people in Washington state.

Top 5 Priorities for State Health Agency
1. Preventing communicable disease and other health threats
2. Fostering healthy communities and environments
3. Partnering with the healthcare system
4. Promoting a framework for foundational public health services
5. Enhancing the use of performance management tools

Structure and Relationship with Local Health Departments
The state health agency is a freestanding/independent agency and has a decentralized relationship with local health departments.

Number of independent local health agencies
(led by local government staff): 35
Number of state-run local health agencies
(led by state government staff): 0
Number of independent regional or district offices
(led by non-state employees): 0
Number of state-run regional or district offices
(led by state employees): 4

State Organizational Structure
The health official reports directly to the governor. The state has a board of health.

State Health Planning
The state health agency has developed the following within the past five years:

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State Health Agency Workforce
The state health agency has 1,650 FTEs, including 285 state workers assigned to local/regional offices.

State Public Health Agency Finance*

Sources of Funding (FY11)
- Federal Funds 49.7%
- Fees and Fines 11.7%
- Other Sources 9.6%
- Other State Funds 11.4%
- State General Funds 17.5%

Expenditures (FY11)
- Administration 7.1%
- All-Hazards Preparedness and Response 5.6%
- Chronic Disease 6.4%
- Environmental Health 5.6%
- Health Data 1.8%
- Health Laboratory 2.7%
- Improving Consumer Health 7.3%
- Infectious Disease 19.6%
- Injury Prevention 0.5%
- Other 0.4%
- Quality of Health Services 9.5%
- Vital Statistics 0.6%
- WIC 33.0%

Total Expenditures FY10: $484,411,369
Total Expenditures FY11: $537,213,509

*FY11 was defined as 7/1/10 - 6/30/11. FY10 was defined as 7/1/09 - 6/30/10.