

# STATE BUDGET

## WOMEN'S HEALTH PROGRAMS

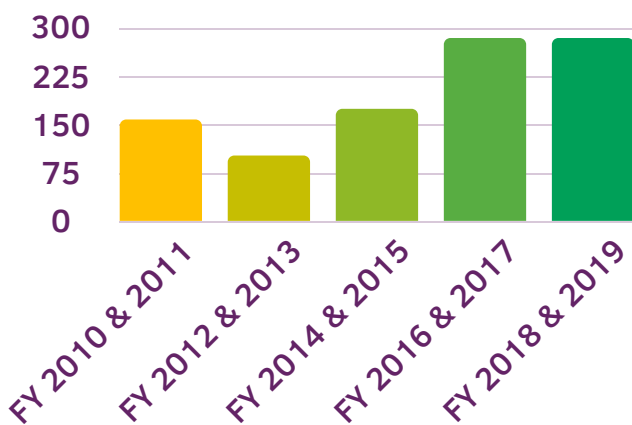
In 2011, the Legislature approved significant cuts to the family planning budget. In the following years, programs that delivered family planning services underwent various administrative changes, including program redesign and elimination. These modifications caused disruptions and destabilization of the women's health network.

In 2017, the Legislature approved a level budget for 2018 and 2019. Level funding was a major victory in a challenging fiscal climate, but Texans still face obstacles when attempting to access women's preventive healthcare services.

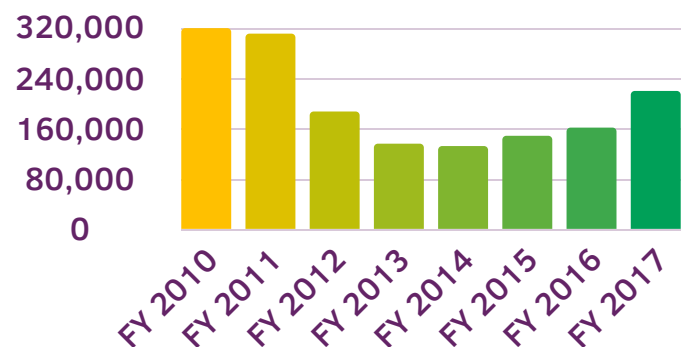
Adequate funding is essential to ensuring client access to the services they need. For every dollar invested in contraception, taxpayers see a return of \$7.09.<sup>1</sup> Investing in family planning leads to cost savings for the state.

Adequate funding and program consistency are essential to strengthening the women's health network and reaching the nearly 1.8 million women in need.<sup>2</sup> TWHC urges the Legislature to prioritize women's preventive healthcare in the 2020 and 2021 budget.

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(\$millions)



Number of Clients Served



Investing in family planning is an investment in Texas. Continued commitment to women's health is critical to the stabilization of programs and reaching those in need of services.



1. Frost et al., "Return on Investment: A Fuller Assessment of the Benefits and Cost Savings of the US Publicly Funded Family Planning Program," The Milbank Quarterly, Vol, 92.4, 2014.
2. Frost et al., "Contraceptive Needs and Services, 2014 Update," New York: Guttmacher Institute, 2016.

