




EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES - EMS

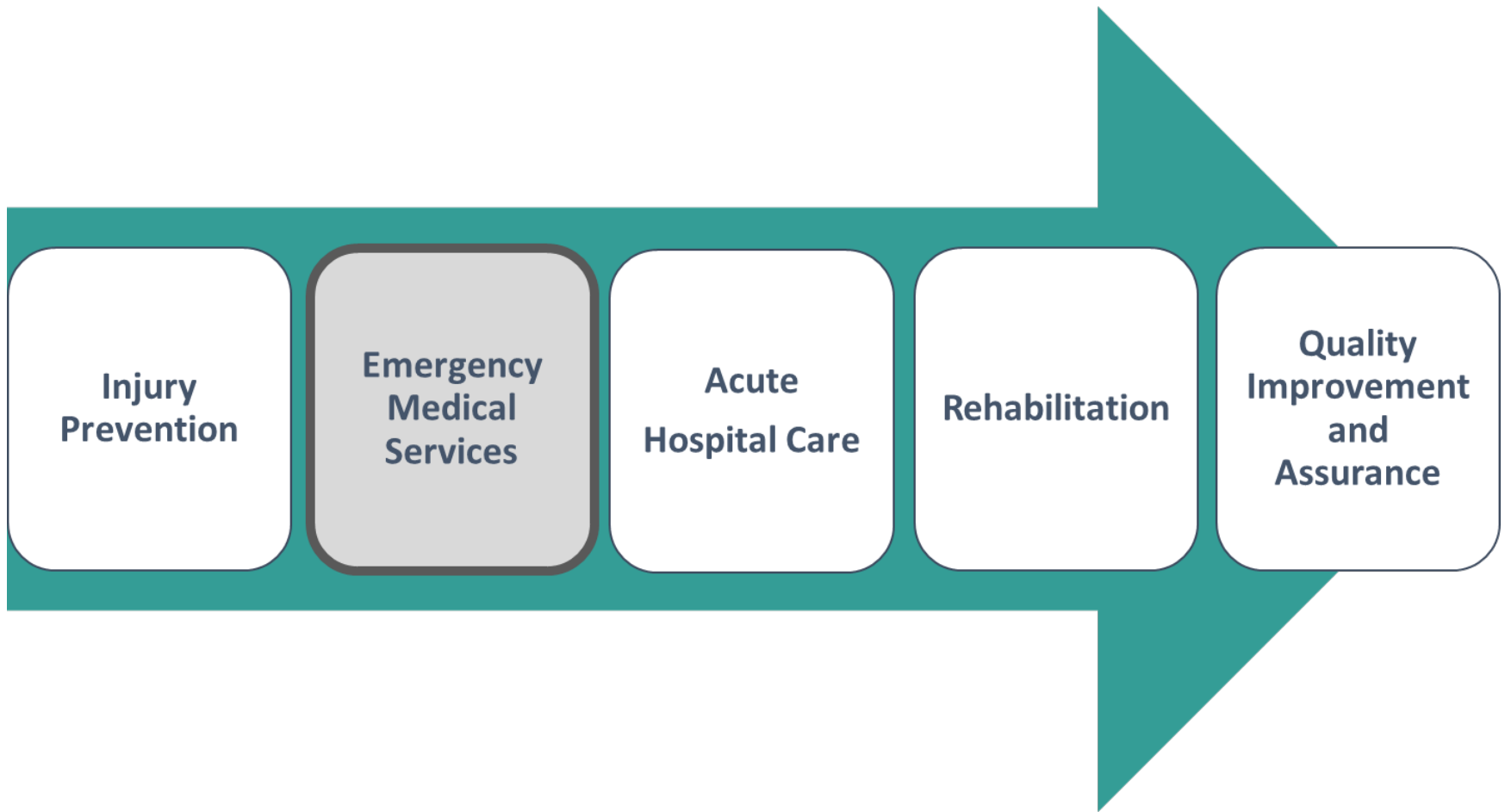
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Emergency Care System Goal

- Get the right patient
- To the right facility
- In the right amount of time

Emergency Care System Continuum of Care

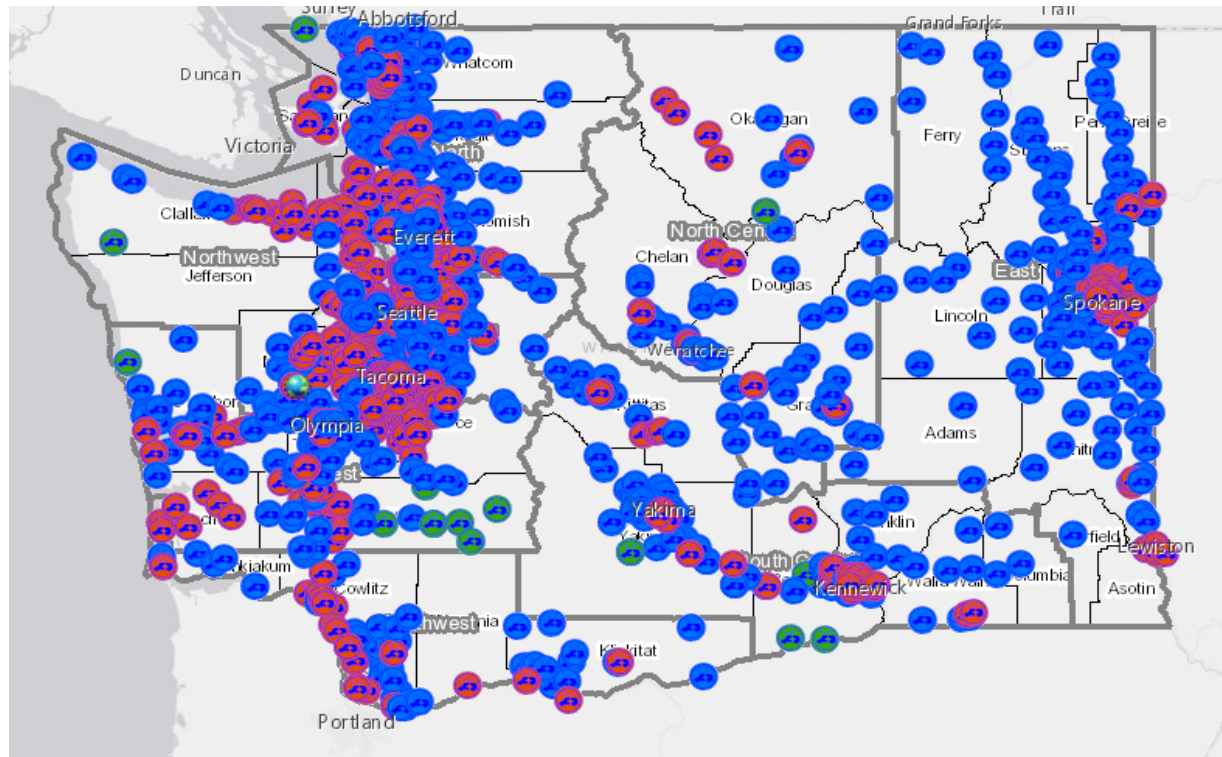


State EMS Resources

EMS Services



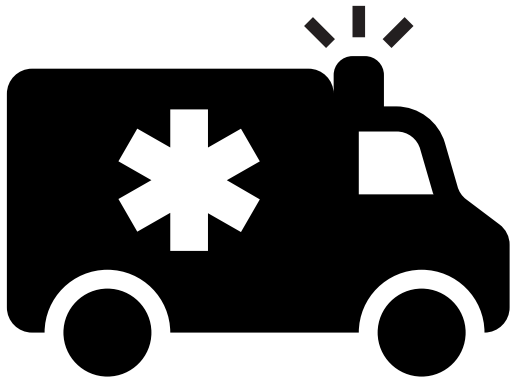
482 Licensed EMS services



[Emergency Care System GIS Map](#)

EMS Services and Distribution

EMS Service License Types and Characteristics



- Aid, ESSO, ambulance
- Non transport / transport
- Verification
- Service level (BLS, ILS, ALS)

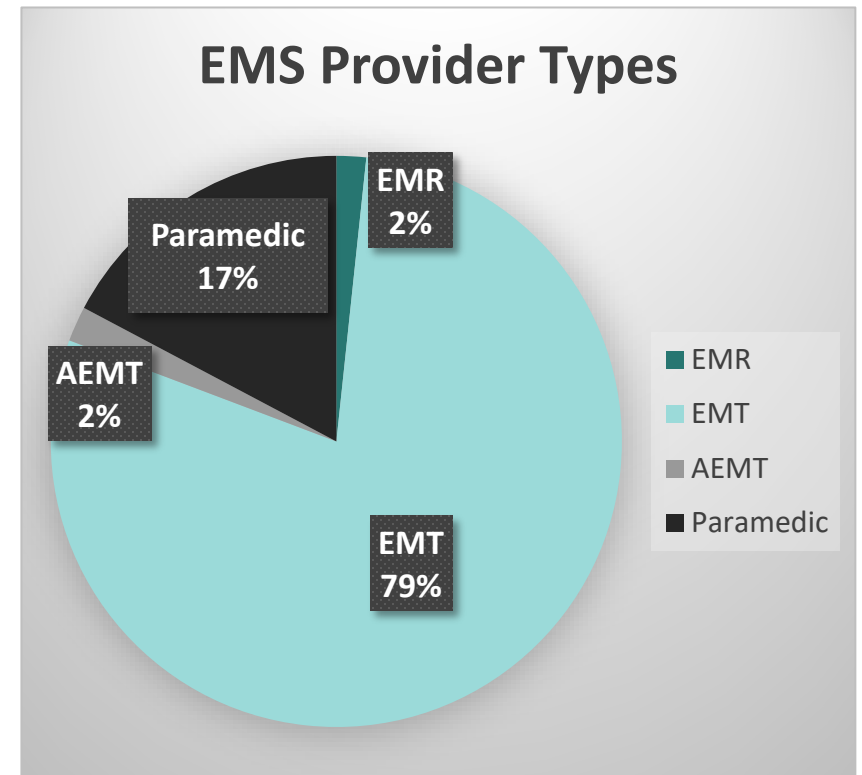
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EMS Personnel



16,993 certified EMS providers

25% are volunteer



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Physician Medical Directors



- Develop EMS protocols
- Provide training to EMS
- Recommend approval & discipline for EMS certifications
- Conduct Q & A activities
- Provide input on policy activities

EMS Data

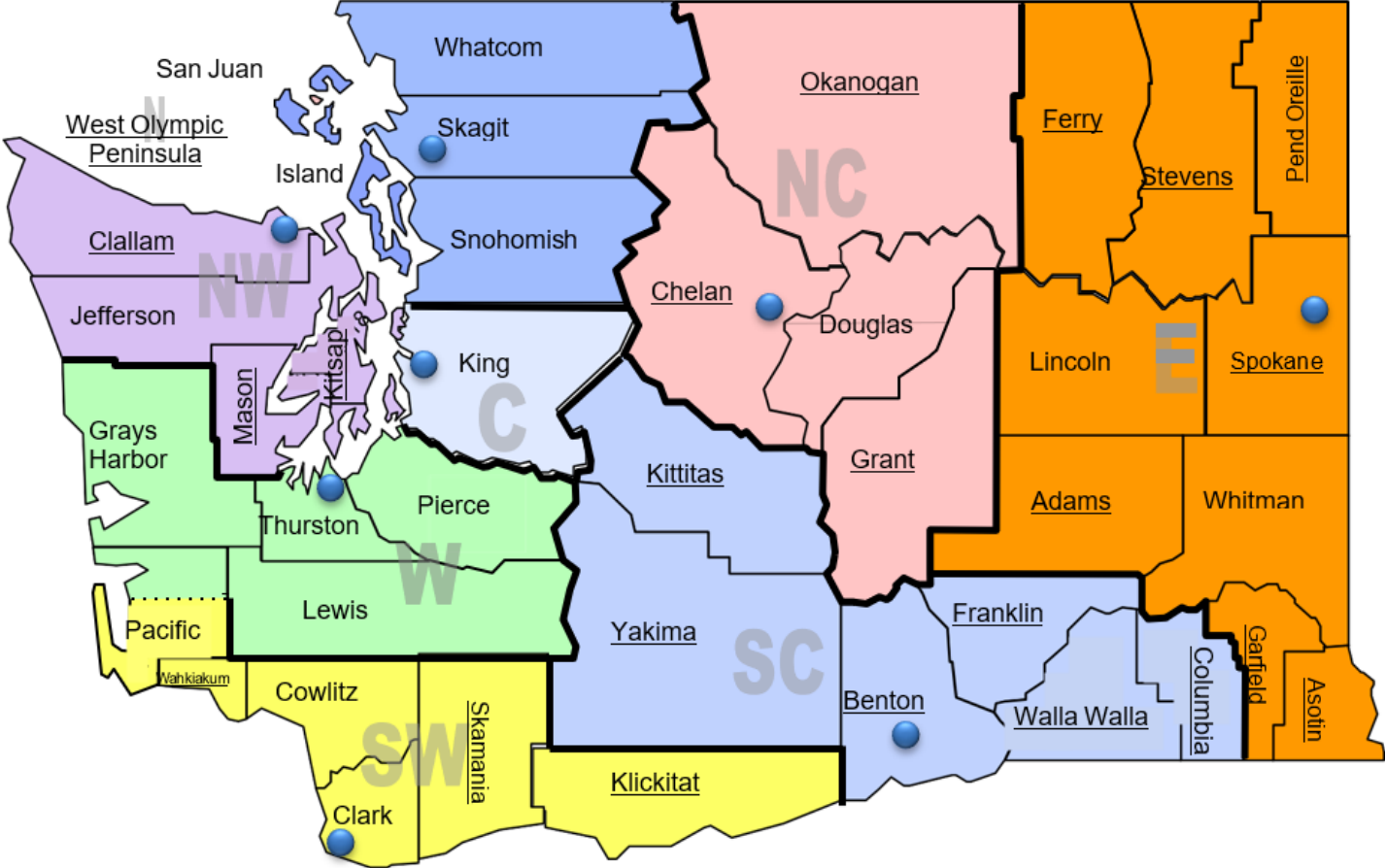
- EMS Volume 2022

**Over 1.2
million
Emergency
Responses in
2022**

**Over 530k
emergency
transports**

**Over 123k
interfacility
transports**

EMS & Trauma Care Regions



The EMS & Trauma Care Steering Committee



- Advises DOH on EMS and trauma care
- Reviews regional EMS and trauma care plans
- Reviews proposed rules and recommends modifications
- 30-member committee appointed by the Secretary of Health
- Includes emergency physicians, trauma surgeons, nurses, EMTs, Fire Chiefs, and local government officials

DOH EMS Office

- Support public policy and rulemaking
- Licensing / Certification
- Provide oversight and guidance to MPDs
- EMS state & regional planning
- Develop guidance, education, and training



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Key Issues for EMS

- Reimbursement and revenue
- Recruitment and retention
- Increased demands
- expanding scope of practice / environment



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