Overall, in FY2020, Core Theme 3 dipped by two percentage points. Throughout 2020, most of the indicators remained constant or increased slightly from 2019; a few metrics declined slightly.

3.1.3 The percent of ISU health care programs that met or exceeded the first-time pass rate to 98% because 15 of 16 programs meet this standard. In Physical Therapy, 85.2% passed their boards the first time compared with a national average of 93.1%. These data should be considered preliminary due to the flexibility of board test dates resulting in incomplete data for 2020.

3.1.2 The percent of ISU degrees/certificates awarded in the health professions declined in 2020 due to COVID-19. Students in several programs were unable to complete their clinical requirements for graduation until Summer or Fall 2021. The total number of graduates from the DHS is not likely to change significantly.

3.2.1 The annual number of patient visits declined by 7,000 because clinical facilities were closed due to COVID-19 for several months. It is expected that 2021 numbers will increase but still be lower than pre-COVID.

3.1.1 ISU’s Division of Health Sciences continues to see relatively low numbers of racially and ethnically diverse students. This does not reflect Idaho’s demographics and the patients/clients that our graduates serve across the state. Specifically, LatinX and Native American students continue to be underrepresented in our programs. In 2021, we will be hiring a recruiter/advisor in the DHS to specifically assist with increasing the diversity of our student body such that it better reflects the diversity of the state of Idaho.