

Percentage of Population Medically Disenfranchised

- ≤ 20%
- 20% - 40%
- 40% - 60%
- 60% - 80%
- 80% - 100%

**Medically Disenfranchised Populations**

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# CLOSING *the* GAP

## OVER 100 MILLION AMERICANS ARE MEDICALLY DISENFRANCHISED

and are at risk of not having access to a usual source of primary care due to a shortage of providers in their community... **but Community Health Centers are closing that gap.**



ONLY 1 IN 10 OF MEDICALLY DISENFRANCHISED PEOPLE ARE **UNINSURED**.

Access to a usual source of primary care requires more than having insurance.



OVER HALF OF THE MEDICALLY DISENFRANCHISED PEOPLE HAVE AN **INCOME BELOW 200%** OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL.



WITHOUT HEALTH CENTERS, **15 MILLION** MORE PEOPLE WOULD BE AT RISK OF NOT HAVING A USUAL SOURCE OF PRIMARY CARE.



**CHILDREN** REPRESENT ALMOST A QUARTER OF THE MEDICALLY DISENFRANCHISED POPULATION.



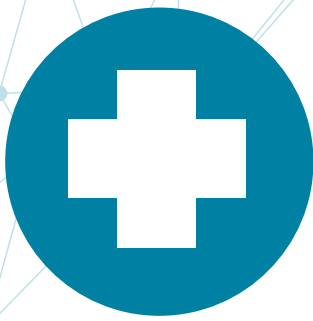
THE NUMBER OF MEDICALLY DISENFRANCHISED PEOPLE HAS NEARLY DOUBLED FROM 56 MILLION IN 2014.

This increase is largely due to consolidation across the health system and a worsening shortage of primary care providers, driven by increased provider specialization, an uneven distribution of providers, and mass resignation following the COVID-19 pandemic.



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## HEALTH CENTERS COMPRISE THE LARGEST PRIMARY CARE NETWORK IN THE US

Community Health Centers comprise the largest network of primary care providers in the country, providing high-quality, affordable primary care to over 30 million patients living in medically underserved communities.



## CARING FOR MORE AND MORE PEOPLE

Health centers' reach and impact are growing. The number of patients accessing care at health centers has grown by 6 million, or 24%, since 2015.



## PROVIDING CARE FOR THOSE WHO NEED IT MOST

Health centers are well positioned to meet the needs of medically underserved communities. To do so, increased investment is needed for health centers to expand their network of providers.



## AFFORDABLE CARE RELIES ON FEDERAL FUNDING

Health centers rely on federal funding to provide care to patients on a sliding fee scale. Though federal funding has increased by 14% since 2015, the per-patient, inflation-adjusted value of health center funding has declined by 27%.



## NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR PROVIDING CARE FOR UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES

With additional funding, health centers could extend their network of providers into medically disenfranchised communities to provide affordable, high-quality care to more patients.