What are Community Health Centers?

Community Health Centers deliver **high-quality, affordable care** to patients and **reduce costs** for America's healthcare system. Health centers are **consumer-governed** and patient-centered health care organizations that provide **cost-effective primary care** in **medically underserved communities**. Health centers provide care to all patients regardless of income and insurance status by offering services on a **sliding-fee scale**. Health centers **improve access to primary care** and integrated specialty services such as **preventive, behavioral, substance use treatment, oral, vision and pharmacy** services. Additionally, health centers offer a host of ancillary services to support patients' needs around food insecurity, housing, transportation, language access, and other **social drivers of health**. Health centers…

- Serve as the health care home for over **30 million patients** in over **14,000 communities** across the country
- Reduce health care costs, **saving** an average of **24% per Medicaid patient** compared to other providers
- **Integrate medical, specialty and social services** such as mental health, substance use treatment, oral health, case management, translation services, transportation, and employment services
- Create **270,000 jobs** and generate an estimated **$84.8 billion in total economic activity** in local communities
- Provide care to **389,000 veterans**, **1.3 million** patients experiencing homelessness, **3.3 million** adults over age 65, and **1 in 8 children**

Health Centers in the United States

US Health Centers

Total Grantees	1373
Service Delivery Sites	14276
% Rural	42%
% with MAT Services	71%
% Utilizing Telehealth	99%

US Services and Staff

Physicians	14,858
NPs/PAs/CNMs	16,134
Nurses	20,877
Behavioral Health Specialists	17,415
Pharmacy	7,095
Dental	18,749
Vision	1,020
Enabling Services	25,615
Other	2,109
Total FTEs*	271,781

US Patients

Children	8,635,363
Older adults	3,289,246
Patients experiencing homelessness	1,294,327
Veterans	388,939
Agricultural workers	1,015,162
Racial/ethnic minority	14,882,623
Total patients	30,193,278

	Health Center Population	State Population
Income < 100% FPL	44%	13%
Income < 200% FPL	15%	16%
Uninsured	20%	9%
Medicaid	48%	21%
Medicare	11%	14%
Dually Eligible	4%	
Private Insurance	20%	55%

US Health Center Economic Impact

Health centers in US created **508,412 jobs** and generated **$84,795,916,439 in total economic activity** in 2021.

Notes: State data include only health centers receiving Health Center Program Section 330 grants. **Sources:** 2021 Uniform Data System, BPHC, HRSA, DHHS. 2021 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates, U.S. Census Bureau. Detailed sources are available at http://www.nachc.org/research-and-data/state-level-data-maps/.