



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 **285,000 jobs** and generate an estimated **\$85 billion in total economic activity** in local communities
- Provide care to **400,000 veterans, 1.4 million** patients experiencing homelessness, **3.6 million** adults over age 65, and **8.8 million children**

Health Centers in Alabama

AL Health Centers

Total Grantees	17
Service Delivery Sites	182
% Rural	41%
% with MAT Services	100%
% Utilizing Telehealth	100%

AL Patients

Children	72,716
Older adults	35,491
Patients experiencing homelessness	9,245
Veterans	5,619
Agricultural workers	5,723
Racial/ethnic minority	170,945
Total patients	305,912

AL Services and Staff

Physicians	150
NPs/PAs/CNMs	193
Nurses	194
Behavioral Health Specialists	93
Pharmacy	61
Dental	95
Vision	11
Enabling Services	206
Other	10
Total FTEs*	2,533

	Health Center Population	State Population
Income < 100% FPL	46%	16%
Income < 200% FPL	9%	19%
Uninsured	30%	9%
Medicaid	34%	21%
Medicare	13%	16%
Dually Eligible	5%	
Private Insurance	23%	52%

AL Health Center Economic Impact

Health centers in AL created **4,944 jobs** and generated \$ **852,341,899** in total economic activity in 2021.

Notes: State data include only health centers receiving Health Center Program Section 330 grants. Sources: 2022 Uniform Data System, BPHC, HRSA, DHHS. 2022 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/>.