



## 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 Alaska

### AK Health Centers

Total Grantees	27
Service Delivery Sites	200
% Rural	93%
% with MAT Services	93%
% Utilizing Telehealth	100%

### AK Patients

Children	25,610
Older adults	19,361
Patients experiencing homelessness	3,023
Veterans	4,117
Agricultural workers	192
Racial/ethnic minority	53,271
Total patients	110,531

### AK Services and Staff

Physicians	87
NPs/PAs/CNMs	185
Nurses	113
Behavioral Health Specialists	181
Pharmacy	61
Dental	169
Vision	22
Enabling Services	176
Other	270
Total FTEs*	2,517

	Health Center Population	State Population
Income < 100% FPL	14%	11%
Income < 200% FPL	15%	14%
Uninsured	17%	11%
Medicaid	35%	23%
Medicare	14%	11%
Dually Eligible	5%	
Private Insurance	34%	51%

### AK Health Center Economic Impact

Health centers in AK created **4,188 jobs** and generated \$ **724,214,981** 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/>.