



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 California

CA Health Centers

Total Grantees	174
Service Delivery Sites	2212
% Rural	21%
% with MAT Services	78%
% Utilizing Telehealth	99%

CA Patients

Children	1,578,243
Older adults	549,350
Patients experiencing homelessness	332,375
Veterans	32,791
Agricultural workers	516,880
Racial/ethnic minority	3,146,697
Total patients	5,312,677

CA Services and Staff

Physicians	3,474
NPs/PAs/CNMs	2,396
Nurses	2,326
Behavioral Health Specialists	2,344
Pharmacy	789
Dental	3,578
Vision	352
Enabling Services	5,497
Other	701
Total FTEs*	54,012

	Health Center Population	State Population
Income < 100% FPL	53%	12%
Income < 200% FPL	18%	15%
Uninsured	15%	6%
Medicaid	67%	27%
Medicare	8%	12%
Dually Eligible	4%	
Private Insurance	9%	54%

CA Health Center Economic Impact

Health centers in CA created **90,236 jobs** and generated **\$14,620,904,092 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/>.