



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 Colorado

CO Health Centers

Total Grantees	19
Service Delivery Sites	252
% Rural	47%
% with MAT Services	68%
% Utilizing Telehealth	100%

CO Patients

Children	193,545
Older adults	62,297
Patients experiencing homelessness	27,313
Veterans	9,213
Agricultural workers	14,412
Racial/ethnic minority	315,931
Total patients	644,316

CO Staff

Physicians	332
NPs/PAs/CNMs	427
Nurses	297
Behavioral Health Specialists	308
Pharmacy	189
Dental	528
Vision	5
Enabling Services	809
Other	18
Total FTEs*	6,087

	Health Center Population	State Population
Income < 100% FPL	46%	9%
Income < 200% FPL	17%	13%
Uninsured	21%	7%
Medicaid	52%	18%
Medicare	9%	13%
Dually Eligible	4%	
Private Insurance	17%	59%

CO Health Center Economic Impact

Health centers in CO created **11,153 jobs** and generated **\$ 1,838,434,840 in total economic activity** in 2021.

Notes: State data include only health centers receiving Health Center Program Section 330 grants. *FTEs = Full-Time Equivalent. States with fewer than 1% dually-eligible patients may appear blank. **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/>.