



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 South Carolina

SC Health Centers

Total Grantees	23
Service Delivery Sites	252
% Rural	48%
% with MAT Services	83%
% Utilizing Telehealth	100%

SC Patients

Children	106,371
Older adults	71,813
Patients experiencing homelessness	9,917
Veterans	8,172
Agricultural workers	9,407
Racial/ethnic minority	240,577
Total patients	430,598

SC Staff

Physicians	197
NPs/PAs/CNMs	282
Nurses	493
Behavioral Health Specialists	167
Pharmacy	302
Dental	126
Vision	9
Enabling Services	435
Other	18
Total FTEs*	4,433

	Health Center Population	State Population
Income < 100% FPL	48%	14%
Income < 200% FPL	16%	18%
Uninsured	23%	9%
Medicaid	33%	20%
Medicare	19%	17%
Dually Eligible	7%	
Private Insurance	25%	52%

SC Health Center Economic Impact

Health centers in SC created **8,101 jobs** and generated **\$ 1,349,692,024 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/>.