



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, patient-centered health care organizations that provide cost-effective primary care in medically underserved communities. Health centers ensure access to patients regardless of income and insurance status by offering services on a sliding-fee scale. Health centers improve access to primary care as well as 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 determinants of health. **Health centers...**

- Serve as the health care home for nearly **32.5 million patients** in over **16,000 communities** across the country
- **Integrate medical, specialty and social services** such as mental health, substance use treatment, oral health, case management, translation services, transportation, and employment services
- Reduce health care costs, **saving** an average of **24% per Medicaid patient** compared to other providers
- Create **340,000 jobs** and generate an estimated **\$118.4 billion in total economic impact** in local communities
- Provide care to **419,000 veterans**, **1.4 million** patients experiencing homelessness, **3.8 million** adults over age 65, and **1 in 9 children**.

Health Centers in Arizona

AZ Health Centers

Total Health Centers	24
Service Delivery Sites	237
% Rural	42%
% with MOUD Services	79%
% Utilizing Telehealth	100%

AZ Patients

Children	229,414
Older adults	116,316
Patients experiencing homelessness	39,785
Veterans	15,814
Agricultural workers	11,110
Total patients	837,017

AZ Services and Staff

Physicians	400
NPs/PAs/CNMs	480
Nurses	383
Behavioral Health Specialists	831
Pharmacy	344
Dental	512
Vision	0
Enabling Services	945
Other	72
Total FTEs*	9,206

	Health Center Population	State Population
Below Poverty Level	42%	12%
Uninsured	15%	10%
Medicaid	46%	21%
Medicare	13%	20%
Dually Eligible	5%	
Private Insurance	27%	64%

*FTEs = Full Time Equivalents **Notes:** Data includes health centers receiving Health Center Program Section 330 grants and Look-Alikes. **Sources:** 2023 Uniform Data System, BPHC, HRSA, DHHS. 2023 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates, U.S. Census Bureau.