



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 Hawaii

HI Health Centers

Total Health Centers	14
Service Delivery Sites	104
% Rural	57%
% with MOUD Services	64%
% Utilizing Telehealth	100%

HI Patients

Children	45,823
Older adults	25,149
Patients experiencing homelessness	7,520
Veterans	3,568
Agricultural workers	1,744
Total patients	158,448

HI Services and Staff

Physicians	103
NPs/PAs/CNMs	102
Nurses	104
Behavioral Health Specialists	118
Pharmacy	76
Dental	196
Vision	14
Enabling Services	257
Other	16
Total FTEs*	2,210

	Health Center Population	State Population
Below Poverty Level	50%	10%
Uninsured	7%	3%
Medicaid	57%	20%
Medicare	12%	22%
Dually Eligible	5%	
Private Insurance	23%	75%

*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.