



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 Kentucky

KY Health Centers

Total Health Centers	28
Service Delivery Sites	571
% Rural	75%
% with MOUD Services	68%
% Utilizing Telehealth	100%

KY Patients

Children	204,312
Older adults	84,541
Patients experiencing homelessness	35,062
Veterans	9,577
Agricultural workers	4,527
Total patients	672,963

KY Services and Staff

Physicians	235
NPs/PAs/CNMs	470
Nurses	662
Behavioral Health Specialists	374
Pharmacy	276
Dental	231
Vision	20
Enabling Services	365
Other	15
Total FTEs*	5,346

	Health Center Population	State Population
Below Poverty Level	37%	16%
Uninsured	11%	5%
Medicaid	45%	28%
Medicare	13%	20%
Dually Eligible	3%	
Private Insurance	30%	63%

*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.