



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 Nebraska

NE Health Centers

Total Health Centers	7
Service Delivery Sites	84
% Rural	57%
% with MOUD Services	86%
% Utilizing Telehealth	86%

NE Patients

Children	38,317
Older adults	9,591
Patients experiencing homelessness	7,491
Veterans	1,200
Agricultural workers	2,441
Total patients	121,271

NE Services and Staff

Physicians	37
NPs/PAs/CNMs	79
Nurses	86
Behavioral Health Specialists	65
Pharmacy	34
Dental	97
Vision	0
Enabling Services	151
Other	1
Total FTEs*	1,184

	Health Center Population	State Population
Below Poverty Level	46%	10%
Uninsured	33%	6%
Medicaid	40%	16%
Medicare	6%	18%
Dually Eligible	2%	
Private Insurance	21%	74%

*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.