



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 New Mexico

NM Health Centers

Total Health Centers	19
Service Delivery Sites	247
% Rural	58%
% with MOUD Services	79%
% Utilizing Telehealth	100%

NM Patients

Children	60,300
Older adults	66,355
Patients experiencing homelessness	16,972
Veterans	6,577
Agricultural workers	19,311
Total patients	327,557

NM Services and Staff

Physicians	112
NPs/PAs/CNMs	212
Nurses	136
Behavioral Health Specialists	462
Pharmacy	101
Dental	317
Vision	4
Enabling Services	329
Other	9
Total FTEs*	3,685

	Health Center Population	State Population
Below Poverty Level	40%	17%
Uninsured	20%	9%
Medicaid	39%	34%
Medicare	17%	22%
Dually Eligible	4%	
Private Insurance	23%	54%

*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.