



## 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 Texas

### TX Health Centers

Total Health Centers	73
Service Delivery Sites	694
% Rural	44%
% with MOUD Services	36%
% Utilizing Telehealth	100%

### TX Patients

Children	646,376
Older adults	156,602
Patients experiencing homelessness	75,942
Veterans	17,166
Agricultural workers	20,355
Total patients	1,805,181

### TX Services and Staff

		Health Center Population	State Population	
Physicians				
NPs/PAs/CNMs	820			
Nurses	878			
Behavioral Health Specialists	920			
Pharmacy	766			
Dental	509			
Vision	763			
Enabling Services	47			
Other	1,508			
Total FTEs*	15,605			
		Below Poverty Level	47%	13%
		Uninsured	34%	16%
		Medicaid	34%	16%
		Medicare	7%	15%
		Dually Eligible	2%	
		Private Insurance	23%	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.