

Economic Impact of Community Health Centers in Georgia

COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS IN GEORGIA

- Georgia is home to 35 Community Health Centers and 384 delivery sites. See **Figure 1** for a map of all Community Health Center sites in the state.
- In 2021, clinicians at Community Health Centers in Georgia treated nearly 770,000 patients in more than 2.1 million visits for primary care as well as dental, vision, mental health, and substance abuse.

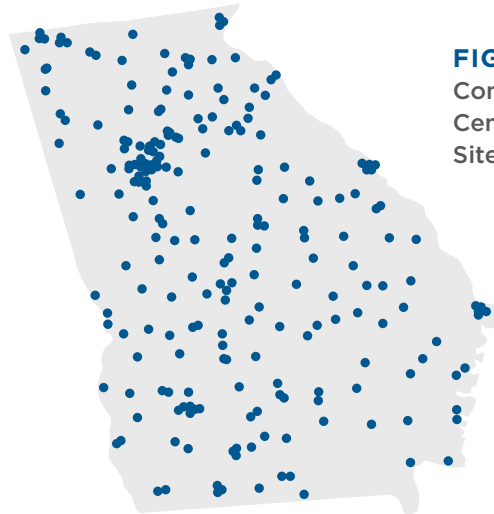


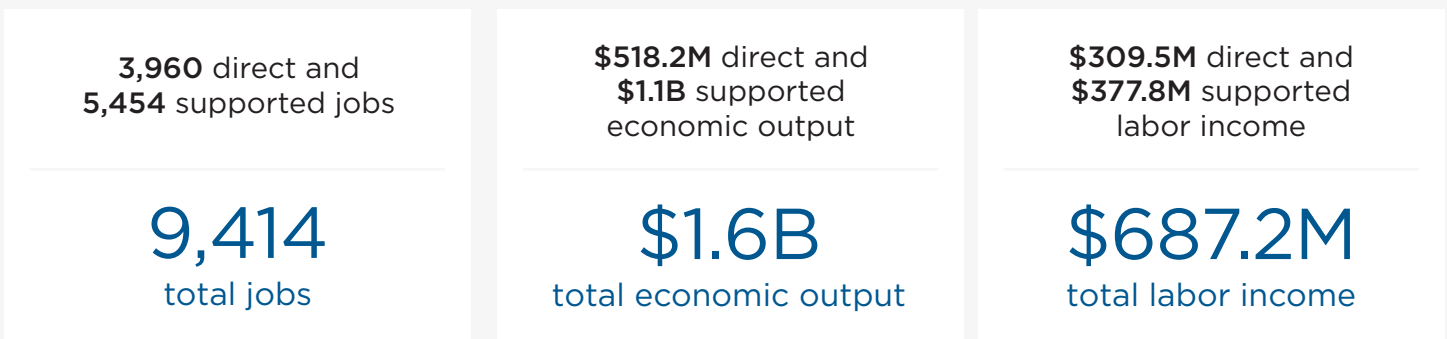
FIGURE 1.
Community Health Center Delivery Sites, 2021

ANALYSIS OF COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER IMPACT IN GEORGIA

Many empirical studies have shown that Community Health Centers have positive effects for patients and yield cost savings by reducing the need for other healthcare services. In addition to these benefits, Community Health Centers positively impact the economies in which they operate by employing workers and supporting additional jobs and economic activity in the area.

According to a Matrix Global Advisors (MGA) analysis, which quantifies the direct and indirect economic impact of Community Health Centers in Georgia, these centers supported 9,414 jobs, \$1.6 billion in economic output, and \$687.2 million in labor income in the state in 2021 (see **Figure 2**). For results by congressional district, see **Table 1** on the next page.

FIGURE 2. Economic Impact of Community Health Centers in Georgia



Note: Totals may differ from sum of numbers due to rounding.

DATA AND METHODOLOGY

This analysis was conducted by MGA using input-output models, built by IMPLAN, of Georgia and its 14 congressional districts. IMPLAN models are widely used across government, academia, nonprofit, and corporate settings. Drawing on publicly available historical economic data, the models project economic indicators (e.g., production and employment levels) by industry. Data from the Health Resources and Services Administration on actual Community Health Center expenses in 2021 serve as inputs to the IMPLAN models.

For a more detailed description of data and methodology as well as national and state-level results, see the full MGA report.

About Community Health Centers

The federal Health Center Program supports qualified community healthcare facilities providing care for medically underserved areas or populations. Federally qualified Community Health Centers, which have been shown to provide vital and cost-efficient healthcare, serve an ever-increasing number of patients, with the majority at or near the federal poverty level. The patient population now totals more than 30 million, but federal funding has not kept pace with the increase in patients or the rise in inflation.

TABLE 1. Economic Impact of Community Health Centers in Georgia’s Congressional Districts

DISTRICT	Employment			Economic Output (\$ Millions)			Labor Income (\$ Millions)		
	Direct	Supported	Total	Direct	Supported	Total	Direct	Supported	Total
GA-01	380	402	782	\$50.1	\$78.9	\$129.0	\$30.8	\$26.4	\$57.2
GA-02	782	611	1,393	\$105.0	\$124.8	\$229.8	\$59.7	\$41.1	\$100.8
GA-03	100	238	338	\$12.4	\$47.4	\$59.8	\$7.6	\$15.4	\$23.1
GA-04	152	324	476	\$19.0	\$63.9	\$82.9	\$10.6	\$22.1	\$32.7
GA-05	478	713	1,191	\$66.3	\$154.7	\$220.9	\$35.8	\$54.2	\$90.0
GA-06	70	368	438	\$8.9	\$78.5	\$87.5	\$5.6	\$27.8	\$33.4
GA-07	109	339	448	\$14.7	\$69.1	\$83.8	\$8.7	\$24.4	\$33.0
GA-08	411	383	794	\$50.3	\$77.6	\$127.9	\$28.6	\$25.1	\$53.7
GA-09	221	332	553	\$30.2	\$66.1	\$96.3	\$19.6	\$22.0	\$41.7
GA-10	285	334	619	\$38.5	\$67.7	\$106.3	\$25.8	\$21.9	\$47.7
GA-11	163	330	494	\$21.3	\$66.4	\$87.7	\$14.4	\$22.8	\$37.2
GA-12	528	456	983	\$66.5	\$93.7	\$160.2	\$41.9	\$30.5	\$72.4
GA-13	76	349	425	\$10.4	\$73.0	\$83.4	\$5.9	\$25.7	\$31.7
GA-14	206	274	480	\$24.5	\$57.8	\$82.3	\$14.4	\$18.4	\$32.8
TOTAL	3,960	5,454	9,414	\$518.2	\$1,119.6	\$1,637.8	\$309.5	\$377.8	\$687.2

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