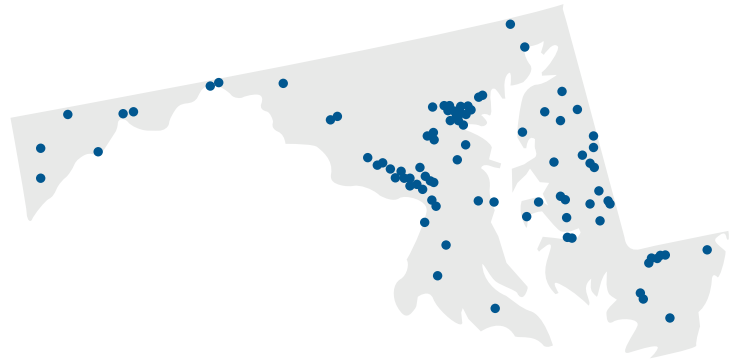# Economic Impact of Community Health Centers in Maryland

COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS IN MARYLAND

- Maryland is home to 17 Community Health Centers and 149 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 Maryland treated nearly 410,000 patients in 1.4 million visits for primary care as well as dental, vision, mental health, and substance abuse.

FIGURE 1. Community Health Center Delivery Sites, 2021
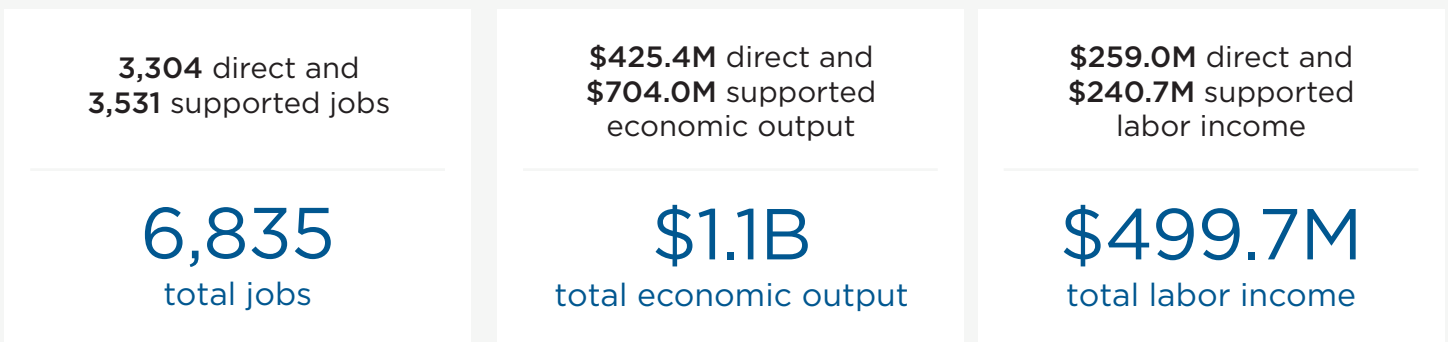

ANALYSIS OF COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER IMPACT IN MARYLAND

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 Maryland, these centers supported 6,835 jobs, $1.1 billion in economic output, and $499.7 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 Maryland

3,304 direct and **3,531** supported jobs

6,835
total jobs

$425.4M direct and **$704.0M** supported economic output

$1.1B
total economic output

$259.0M direct and **$240.7M** supported labor income

$499.7M
total labor income

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

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DATA AND METHODOLOGY

This analysis was conducted by MGA using input-output models, built by IMPLAN, of Maryland and its eight 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 Maryland's Congressional Districts

DISTRICT	Employment			Economic Output ($ Millions)			Labor Income ($ Millions)		
	Direct	Supported	Total	Direct	Supported	Total	Direct	Supported	Total
MD-01	780	610	1,389	$94.2	$122.7	$216.9	$57.0	$40.4	$97.3
MD-02	132	304	436	$17.3	$58.5	$75.8	$11.4	$20.5	$31.9
MD-03	265	396	662	$34.6	$79.6	$114.2	$25.8	$27.8	$53.6
MD-04	356	355	710	$43.6	$68.1	$111.7	$24.8	$23.3	$48.2
MD-05	160	257	417	$20.2	$48.8	$69.1	$11.7	$16.9	$28.6
MD-06	362	413	775	$44.5	$83.0	$127.5	$24.5	$28.3	$52.9
MD-07	1,044	829	1,873	$146.4	$168.1	$314.5	$89.7	$57.2	$146.9
MD-08	205	368	573	$24.5	$75.2	$99.7	$14.1	$26.3	$40.4
TOTAL	3,304	3,531	6,835	$425.4	$704.0	$1,129.4	$259.0	$240.7	$499.7

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

ABOUT MGA

MGA is an economic consulting firm in Washington, DC, specializing in fiscal, healthcare, and tax policy. More information about MGA can be found at www.GetMGA.com.

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