

Economic Impact of Community Health Centers in South Carolina

COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS IN SOUTH CAROLINA

- South Carolina is home to 23 Community Health Centers and 281 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 South Carolina treated nearly 540,000 patients in nearly 1.9 million visits for primary care as well as dental, vision, mental health, and substance abuse.

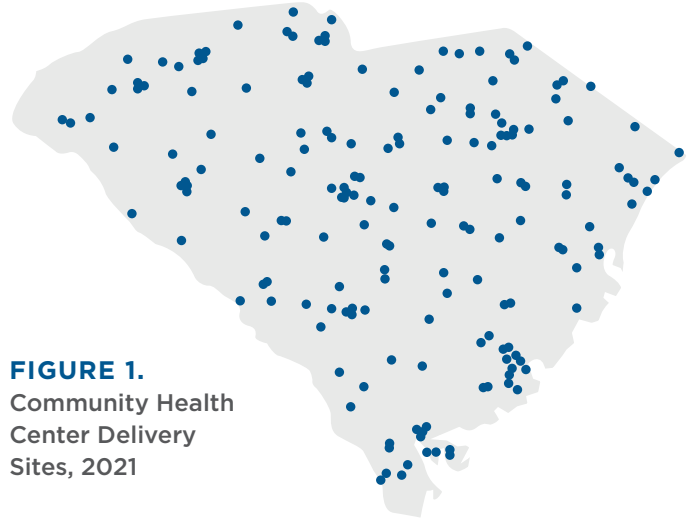


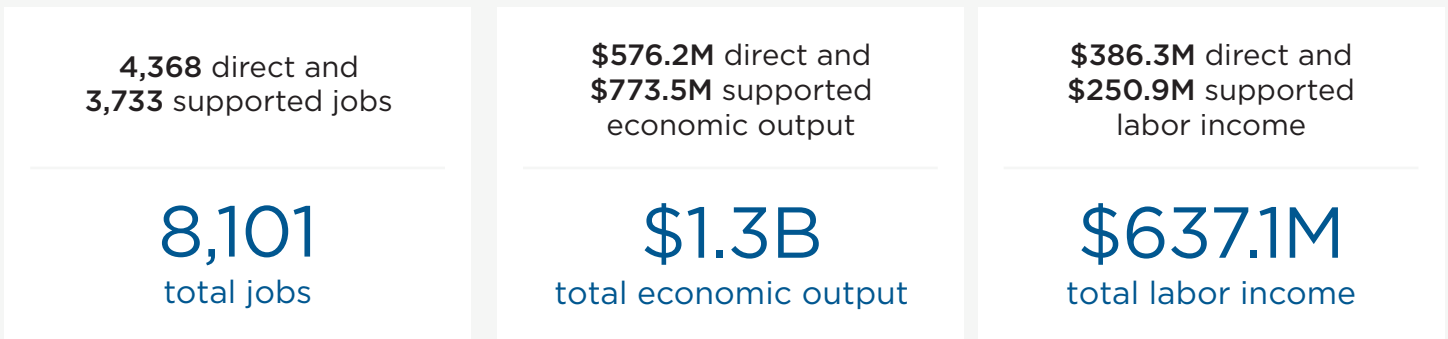
FIGURE 1.
Community Health Center Delivery Sites, 2021

ANALYSIS OF COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER IMPACT IN SOUTH CAROLINA

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 South Carolina, these centers supported 8,101 jobs, \$1.3 billion in economic output, and \$637.1 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 South Carolina



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 South Carolina and its seven 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 South Carolina’s Congressional Districts

DISTRICT	Employment			Economic Output (\$ Millions)			Labor Income (\$ Millions)		
	Direct	Supported	Total	Direct	Supported	Total	Direct	Supported	Total
SC-01	207	314	521	\$27.0	\$63.2	\$90.2	\$17.7	\$20.9	\$38.6
SC-02	432	440	872	\$57.5	\$94.0	\$151.5	\$39.5	\$29.8	\$69.3
SC-03	374	353	727	\$44.9	\$74.9	\$119.7	\$30.7	\$23.4	\$54.1
SC-04	312	432	744	\$42.6	\$89.3	\$131.8	\$30.3	\$29.3	\$59.6
SC-05	494	436	930	\$66.3	\$91.3	\$157.6	\$46.4	\$30.0	\$76.4
SC-06	1,180	851	2,031	\$155.1	\$176.2	\$331.3	\$100.9	\$57.4	\$158.3
SC-07	1,368	908	2,276	\$182.9	\$184.7	\$367.6	\$120.8	\$60.2	\$181.0
TOTAL	4,368	3,733	8,101	\$576.2	\$773.5	\$1,349.7	\$386.3	\$250.9	\$637.1

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