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** and patient-centered health care organizations that provide **cost-effective primary care** in **medically underserved communities**. Health centers provide care to all patients regardless of income and insurance status by offering services on a **sliding-fee scale**. Health centers **improve access to primary care** and 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 drivers of health**. Health centers...

- Serve as the health care home for over **30 million patients** in over **14,000 communities** across the country
- Reduce health care costs, **saving** an average of **24% per Medicaid patient** compared to other providers
- **Integrate medical, specialty and social services** such as mental health, substance use treatment, oral health, case management, translation services, transportation, and employment services
- Create **270,000 jobs** and generate an estimated **$84.8 billion in total economic activity** in local communities
- Provide care to **389,000 veterans**, **1.3 million** patients experiencing homelessness, **3.3 million** adults over age 65, and **1 in 8 children**

Health Centers in Connecticut

CT Health Centers

Total Grantees	16
Service Delivery Sites	371
% Rural	12%
% with MAT Services	75%
% Utilizing Telehealth	100%

CT Services and Staff

Physicians	250
NPs/PAs/CNMs	290
Nurses	452
Behavioral Health Specialists	777
Pharmacy	15
Dental	209
Vision	2
Enabling Services	324
Other	35
Total FTEs*	4,543

CT Patients

Children	132,665
Older adults	35,007
Patients experiencing homelessness	12,774
Veterans	2,150
Agricultural workers	2,536
Racial/ethnic minority	216,831
Total patients	409,362

	Health Center Population	State Population
Income < 100% FPL	65%	10%
Income 101-200% FPL	26%	12%
Uninsured	16%	5%
Medicaid	61%	23%
Medicare	7%	14%
Dually Eligible	6%	
Private Insurance	15%	57%

CT Health Center Economic Impact

Health centers in CT created **8,087 jobs** and generated **$1,322,940,773 in total economic activity** in 2021.