



## 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 Maine

### ME Health Centers

Total Grantees	18
Service Delivery Sites	175
% Rural	89%
% with MAT Services	83%
% Utilizing Telehealth	100%

### ME Patients

Children	38,109
Older adults	46,010
Patients experiencing homelessness	6,343
Veterans	11,048
Agricultural workers	1,985
Racial/ethnic minority	13,697
Total patients	195,803

### ME Services and Staff

Physicians	91
NPs/PAs/CNMs	174
Nurses	63
Behavioral Health Specialists	127
Pharmacy	52
Dental	123
Vision	14
Enabling Services	127
Other	26
Total FTEs*	2,089

	Health Center Population	State Population
Income < 100% FPL	35%	10%
Income 101-200% FPL	33%	11%
Uninsured	12%	5%
Medicaid	27%	20%
Medicare	24%	18%
Dually Eligible	8%	
Private Insurance	37%	55%

### ME Health Center Economic Impact

Health centers in ME created **3,592 jobs** and generated **\$575,074,816 in total economic activity** in 2021.

**Notes:** State data include only health centers receiving Health Center Program Section 330 grants. **Sources:** 2021 Uniform Data System, BPHC, HRSA, DHHS. 2021 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates, U.S. Census Bureau. Detailed sources are available at <http://www.nachc.org/research-and-data/state-level-data-maps/>.