



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 Rhode Island

RI Health Centers

Total Grantees	8
Service Delivery Sites	58
% Rural	12%
% with MAT Services	100%
% Utilizing Telehealth	100%

RI Patients

Children	48,815
Older adults	18,882
Patients experiencing homelessness	4,232
Veterans	2,073
Agricultural workers	1,090
Racial/ethnic minority	71,665
Total patients	189,496

RI Services and Staff

Physicians	101
NPs/PAs/CNMs	134
Nurses	193
Behavioral Health Specialists	165
Pharmacy	10
Dental	190
Vision	11
Enabling Services	169
Other	2
Total FTEs*	2,019

	Health Center Population	State Population
Income < 100% FPL	62%	12%
Income 101-200% FPL	27%	14%
Uninsured	10%	4%
Medicaid	55%	24%
Medicare	11%	15%
Dually Eligible	3%	
Private Insurance	24%	56%

RI Health Center Economic Impact

Health centers in RI created **3,408 jobs** and generated **\$545,695,190 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/>.