



## 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 **285,000 jobs** and generate an estimated **\$85 billion in total economic activity** in local communities
- Provide care to **400,000 veterans, 1.4 million** patients experiencing homelessness, **3.6 million** adults over age 65, and **8.8 million children**

## Health Centers in the United States

### US Health Centers

Total Grantees	1370
Service Delivery Sites	14987
% Rural	
% with MAT Services	
% Utilizing Telehealth	

### US Patients

Children	8,824,109
Older adults	3,555,258
Patients experiencing homelessness	1,357,683
Veterans	395,216
Agricultural workers	991,558
Racial/ethnic minority	15,008,481
Total patients	30,517,276

### US Staff

Physicians	15,206
NPs/PAs/CNMs	16,670
Nurses	21,142
Behavioral Health Specialists	18,765
Pharmacy	7,835
Dental	19,302
Vision	1,108
Enabling Services	27,410
Other	2,284
Total FTEs*	284,507

	Health Center Population	State Population
Income < 100% FPL	45%	13%
Income < 200% FPL	16%	16%
Uninsured	19%	8%
Medicaid	50%	21%
Medicare	11%	15%
Dually Eligible	4%	
Private Insurance	20%	55%

## US Health Center Economic Impact

Health centers in US created **508,412 jobs** and generated **\$84,795,916,439 in total economic activity** in 2021.

**Notes:** State data include only health centers receiving Health Center Program Section 330 grants. \*FTEs = Full-Time Equivalent. States with fewer than 1% dually-eligible patients may appear blank. **Sources:** 2022 Uniform Data System, BPHC, HRSA, DHHS. 2022 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/>.