



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

- Serve as the health care home for nearly **32.5 million patients** in over **16,000 communities** across the country
- **Integrate medical, specialty and social services** such as mental health, substance use treatment, oral health, case management, translation services, transportation, and employment services
- Reduce health care costs, **saving** an average of **24% per Medicaid patient** compared to other providers
- Create **340,000 jobs** and generate an estimated **\$118.4 billion in total economic impact** in local communities
- Provide care to **419,000 veterans**, **1.4 million** patients experiencing homelessness, **3.8 million** adults over age 65, and **1 in 9 children**.

Health Centers in Arkansas

AR Health Centers

Total Health Centers	12
Service Delivery Sites	239
% Rural	75%
% with MOUD Services	50%
% Utilizing Telehealth	100%

AR Patients

Children	75,741
Older adults	45,837
Patients experiencing homelessness	9,159
Veterans	4,560
Agricultural workers	1,560
Total patients	321,236

AR Services and Staff

Physicians	97
NPs/PAs/CNMs	283
Nurses	393
Behavioral Health Specialists	135
Pharmacy	96
Dental	107
Vision	1
Enabling Services	253
Other	17
Total FTEs*	2,953

	Health Center Population	State Population
Below Poverty Level	30%	15%
Uninsured	17%	9%
Medicaid	37%	26%
Medicare	15%	20%
Dually Eligible	4%	
Private Insurance	31%	60%

*FTEs = Full Time Equivalents **Notes:** Data includes health centers receiving Health Center Program Section 330 grants and Look-Alikes. **Sources:** 2023 Uniform Data System, BPHC, HRSA, DHHS. 2023 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates, U.S. Census Bureau.