



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 Missouri

MO Health Centers

Total Health Centers	29
Service Delivery Sites	433
% Rural	66%
% with MOUD Services	76%
% Utilizing Telehealth	100%

MO Patients

Children	211,620
Older adults	65,506
Patients experiencing homelessness	23,299
Veterans	13,016
Agricultural workers	2,335
Total patients	648,413

MO Services and Staff

Physicians	206
NPs/PAs/CNMs	271
Nurses	463
Behavioral Health Specialists	874
Pharmacy	102
Dental	909
Vision	21
Enabling Services	692
Other	27
Total FTEs*	6,513

	Health Center Population	State Population
Below Poverty Level	45%	12%
Uninsured	16%	8%
Medicaid	53%	18%
Medicare	10%	20%
Dually Eligible	4%	
Private Insurance	21%	68%

*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.