



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 New York

NY Health Centers

Total Health Centers	71
Service Delivery Sites	855
% Rural	17%
% with MOUD Services	73%
% Utilizing Telehealth	99%

NY Patients

Children	685,532
Older adults	283,415
Patients experiencing homelessness	104,514
Veterans	23,018
Agricultural workers	32,119
Total patients	2,425,313

NY Services and Staff

Physicians	1,444
NPs/PAs/CNMs	1,140
Nurses	2,2025
Behavioral Health Specialists	1,543
Pharmacy	200
Dental	1,355
Vision	135
Enabling Services	2,043
Other	321
Total FTEs*	21,698

	Health Center Population	State Population
Below Poverty Level	47%	14%
Uninsured	12%	5%
Medicaid	54%	29%
Medicare	12%	20%
Dually Eligible	6%	
Private Insurance	20%	65%

*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.