



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 Ohio

OH Health Centers

Total Health Centers	58
Service Delivery Sites	495
% Rural	34%
% with MOUD Services	60%
% Utilizing Telehealth	100%

OH Patients

Children	259,790
Older adults	109,535
Patients experiencing homelessness	35,335
Veterans	14,316
Agricultural workers	6,029
Total patients	958,823

OH Services and Staff

Physicians	293
NPs/PAs/CNMs	560
Nurses	876
Behavioral Health Specialists	1,321
Pharmacy	367
Dental	645
Vision	60
Enabling Services	1,016
Other	36
Total FTEs*	9,113

	Health Center Population	State Population
Below Poverty Level	42%	13%
Uninsured	12%	6%
Medicaid	52%	22%
Medicare	13%	20%
Dually Eligible	5%	
Private Insurance	23%	67%

*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.