



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 West Virginia

WV Health Centers

Total Health Centers	31
Service Delivery Sites	456
% Rural	94%
% with MOUD Services	68%
% Utilizing Telehealth	97%

WV Patients

Children	132,669
Older adults	105,759
Patients experiencing homelessness	13,276
Veterans	11,827
Agricultural workers	1,156
Total patients	561,900

WV Services and Staff

Physicians	228
NPs/PAs/CNMs	460
Nurses	657
Behavioral Health Specialists	342
Pharmacy	263
Dental	202
Vision	13
Enabling Services	274
Other	16
Total FTEs*	4,827

	Health Center Population	State Population
Below Poverty Level	29%	16%
Uninsured	9%	6%
Medicaid	34%	26%
Medicare	19%	25%
Dually Eligible	4%	
Private Insurance	38%	63%

*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.