



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 Wisconsin

WI Health Centers

Total Health Centers	18
Service Delivery Sites	233
% Rural	28%
% with MOUD Services	61%
% Utilizing Telehealth	100%

WI Patients

Children	98,163
Older adults	29,083
Patients experiencing homelessness	4,229
Veterans	3,190
Agricultural workers	1,367
Total patients	281,930

WI Services and Staff

Physicians	69
NPs/PAs/CNMs	101
Nurses	82
Behavioral Health Specialists	235
Pharmacy	46
Dental	541
Vision	3
Enabling Services	298
Other	38
Total FTEs*	2,810

	Health Center Population	State Population
Below Poverty Level	51%	10%
Uninsured	21%	5%
Medicaid	55%	19%
Medicare	10%	20%
Dually Eligible	5%	
Private Insurance	14%	73%

*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.