

## What are Health Centers?

Community, Migrant, Homeless, Public Housing, and other Health Center Program grantees are **non-profit, community-directed providers** that remove common barriers to care by serving communities who otherwise confront financial, geographic, language, cultural and other barriers. Known as health centers, they:

- are **located in high-need areas** identified as having elevated poverty, higher than average infant mortality, and where few physicians practice;
- are **open to all residents**, regardless of insurance status or ability to pay;
- **tailor services** to fit the special needs and priorities of their communities, and provide services in a linguistically and culturally appropriate manner;
- provide **comprehensive primary and other health care services**, including services that help their patients access care, such as transportation, translation, and case management;
- **provide high quality care**, reducing health disparities and improving patient outcomes;<sup>1</sup> and
- are **cost effective**, reducing costly emergency, hospital, and specialty care, and **saving the health care system \$24 billion a year nationally.**<sup>2</sup>

## Pennsylvania Federally-Supported Health Centers, 2014

Number of Grantee Organizations	42
Percent with Electronic Health Record System Installed <sup>3</sup>	90%
Percent with Patient Centered Medical Home Recognition <sup>3</sup>	52%
Number of Delivery Sites	238
Total Patients	696,721
Percent Growth in Number of Patients since 2010	13%
Percent of Patients Served by Rural Organizations	44%
Number of Migrant/Seasonal Farmworker Patients	5,329
Number of Homeless Patients	22,408
Number of Veterans Served	10,264

## Population Characteristics<sup>4</sup>

	<u>Health Center Population</u>	<u>State Population</u>	<u>US Population</u>
Percent <b>at or Below 100% of Poverty</b>	70%	13%	15%
Percent <b>Under 200% of Poverty</b>	93%	29%	34%
Percent <b>Uninsured</b>	23%	8%	10%
Percent <b>Medicaid</b>	44%	17%	19%
Percent <b>Medicare</b>	11%	15%	13%
Percent <b>Hispanic/Latino</b>	15%	7%	17%
Percent <b>African American</b>	30%	12%	13%
Percent <b>Asian/Pacific Islander</b>	4%	3%	6%
Percent <b>American Indian/Alaska Native</b>	0%	0%	1%
Percent <b>White</b>	51%	83%	77%

# Pennsylvania Health Center Fact Sheet, 2014

## Patient Visits and Patients by Selected Primary Diagnoses and Services<sup>5</sup>

	<u>Patient Visits</u>	<u>Patients</u>
<i>Medical Conditions</i>		
Hypertension	255,544	105,271
Diabetes mellitus	165,356	54,278
Heart Disease	49,109	21,609
Asthma	67,682	37,935
Depression and Other Mood Disorders	143,993	55,862
Anxiety and PTSD	82,598	33,779
Substance Abuse	89,639	N/A
Other Mental Disorders	70,950	N/A
<i>Preventive Services</i>		
Health Supervision Ages 0-11	116,316	72,432
Immunizations	205,753	N/A
Oral Dental Exams	153,770	116,689
Pap Test	43,271	40,274
Mammogram	12,593	11,359
Hepatitis B and C Test	33,125	27,744
HIV Test	47,011	41,524

## Health Center Staff and Related Patient Visit<sup>6</sup>

	<u>FTE</u>	<u>Patient Visits</u>
Physicians	287.9	959,847
NPs/PAs/CNMs	235.5	618,989
Nurses	371.4	22,430
Dentists	107.4	291,490
Dental Hygienists	66.7	95,806
Mental Health Specialists	221.3	239,867
Pharmacy	33.2	N/A
Total Enabling Services	314.7	84,469
Vision	3.4	2,219
Other Staff	2,535.1	44,359
<b>Total Staff</b>	<b>4,176.5</b>	<b>2,359,476</b>

## Percent of Health Centers with Staff to Provide Select Services Onsite<sup>7</sup>

<i>Clinical Services</i>	
General Primary Medical Care	100%
Preventive Dental Care	76%
Mental Health and/or Substance Abuse Treatment Counseling	76%
Vision	10%
Pharmacy	36%
<i>Enabling Services</i>	
Case Management	71%
Eligibility Assistance	100%
Health Education	57%
Interpretation/Translation Services	29%
Transportation	19%
Outreach	57%

## Health Center Costs of Care<sup>8</sup>

### *Average Cost per Patient*

Medical Costs per Medical Patient	\$407
Dental Costs per Dental Patient	\$343
Total Cost per Total Patient	\$615

### *Average Cost per Patient Visit*

Medical Cost per Medical Patient Visit	\$151
Dental Costs per Dental Patient Visit	\$146
Mental Health and Substance Abuse Costs per Mental Health and Substance Abuse Health Patient Visits	\$124

Note: Data reflected in this fact sheet may underreport the true volume of care delivered by health centers. In this document, unless otherwise noted, the term "health centers" refers to organizations that receive grants under the Health Center Program as authorized under section 330 of the Public Health Service Act, as amended. This fact sheet does not include data for those health centers that do not receive Health Center Program grants. This includes those entities known as Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) "Look-Alikes." In 2014 there were 81 FQHC Look-Alikes across the United States.

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