

# America's Health Center Fact Sheet

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Sources:

Statement or Figure	Source
"In 2018, health centers will serve over 28 million patients"	NACHC, July 2018. Based on trends in the Uniform Data System for 2000 – 2017 using data from both federally-funded and look-alike health centers, estimates for annual growth, and national data sources.
Patient demographics (including special populations, insurance coverage, racial/ethnic minority, and income)	2017 Uniform Data System, Bureau of Primary Health Care, HRSA, DHHS.
Counts of health center organizations, sites, and percent rural	2017 Uniform Data System, Bureau of Primary Health Care, HRSA, DHHS.
Health center penetration into selected populations, predicated with "Health Centers Reach:"	1. Health Center Program Fact Sheet. August 2018. Bureau of Primary Health Care, DHHS, HRSA. 2. Community Health Center Chartbook. June 2018. Figure 1.1. Based on NACHC analysis of 2016 Uniform Data System; Total Monthly Medicaid and CHIP Enrollment, December 2016. Kaiser Family Foundation; Health Insurance Coverage in the United States, 2016. September 2017. U.S. Census Bureau.
Self-reported diabetes and hypertension prevalence	Community Health Center Chartbook. June 2018. Based on NACHC analysis of: 1. 2014 Health Centers Patient Survey. Bureau of Primary Health Care, HRSA, DHHS. 2. Kaiser Family Foundation. Health Status Indicators. 2015.
Rates of diabetes and hypertension control	Community Health Center Chartbook. June 2018. Figure 1.11. Based on: 1. 2016 Uniform Data System, Bureau of Primary Health Care, HRSA, DHHS. 2. Fryar CD, Ostchega Y, Hales CM, Zhang G, Kruszon-Moran D. Hypertension prevalence and control among adults: United States, 2015– 2016. NCHS data brief, no 289. Hyattsville, MD: National Center for Health Statistics. 2017. 3. National Committee for Quality Assurance. Comprehensive Diabetes Care, The State of Health Care Quality (2016).

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<p>“Health centers perform better on ambulatory care quality measures compared to private physicians &amp; are narrowing health disparities”</p>	<p>For more on this topic, see:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. NACHC annotated bibliographies of “Studies of Health Center Quality of Care” (2017).</li> <li>2. Community Health Center Chartbook. June 2018. NACHC. Note: Section 3 of the chartbook is dedicated to high quality health care and reducing health disparities.</li> </ol>
<p>Number of full-time equivalent staff at health centers and patient visits</p>	<p>2017 Uniform Data System, Bureau of Primary Health Care, HRSA, DHHS.</p>
<p>“Health centers create \$45.6 billion in total economic activity each year”</p>	<p>Capital Link. Infographic: Health Centers Have a Powerful National Impact. 2016.</p>
<p>“Health Centers Save The Health Care System \$24 Billion Annually”</p>	<p>Ku et al. Using Primary Care to Bend the Curve: Estimating the Impact of a Health Center Expansion on Health Care Costs. GWU Department of Health Policy. Policy Research Brief NO. 14. September 2009.</p>
<p>Average daily cost of care comparison</p>	<p>Community Health Center Chartbook. June 2018. Figure 4.1. Based on NACHC analysis of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 2014 Uniform Data System, Bureau of Primary Health Care, HRSA, DHHS.</li> <li>2. Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. Medical Expenditure Survey. Table 8.1a: Office-based Medical Provider Services-Mean and Median Expenses per Person with Expense and Distribution of Expenses by Source of Payment: United States, 2014. Visits to physicians only.</li> </ol>
<p>Annual savings to Medicaid program per Medicaid patient</p>	<p>Nocon et al. Health Care Use and Spending for Medicaid Enrollees in Federally Qualified Health Centers Versus Other Primary Care Settings. <i>AJPH</i>. November 2016. 106(11): 1981-1989.</p>