

## What are Community Health Centers?

Health centers are consumer-driven and patient-centered organizations that serve as a comprehensive and cost effective primary health care option for America's most underserved communities. Health centers serve everyone regardless of ability to pay or insurance status. They increase access to health care and provide integrated care services based on the unique needs of the communities they serve. Health centers deliver value to and have a significant impact on America's healthcare system. They also:

- Serve as the health care home for more than **28 million patients** in over **11,000 communities** across the country;
- Reduce health care costs and produce savings – on average, health centers save **24% per Medicaid patient** when compared to other providers;
- **Integrate critical medical and social services** such as oral health, mental health, substance abuse, case management, and translation under one roof;
- Employ **over 220,000 people** and **generate at least \$54.6 billion in total economic activity** in some of the nation's most distressed communities;
- Provide care to **1.4 million homeless patients** and more than **350,000 veterans**.

## Health Centers in the United States, 2017

### Health Centers in the US

# of Grantee Organizations	1,373
# of Delivery Sites	11,056
% Grantees with PCMH Recognition	75%
% Grantees w/ Staff Authorized to Prescribe Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) for Opioid Use Disorder	43%
% of Grantees Utilizing Telehealth	44%

### US Health Center Patients

Children Served	8,395,134
Homeless Patients Served	1,361,675
Veterans Served	355,648
Growth in Patients since 2010	40%
<b>Total Patients</b>	<b>27,174,372</b>

	<u>US Health Center Patients</u>	<u>US Residents</u>
% at or Below 100% Poverty	69%	13%
% at or Below 200% Poverty	91%	31%
% Racial/Ethnic Minority	63%	39%
% Uninsured	23%	9%
% Medicare	9%	17%
% Medicaid	49%	17%

### US Health Center Staff Provide a Comprehensive Range of Services

	<u>FTEs</u>
Physicians	12,894
NPs/PAs/CNMs	12,621
Nurses	17,663
Dentists	4,882
Dental Hygienists	2,498
Behavioral Health Specialists	12,064
Pharmacy	4,988
Enabling Services	21,732
Vision	770
Other Staff	79,691
<b>Total Staff</b>	<b>223,840</b>

	<u>Patient Visits</u>
Chronic Conditions	23,857,271
Behavioral Health	24,473,139
Preventive Services	27,485,282
Dental Services	15,666,112
<b>Total Visits</b>	<b>110,420,028</b>

*Did you know that health centers in the United States are economic drivers? **Every \$1 in federal investments generates \$5.73 in economic activity** across the United States. In total, health centers in the United States **deliver \$54.6 billion in economic activity**.*

\* Notes: Dual eligible beneficiaries enrolled in both Medicare and Medicaid are only included in Medicare estimates. "Federal investments" refer solely to Health Center Program Section 330 grants. Sources: 2017 Uniform Data System, BPHC, HRSA, DHHS. US Census Bureau. Leavitt Partners in collaboration with NACHC. Detailed sources are available at <http://www.nachc.org/research-and-data/state-level-data-maps/>.