



## 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 **29 million patients** in over **12,000 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 235,000 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 **385,000 veterans**.

## Health Centers in Georgia, 2018

### Health Centers in GA

# of Grantee Organizations	35
# of Delivery Sites	265
% Rural Grantees	43%
% Grantees w/ Staff Authorized to Prescribe Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) for Opioid Use Disorder	40%
% of Grantees Utilizing Telehealth	54%

### GA Health Center Patients

Children Served	135,305
Homeless Patients Served	18,753
Veterans Served	5,906
Growth in Patients since 2010	77%
<b>Total Patients</b>	<b>551,428</b>

	<u>GA</u> <u>Health Center</u> <u>Patients</u>	<u>GA</u> <u>Residents</u>	<u>U.S.</u> <u>Residents</u>
% at or Below 100% Poverty	68%	14%	13%
% at or Below 200% Poverty	90%	33%	30%
% Racial/Ethnic Minority	65%	48%	40%
% Uninsured	36%	14%	9%
% Medicaid	28%	12%	15%
% Medicare	11%	16%	18%
% Private	25%	66%	68%

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

	<u>FTEs</u>
Physicians	209
NPs/PAs/CNMs	322
Nurses	335
Dentists	49
Dental Hygienists	36
Behavioral Health Specialists	90
Pharmacy	78
Enabling Services	273
Vision	13
Other Staff	1,190
<b>Total Staff</b>	<b>3,287</b>

	<u>Patient Visits</u>
Chronic Conditions	1,220,201
Behavioral Health	315,363
Preventive Services	405,834
Dental Services	140,799
<b>Total Visits</b>	<b>1,741,267</b>

*Did you know that health centers in Georgia are economic drivers? **Every \$1 in federal investments generates \$2.94 in economic activity** across Georgia. In total, health centers in Georgia **deliver \$758.8 million in economic activity**.*