

## 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>

## Alaska Federally-Supported Health Centers, 2014

Number of Grantee Organizations	28
Percent with Electronic Health Record System Installed <sup>3</sup>	89%
Percent with Patient Centered Medical Home Recognition <sup>3</sup>	38%
Number of Delivery Sites	166
Total Patients	108,015
Percent Growth in Number of Patients since 2010	23%
Percent of Patients Served by Rural Organizations	81%
Number of Migrant/Seasonal Farmworker Patients	499
Number of Homeless Patients	2,318
Number of Veterans Served	3,099

## 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>	51%	12%	15%
Percent <b>Under 200% of Poverty</b>	84%	28%	34%
Percent <b>Uninsured</b>	36%	14%	10%
Percent <b>Medicaid</b>	24%	19%	19%
Percent <b>Medicare</b>	9%	8%	13%
Percent <b>Hispanic/Latino</b>	5%	7%	17%
Percent <b>African American</b>	3%	4%	13%
Percent <b>Asian/Pacific Islander</b>	6%	7%	6%
Percent <b>American Indian/Alaska Native</b>	43%	15%	1%
Percent <b>White</b>	40%	67%	77%

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## 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	31,547	14,537
Diabetes mellitus	18,753	6,688
Heart Disease	7,703	3,205
Asthma	5,490	3,515
Depression and Other Mood Disorders	19,937	6,816
Anxiety and PTSD	12,403	4,630
Substance Abuse	21,725	N/A
Other Mental Disorders	12,087	N/A
<i>Preventive Services</i>		
Health Supervision Ages 0-11	9,734	7,062
Immunizations	21,788	N/A
Oral Dental Exams	31,728	25,312
Pap Test	5,860	5,365
Mammogram	3,077	2,916
Hepatitis B and C Test	5,310	5,031
HIV Test	4,085	3,808

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

	<u>FTE</u>	<u>Patient Visits</u>
Physicians	59.1	132,775
NPs/PAs/CNMs	116.2	139,258
Nurses	71.6	10,266
Dentists	34.4	77,805
Dental Hygienists	10.2	10,537
Mental Health Specialists	171.6	35,561
Pharmacy	43.8	N/A
Total Enabling Services	127.8	6,629
Vision	7.3	6,868
Other Staff	1,050.8	117,611
<b>Total Staff</b>	<b>1,692.9</b>	<b>537,310</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	71%
Mental Health and/or Substance Abuse Treatment Counseling	82%
Vision	36%
Pharmacy	39%
<i>Enabling Services</i>	
Case Management	68%
Eligibility Assistance	61%
Health Education	21%
Interpretation/Translation Services	0%
Transportation	14%
Outreach	43%

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

### *Average Cost per Patient*

Medical Costs per Medical Patient	\$896
Dental Costs per Dental Patient	\$646
Total Cost per Total Patient	\$1,838

### *Average Cost per Patient Visit*

Medical Cost per Medical Patient Visit	\$293
Dental Costs per Dental Patient Visit	\$261
Mental Health and Substance Abuse Costs per Mental Health and Substance Abuse Health Patient Visit	\$505

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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