

## 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>

## New Jersey Federally-Supported Health Centers, 2014

Number of Grantee Organizations	20
Percent with Electronic Health Record System Installed <sup>3</sup>	80%
Percent with Patient Centered Medical Home Recognition <sup>3</sup>	61%
Number of Delivery Sites	130
Total Patients	484,410
Percent Growth in Number of Patients since 2010	12%
Percent of Patients Served by Rural Organizations	13%
Number of Migrant/Seasonal Farmworker Patients	12,369
Number of Homeless Patients	23,503
Number of Veterans Served	3,737

## 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>	77%	11%	15%
Percent <b>Under 200% of Poverty</b>	96%	25%	34%
Percent <b>Uninsured</b>	30%	11%	10%
Percent <b>Medicaid</b>	55%	17%	19%
Percent <b>Medicare</b>	5%	13%	13%
Percent <b>Hispanic/Latino</b>	46%	19%	17%
Percent <b>African American</b>	31%	15%	13%
Percent <b>Asian/Pacific Islander</b>	3%	10%	6%
Percent <b>American Indian/Alaska Native</b>	1%	1%	1%
Percent <b>White</b>	59%	73%	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	162,204	62,158
Diabetes mellitus	107,342	33,027
Heart Disease	20,009	8,494
Asthma	44,611	24,681
Depression and Other Mood Disorders	41,372	17,443
Anxiety and PTSD	25,994	11,091
Substance Abuse	37,522	N/A
Other Mental Disorders	41,053	N/A
<i>Preventive Services</i>		
Health Supervision Ages 0-11	131,706	78,276
Immunizations	182,971	N/A
Oral Dental Exams	188,360	124,383
Pap Test	65,336	53,219
Mammogram	6,417	5,781
Hepatitis B and C Test	6,613	5,490
HIV Test	11,729	10,733

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

	<u>FTE</u>	<u>Patient Visits</u>
Physicians	238.2	851,339
NPs/PAs/CNMs	101.9	325,257
Nurses	272.3	59,398
Dentists	106.6	304,772
Dental Hygienists	23.7	37,517
Mental Health Specialists	56.5	56,759
Pharmacy	6.6	N/A
Total Enabling Services	296.9	68,692
Vision	2.0	7,359
Other Staff	1,781.0	33,313
<b>Total Staff</b>	<b>2,885.7</b>	<b>1,744,406</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	90%
Mental Health and/or Substance Abuse Treatment Counseling	70%
Vision	30%
Pharmacy	15%
<i>Enabling Services</i>	
Case Management	85%
Eligibility Assistance	100%
Health Education	55%
Interpretation/Translation Services	30%
Transportation	55%
Outreach	90%

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

### *Average Cost per Patient*

Medical Costs per Medical Patient	\$445
Dental Costs per Dental Patient	\$357
Total Cost per Total Patient	\$580

### *Average Cost per Patient Visit*

Medical Cost per Medical Patient Visit	\$154
Dental Costs per Dental Patient Visit	\$147
Mental Health and Substance Abuse Costs per Mental Health and Substance Abuse Health Patient Visits	\$142

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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