

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;¹ and
- are **cost effective**, reducing costly emergency, hospital, and specialty care, and **saving the health care system \$24 billion a year nationally**.²

New York Federally-Supported Health Centers, 2014

Number of Grantee Organizations	59
Percent with Electronic Health Record System Installed ³	97%
Percent with Patient Centered Medical Home Recognition ³	68%
Number of Delivery Sites	540
Total Patients	1,769,271
Percent Growth in Number of Patients since 2010	25%
Percent of Patients Served by Rural Organizations	25%
Number of Migrant/Seasonal Farmworker Patients	21,120
Number of Homeless Patients	85,302
Number of Veterans Served	13,858

Population Characteristics⁴

	<u>Health Center Population</u>	<u>State Population</u>	<u>US Population</u>
Percent at or Below 100% of Poverty	68%	14%	15%
Percent Under 200% of Poverty	86%	34%	34%
Percent Uninsured	19%	8%	10%
Percent Medicaid	53%	25%	19%
Percent Medicare	8%	12%	13%
Percent Hispanic/Latino	34%	19%	17%
Percent African American	27%	18%	13%
Percent Asian/Pacific Islander	5%	9%	6%
Percent American Indian/Alaska Native	0%	1%	1%
Percent White	35%	70%	77%

New York Health Center Fact Sheet, 2014

Patient Visits and Patients by Selected Primary Diagnoses and Services⁵

	<u>Patient Visits</u>	<u>Patients</u>
<i>Medical Conditions</i>		
Hypertension	679,695	233,197
Diabetes mellitus	521,586	126,700
Heart Disease	138,037	47,984
Asthma	260,618	122,228
Depression and Other Mood Disorders	433,555	106,811
Anxiety and PTSD	287,566	74,272
Substance Abuse	484,172	N/A
Other Mental Disorders	347,557	N/A
<i>Preventive Services</i>		
Health Supervision Ages 0-11	359,863	229,789
Immunizations	638,185	N/A
Oral Dental Exams	433,301	320,291
Pap Test	170,721	157,921
Mammogram	56,159	48,814
Hepatitis B and C Test	149,850	135,223
HIV Test	231,870	203,464

Health Center Staff and Related Patient Visit⁶

	<u>FTE</u>	<u>Patient Visits</u>
Physicians	1,127.5	3,677,759
NPs/PAs/CNMs	617.4	1,606,440
Nurses	1,439.6	258,998
Dentists	355.2	822,375
Dental Hygienists	130.3	189,244
Mental Health Specialists	551.5	641,697
Pharmacy	23.1	N/A
Total Enabling Services	1,224.0	480,568
Vision	70.1	115,990
Other Staff	7,628.9	418,294
Total Staff	13,167.6	8,211,365

Percent of Health Centers with Staff to Provide Select Services Onsite⁷

<i>Clinical Services</i>	
General Primary Medical Care	100%
Preventive Dental Care	88%
Mental Health and/or Substance Abuse Treatment Counseling	90%
Vision	44%
Pharmacy	12%
<i>Enabling Services</i>	
Case Management	86%
Eligibility Assistance	73%
Health Education	69%
Interpretation/Translation Services	19%
Transportation	25%
Outreach	78%

Health Center Costs of Care⁸

Average Cost per Patient

Medical Costs per Medical Patient	\$630
Dental Costs per Dental Patient	\$430
Total Cost per Total Patient	\$861

Average Cost per Patient Visit

Medical Cost per Medical Patient Visit	\$177
Dental Costs per Dental Patient Visit	\$175
Mental Health and Substance Abuse Costs per Mental Health and Substance Abuse Health Patient Visits	\$130

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.

For sources and endnotes visit http://www.nachc.com/client//StateFS_Sources.pdf. For more information, email research@nachc.com or visit www.chcanys.org.