

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 Alabama, 2018

Health Centers in AL

# of Grantee Organizations	15
# of Delivery Sites	144
% Rural Grantees	47%
% Grantees w/ Staff Authorized to Prescribe Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) for Opioid Use Disorder	33%
% of Grantees Utilizing Telehealth	53%

AL Health Center Patients

Children Served	86,188
Homeless Patients Served	19,585
Veterans Served	3,367
Growth in Patients since 2010	10%
Total Patients	340,243

	<u>AL</u> <u>Health Center</u> <u>Patients</u>	<u>AL</u> <u>Residents</u>	<u>U.S.</u> <u>Residents</u>
% at or Below 100% Poverty	83%	17%	13%
% at or Below 200% Poverty	96%	37%	30%
% Racial/Ethnic Minority	60%	35%	40%
% Uninsured	45%	10%	9%
% Medicaid	28%	14%	15%
% Medicare	9%	20%	18%
% Private	17%	67%	68%

AL Health Center Staff Provide a Comprehensive Range of Services

	<u>FTEs</u>
Physicians	153
NPs/PAs/CNMs	168
Nurses	226
Dentists	38
Dental Hygienists	23
Behavioral Health Specialists	52
Pharmacy	37
Enabling Services	139
Vision	17
Other Staff	737
Total Staff	2,034

	<u>Patient Visits</u>
Chronic Conditions	577,071
Behavioral Health	152,180
Preventive Services	240,511
Dental Services	118,861
Total Visits	1,152,199

*Did you know that health centers in Alabama are economic drivers? **Every \$1 in federal investments generates \$2.34 in economic activity** across Alabama. In total, health centers in Alabama **deliver \$361.6 million 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:** 2018 Uniform Data System, BPHC, HRSA, DHHS. 2018 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates, U.S. Census Bureau. Leavitt Partners in collaboration with NACHC. Detailed sources are available at <http://www.nachc.org/research-and-data/state-level-data-maps/>.