

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 Massachusetts, 2018

Health Centers in MA

# of Grantee Organizations	39
# of Delivery Sites	276
% Rural Grantees	21%
% Grantees w/ Staff Authorized to Prescribe Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) for Opioid Use Disorder	82%
% of Grantees Utilizing Telehealth	33%

MA Health Center Patients

Children Served	173,892
Homeless Patients Served	35,257
Veterans Served	9,409
Growth in Patients since 2010	35%
Total Patients	792,505

	<u>MA</u> <u>Health Center</u> <u>Patients</u>	<u>MA</u> <u>Residents</u>	<u>U.S.</u> <u>Residents</u>
% at or Below 100% Poverty	65%	10%	13%
% at or Below 200% Poverty	87%	22%	30%
% Racial/Ethnic Minority	66%	29%	40%
% Uninsured	13%	3%	9%
% Medicaid	49%	16%	15%
% Medicare	11%	17%	18%
% Private	26%	74%	68%

MA Health Center Staff Provide a Comprehensive Range of Services

	<u>FTEs</u>
Physicians	562
NPs/PAs/CNMs	485
Nurses	830
Dentists	213
Dental Hygienists	97
Behavioral Health Specialists	612
Pharmacy	184
Enabling Services	931
Vision	109
Other Staff	3,082
Total Staff	9,299

	<u>Patient Visits</u>
Chronic Conditions	1,016,472
Behavioral Health	1,125,187
Preventive Services	1,058,677
Dental Services	568,579
Total Visits	3,972,012

*Did you know that health centers in Massachusetts are economic drivers? **Every \$1 in federal investments generates \$8.84 in economic activity** across Massachusetts. In total, health centers in Massachusetts **deliver \$2.28 billion 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/>.