

## 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 North Carolina, 2018

### Health Centers in NC

# of Grantee Organizations	40
# of Delivery Sites	264
% Rural Grantees	63%
% Grantees w/ Staff Authorized to Prescribe Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) for Opioid Use Disorder	53%
% of Grantees Utilizing Telehealth	30%

### NC Health Center Patients

Children Served	125,985
Homeless Patients Served	17,546
Veterans Served	8,269
Growth in Patients since 2010	39%
<b>Total Patients</b>	<b>570,918</b>

	<u>NC</u> <u>Health Center</u> <u>Patients</u>	<u>NC</u> <u>Residents</u>	<u>U.S.</u> <u>Residents</u>
% at or Below 100% Poverty	70%	14%	13%
% at or Below 200% Poverty	92%	34%	30%
% Racial/Ethnic Minority	64%	37%	40%
% Uninsured	42%	11%	9%
% Medicaid	25%	13%	15%
% Medicare	14%	19%	18%
% Private	20%	67%	68%

### NC Health Center Staff Provide a Comprehensive Range of Services

	<u>FTEs</u>
Physicians	219
NPs/PAs/CNMs	303
Nurses	312
Dentists	82
Dental Hygienists	61
Behavioral Health Specialists	158
Pharmacy	210
Enabling Services	416
Other Staff	1,520
<b>Total Staff</b>	<b>4,343</b>

	<u>Patient Visits</u>
Chronic Conditions	1,035,155
Behavioral Health	455,887
Preventive Services	432,854
Dental Services	252,822
<b>Total Visits</b>	<b>1,938,769</b>

*Did you know that health centers in North Carolina are economic drivers? **Every \$1 in federal investments generates \$3.34 in economic activity** across North Carolina. In total, health centers in North Carolina **deliver \$940 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/>.