

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 United States, 2018

Health Centers in U.S.

# of Grantee Organizations	1,362
# of Delivery Sites	11,744
% Rural Grantees	45%
% Grantees w/ Staff Authorized to Prescribe Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) for Opioid Use Disorder	57%
% of Grantees Utilizing Telehealth	43%

U.S. Health Center Patients

Children Served	8,736,509
Homeless Patients Served	1,413,256
Veterans Served	385,222
Growth in Patients since 2010	46%
Total Patients	28,379,680

	<u>U.S.</u> <u>Health Center</u> <u>Patients</u>	<u>U.S.</u> <u>Residents</u>	<u>U.S.</u> <u>Residents</u>
% at or Below 100% Poverty	68%	13%	13%
% at or Below 200% Poverty	91%	30%	30%
% Racial/Ethnic Minority	63%	40%	40%
% Uninsured	23%	9%	9%
% Medicaid	48%	15%	15%
% Medicare	10%	18%	18%
% Private	18%	68%	68%

U.S. Health Center Staff Provide a Comprehensive Range of Services

	<u>FTEs</u>
Physicians	13,394
NPs/PAs/CNMs	13,613
Nurses	18,445
Dentists	5,100
Dental Hygienists	2,683
Behavioral Health Specialists	13,518
Pharmacy	5,417
Enabling Services	22,598
Vision	896
Other Staff	86,395
Total Staff	236,151

	<u>Patient Visits</u>
Chronic Conditions	40,626,888
Behavioral Health	27,187,242
Preventive Services	29,785,273
Dental Services	16,529,600
Total Visits	115,816,238

*Did you know that health centers in United States are economic drivers? **Every \$1 in federal investments generates \$5.73 in economic activity** across United States. In total, health centers in United States **deliver \$54.6 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/>.