

## 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 **30 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 **253,000 people** and **generate more than \$63.4 billion in total economic activity** in some of the nation's most distressed communities;
- Provide care to **1.4 million homeless patients** and **400,000 veterans**.

## Health Centers in United States, 2019

### Health Centers in US

# of Grantee Organizations	1,385
# of Delivery Sites	12,785
% Rural Grantees	42%
% Grantees w/ Staff Authorized to Prescribe Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) for Opioid Use Disorder	68%
% of Grantees Utilizing Telehealth	43%

### US Health Center Patients

Children Served	9,204,942
Homeless Patients Served	1,459,446
Veterans Served	398,788
Growth in Patients since 2010	53%
<b>Total Patients</b>	<b>29,836,613</b>

	<u>US</u> <u>Health Center</u> <u>Patients</u>	<u>US</u> <u>Residents</u>	<u>U.S.</u> <u>Residents</u>
% at or Below 100% Poverty	68%	12%	12%
% at or Below 200% Poverty	91%	29%	29%
% Racial/Ethnic Minority	63%	40%	40%
% Uninsured	23%	9%	9%
% Medicaid	48%	15%	15%
% Medicare	10%	18%	18%
% Private	19%	67%	67%

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

	<u>FTEs</u>
Physicians	14,083
NPs/PAs/CNMs	14,591
Nurses	19,273
Dental Staff	19,698
Pharmacy	5,983
Behavioral Health Specialists	15,679
Enabling Services	24,071
Vision Services Staff	1,012
Other Staff	138,477
<b>Total Staff</b>	<b>252,868</b>

	<u>Patient Visits</u>
Chronic Conditions	44,344,701
Behavioral Health	30,048,792
Preventive Services	25,214,768
Dental Services	16,665,447

*Did you know that health centers in United States are economic drivers? **Every \$1 in federal investments generates \$6.38 in economic activity** across United States. In total, health centers in United States **deliver \$63,436,910,592 in economic activity.***