

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 nearly **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 **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 **1.3 million homeless patients** and **375,000 veterans**.

Health Centers in Louisiana, 2020

Health Centers in LA

# of Grantee Organizations	36
# of Delivery Sites	361
% Rural Grantees	33%
% Grantees w/ Staff Authorized to Prescribe Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) for Opioid Use Disorder	64%
% of Grantees Utilizing Telehealth	100%

LA Health Center Patients

Children Served	105,229
Homeless Patients Served	23,132
Veterans Served	3,074
Growth in Patients since 2010	113%
Total Patients	440,014

	<u>LA</u> <u>Health Center</u> <u>Patients</u>	<u>LA</u> <u>Residents</u>	<u>U.S.</u> <u>Residents</u>
% at or Below 100% Poverty	72%	19%	12%
% at or Below 200% Poverty	93%	38%	29%
% Racial/Ethnic Minority	67%	42%	40%
% Uninsured	17%	9%	9%
% Medicaid	59%	23%	15%
% Medicare	9%	19%	18%
% Private	15%	58%	67%

LA Health Center Staff Provide a Comprehensive Range of Services

	<u>FTEs</u>
Physicians	135
NPs/PAs/CNMs	287
Nurses	294
Dental Staff	224
Pharmacy	79
Behavioral Health Specialists	330
Enabling Services	543
Vision Services Staff	2
Other Staff	1,783
Total Staff	3,677

	<u>Patient Visits</u>
Coronavirus	11,437
Chronic Conditions	666,934
Behavioral Health	664,863
Preventive Services	499,046
Dental Services	114,774

*Did you know that health centers in Louisiana are economic drivers? **Every \$1 in federal investments generates \$4.26 in economic activity** across Louisiana. In total, health centers in Louisiana **deliver \$806,135,424 in economic activity**.*