

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 Washington, 2020

Health Centers in WA

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| # of Grantee Organizations | 27 |
| # of Delivery Sites | 379 |
| % Rural Grantees | 41% |
| % Grantees w/ Staff Authorized to Prescribe Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) for Opioid Use Disorder | 93% |
| % of Grantees Utilizing Telehealth | 100% |

WA Health Center Patients

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|-------------------------------|------------------|
| Children Served | 313,500 |
| Homeless Patients Served | 101,140 |
| Veterans Served | 24,694 |
| Growth in Patients since 2010 | 47% |
| Total Patients | 1,106,620 |

| | <u>WA</u> <u>Health Center</u> <u>Patients</u> | <u>WA</u> <u>Residents</u> | <u>U.S.</u> <u>Residents</u> |
|----------------------------|--|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| % at or Below 100% Poverty | 55% | 10% | 12% |
| % at or Below 200% Poverty | 88% | 23% | 29% |
| % Racial/Ethnic Minority | 55% | 33% | 40% |
| % Uninsured | 17% | 7% | 9% |
| % Medicaid | 57% | 15% | 15% |
| % Medicare | 9% | 17% | 18% |
| % Private | 17% | 71% | 67% |

WA Health Center Staff Provide a Comprehensive Range of Services

| | <u>FTEs</u> |
|-------------------------------|---------------|
| Physicians | 542 |
| NPs/PAs/CNMs | 492 |
| Nurses | 495 |
| Dental Staff | 1,288 |
| Pharmacy | 611 |
| Behavioral Health Specialists | 724 |
| Enabling Services | 894 |
| Vision Services Staff | 26 |
| Other Staff | 5,884 |
| Total Staff | 10,954 |

| | <u>Patient Visits</u> |
|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Coronavirus | 31,443 |
| Chronic Conditions | 944,585 |
| Behavioral Health | 1,249,406 |
| Preventive Services | 1,073,108 |
| Dental Services | 887,337 |

*Did you know that health centers in Washington are economic drivers? **Every \$1 in federal investments generates \$10.61 in economic activity** across Washington. In total, health centers in Washington **deliver \$2,700,178,944 in economic activity.***