

# AMERICA'S HEALTH CENTERS

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Community health centers are nonprofit, patient-governed organizations that provide high-quality, comprehensive primary health care to America's medically underserved communities, serving all patients regardless of income or insurance status.

In 2021, for the first time in a single year, health centers served over

**30 million patients**

Over 1,400 Community Health Centers and Look-alike organizations provided care at more than 14,000 locations across the country in 2021.

1 in 11 Americans are health center patients, of whom:

20% are uninsured

59% are publicly insured

90% are low-income

65% are members of racial and/or ethnic minority groups

42% live in rural communities

Health centers are the health care home for many of America's historically underserved communities, including:



1 in 5

UNINSURED AMERICANS



1 in 3

AMERICANS LIVING IN POVERTY



1 in 5

RURAL AMERICANS



1.3 million

PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS



8.6 million

CHILDREN



nearly  
400,000  
VETERANS



3.3 million

ELDERLY PATIENTS

# HEALTH CENTERS ARE PLAYING A PIVOTAL ROLE IN FIGHTING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC BY ENSURING EQUAL ACCESS TO PREVENTION AND TREATMENT

To date, health centers have administered...

**22.2 million vaccines**

72% of which have gone to patients of racial/ethnic minority backgrounds

**20 million tests**

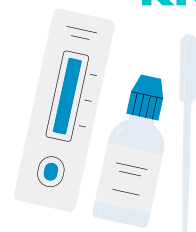
61% of which have gone to patients of racial/ethnic minority backgrounds

...and distributed:

**7.2 million N95 masks**



**7.9 million at-home test kits**



Health centers **expand access** to high-quality, comprehensive services, including:

**TELEHEALTH SERVICES**

**29 million** virtual visits

**DENTAL SERVICES**

**5.7 million** patients

**MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES**

**2.7 million** patients

**SUBSTANCE USE TREATMENT**

**285,000** patients

**MEDICATION-ASSISTED TREATMENT**

**184,000** patients

FOR OPIOID USE DISORDER

## HEALTH CENTERS DRIVE ECONOMIC GROWTH



**270,000**  
EMPLOYEES (FTE)



**\$63 billion**  
ECONOMIC ACTIVITY  
GENERATED IN  
COMMUNITIES SERVED



**\$24 billion**  
SAVINGS TO THE  
HEALTH SYSTEM  
ANNUALLY