



## What are Community Health Centers?

Community Health Centers deliver **high-quality, affordable care** to patients and **reduce costs** for America’s healthcare system. Health centers are **consumer-governed** and patient-centered health care organizations that provide **cost-effective primary care** in **medically underserved communities**. Health centers provide care to all patients regardless of income and insurance status by offering services on a **sliding-fee scale**. Health centers **improve access to primary care** and integrated specialty services such as **preventive, behavioral, substance use treatment, oral, vision and pharmacy** services. Additionally, health centers offer a host of ancillary services to support patients’ needs around food insecurity, housing, transportation, language access, and other **social drivers of health**. Health centers...

- Serve as the health care home for over **30 million patients** in over **14,000 communities** across the country
- Reduce health care costs, **saving** an average of **24% per Medicaid patient** compared to other providers
- **Integrate medical, specialty and social services** such as mental health, substance use treatment, oral health, case management, translation services, transportation, and employment services
- Create **270,000 jobs** and generate an estimated **\$84.8 billion in total economic activity** in local communities
- Provide care to **389,000 veterans, 1.3 million** patients experiencing homelessness, **3.3 million** adults over age 65, and **1 in 8 children**

## Health Centers in Maryland

### MD Health Centers

Total Grantees	17
Service Delivery Sites	136
% Rural	47%
% with MAT Services	82%
% Utilizing Telehealth	100%

### MD Patients

Children	91,129
Older adults	34,018
Patients experiencing homelessness	12,474
Veterans	4,437
Agricultural workers	1,900
Racial/ethnic minority	185,668
Total patients	338,877

### MD Services and Staff

Physicians	171
NPs/PAs/CNMs	185
Nurses	234
Behavioral Health Specialists	261
Pharmacy	98
Dental	147
Vision	0
Enabling Services	327
Other	8
Total FTEs*	3,123

	Health Center Population	State Population
Income < 100% FPL	65%	
Income 101-200% FPL	21%	
Uninsured	19%	6%
Medicaid	48%	20%
Medicare	11%	13%
Dually Eligible	4%	
Private Insurance	22%	59%

### MD Health Center Economic Impact

Health centers in MD created **6,835 jobs** and generated **\$1,129,410,563 in total economic activity** in 2021.

Notes: State data include only health centers receiving Health Center Program Section 330 grants. Sources: 2021 Uniform Data System, BPHC, HRSA, DHHS. 2021 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates, U.S. Census Bureau. Detailed sources are available at <http://www.nachc.org/research-and-data/state-level-data-maps/>.