Economic Impact of Community Health Centers in Pennsylvania

COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS IN PENNSYLVANIA

- Pennsylvania is home to 42 Community Health Centers and 396 delivery sites.
 See Figure 1 for a map of all Community Health Center sites in the state.
- In 2021, clinicians at Community Health Centers in Pennsylvania treated more than 1 million patients in nearly 3 million visits for primary care as well as dental, vision, mental health, and substance abuse.

FIGURE 1. Community Health Center

Delivery Sites, 2021

ANALYSIS OF COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER IMPACT IN PENNSYLVANIA

Many empirical studies have shown that Community Health Centers have positive effects for patients and yield cost savings by reducing the need for other healthcare services. In addition to these benefits, Community Health Centers positively impact the economies in which they operate by employing workers and supporting additional jobs and economic activity in the area.

According to a Matrix Global Advisors (MGA) analysis, which quantifies the direct and indirect economic impact of Community Health Centers in Pennsylvania, these centers supported 13,717 jobs, \$2.4 billion in economic output, and \$979.3 million in labor income in the state in 2021 (see **Figure 2**). For results by congressional district, see **Table 1** on the next page.

FIGURE 2. Economic Impact of Community Health Centers in Pennsylvania

6,438 direct and **7,280** supported jobs

13,717 total jobs

\$836.3M direct and **\$1.5B** supported economic output

\$2.4B

total economic output

\$474.0M direct and \$505.3M supported labor income

\$979.3M

total labor income

Note: Totals may differ from sum of numbers due to rounding.



DATA AND METHODOLOGY

This analysis was conducted by MGA using input-output models, built by IMPLAN, of Pennsylvania and its 17 congressional districts. IMPLAN models are widely used across government, academia, nonprofit, and corporate settings. Drawing on publicly available historical economic data, the models project economic indicators (e.g., production and employment levels) by industry. Data from the Health Resources and Services Administration on actual Community Health Center expenses in 2021 serve as inputs to the IMPLAN models.

For a more detailed description of data and methodology as well as national and state-level results, see the full MGA report.

About Community Health Centers

The federal Health Center Program supports qualified community healthcare facilities providing care for medically underserved areas or populations. Federally qualified Community Health Centers, which have been shown to provide vital and cost-efficient healthcare, serve an ever-increasing number of patients, with the majority at or near the federal poverty level. The patient population now totals more than 30 million, but federal funding has not kept pace with the increase in patients or the rise in inflation.

TABLE 1. Economic Impact of Community Health Centers in Pennsylvania's Congressional Districts

	Employment			Economic Output (\$ Millions)			Labor Income (\$ Millions)		
DISTRICT	Direct	Supported	Total	Direct	Supported	Total	Direct	Supported	Total
PA-01	0	245	245	\$0.0	\$52.1	\$52.1	\$0.0	\$17.4	\$17.4
PA-02	1,007	770	1,777	\$139.7	\$155.1	\$294.9	\$77.7	\$52.7	\$130.4
PA-03	949	740	1,689	\$131.6	\$148.8	\$280.4	\$72.3	\$50.7	\$123.0
PA-04	62	349	411	\$7.6	\$82.3	\$90.0	\$4.5	\$26.5	\$31.1
PA-05	223	365	589	\$31.1	\$77.0	\$108.0	\$17.2	\$25.7	\$42.9
PA-06	349	431	780	\$40.7	\$91.4	\$132.1	\$23.2	\$31.2	\$54.4
PA-07	78	277	355	\$9.3	\$55.9	\$65.2	\$5.1	\$19.2	\$24.3
PA-08	424	422	845	\$52.0	\$85.8	\$137.8	\$30.1	\$28.1	\$58.2
PA-09	323	347	670	\$40.4	\$74.7	\$115.1	\$23.6	\$23.7	\$47.2
PA-10	366	457	824	\$45.3	\$94.6	\$139.8	\$25.7	\$31.5	\$57.1
PA-11	280	369	649	\$35.4	\$76.7	\$112.1	\$20.2	\$24.8	\$45.0
PA-12	311	446	757	\$41.1	\$95.1	\$136.2	\$23.8	\$32.6	\$56.4
PA-13	759	573	1,332	\$91.3	\$117.7	\$209.0	\$54.4	\$38.1	\$92.5
PA-14	452	412	864	\$60.4	\$85.6	\$146.0	\$33.9	\$28.0	\$61.9
PA-15	332	344	676	\$41.5	\$74.0	\$115.6	\$23.6	\$23.3	\$47.0
PA-16	405	404	810	\$53.5	\$83.8	\$137.3	\$30.2	\$27.3	\$57.5
PA-17	117	327	444	\$15.4	\$71.3	\$86.7	\$8.7	\$24.5	\$33.2
TOTAL	6,438	7,280	13,717	\$836.3	\$1,522.0	\$2,358.2	\$474.0	\$505.3	\$979.3

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