



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 Alabama

AL Health Centers

Total Grantees	17
Service Delivery Sites	183
% Rural	47%
% with MAT Services	41%
% Utilizing Telehealth	94%

AL Patients

Children	74,321
Older adults	31,857
Patients experiencing homelessness	11,319
Veterans	5,219
Agricultural workers	4,715
Racial/ethnic minority	175,030
Total patients	312,405

AL Services and Staff

Physicians	149
NPs/PAs/CNMs	183
Nurses	207
Behavioral Health Specialists	81
Pharmacy	47
Dental	96
Vision	11
Enabling Services	172
Other	11
Total FTEs*	2,370

	Health Center Population	State Population
Income < 100% FPL	81%	11%
Income 101-200% FPL	13%	13%
Uninsured	36%	10%
Medicaid	31%	19%
Medicare	11%	16%
Dually Eligible	3%	
Private Insurance	21%	53%

AL Health Center Economic Impact

Health centers in AL created **4,944 jobs** and generated **\$852,341,899 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/>.