



## 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 Massachusetts

### MA Health Centers

Total Grantees	37
Service Delivery Sites	271
% Rural	19%
% with MAT Services	86%
% Utilizing Telehealth	97%

### MA Patients

Children	163,512
Older adults	97,113
Patients experiencing homelessness	35,781
Veterans	8,277
Agricultural workers	9,930
Racial/ethnic minority	427,627
Total patients	788,456

### MA Services and Staff

Physicians	533
NPs/PAs/CNMs	552
Nurses	943
Behavioral Health Specialists	662
Pharmacy	312
Dental	568
Vision	111
Enabling Services	1,089
Other	58
Total FTEs*	10,061

	Health Center Population	State Population
Income < 100% FPL	65%	12%
Income 101-200% FPL	19%	14%
Uninsured	12%	2%
Medicaid	46%	23%
Medicare	12%	13%
Dually Eligible	6%	
Private Insurance	27%	61%

### MA Health Center Economic Impact

Health centers in MA created **17,784 jobs** and generated **\$2,838,333,040 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/>.