



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 North Carolina

NC Health Centers

| | |
|------------------------|-----|
| Total Grantees | 39 |
| Service Delivery Sites | 391 |
| % Rural | 62% |
| % with MAT Services | 72% |
| % Utilizing Telehealth | 97% |

NC Patients

| | |
|------------------------------------|---------|
| Children | 152,114 |
| Older adults | 96,888 |
| Patients experiencing homelessness | 13,563 |
| Veterans | 9,251 |
| Agricultural workers | 37,811 |
| Racial/ethnic minority | 331,950 |
| Total patients | 721,568 |

NC Services and Staff

| | |
|-------------------------------|-------|
| Physicians | 235 |
| NPs/PAs/CNMs | 376 |
| Nurses | 324 |
| Behavioral Health Specialists | 274 |
| Pharmacy | 272 |
| Dental | 334 |
| Vision | 0 |
| Enabling Services | 489 |
| Other | 12 |
| Total FTEs* | 5,109 |

| | Health Center Population | State Population |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| Income < 100% FPL | 71% | 14% |
| Income 101-200% FPL | 20% | 18% |
| Uninsured | 37% | 10% |
| Medicaid | 21% | 19% |
| Medicare | 12% | 16% |
| Dually Eligible | 3% | |
| Private Insurance | 30% | 53% |

NC Health Center Economic Impact

Health centers in NC created **10,934 jobs** and generated **\$1,861,217,926 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/>.