



## 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 **285,000 jobs** and generate an estimated **\$85 billion in total economic activity** in local communities
- Provide care to **400,000 veterans**, **1.4 million** patients experiencing homelessness, **3.6 million** adults over age 65, and **8.8 million children**

## Health Centers in North Carolina

### NC Health Centers

|                        |      |
|------------------------|------|
| Total Grantees         | 39   |
| Service Delivery Sites | 459  |
| % Rural                | 56%  |
| % with MAT Services    | 46%  |
| % Utilizing Telehealth | 100% |

### NC Patients

|                                    |         |
|------------------------------------|---------|
| Children                           | 142,476 |
| Older adults                       | 109,149 |
| Patients experiencing homelessness | 13,807  |
| Veterans                           | 10,935  |
| Agricultural workers               | 42,041  |
| Racial/ethnic minority             | 327,858 |
| Total patients                     | 696,072 |

### NC Staff

|                               |       |
|-------------------------------|-------|
| Physicians                    | 249   |
| NPs/PAs/CNMs                  | 399   |
| Nurses                        | 333   |
| Behavioral Health Specialists | 312   |
| Pharmacy                      | 298   |
| Dental                        | 367   |
| Vision                        | 1     |
| Enabling Services             | 534   |
| Other                         | 17    |
| Total FTEs*                   | 5,539 |

|                   | Health Center<br>Population | State<br>Population |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| Income < 100% FPL | 44%                         | 13%                 |
| Income < 200% FPL | 13%                         | 17%                 |
| Uninsured         | 36%                         | 9%                  |
| Medicaid          | 23%                         | 19%                 |
| Medicare          | 14%                         | 16%                 |
| Dually Eligible   | 4%                          |                     |
| Private Insurance | 27%                         | 54%                 |

## 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. \*FTEs = Full-Time Equivalent. States with fewer than 1% dually-eligible patients may appear blank. **Sources:** 2022 Uniform Data System, BPHC, HRSA, DHHS. 2022 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/>.