



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, patient-centered health care organizations that provide cost-effective primary care in medically underserved communities. Health centers ensure access to patients regardless of income and insurance status by offering services on a sliding-fee scale. Health centers improve access to primary care as well as 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 determinants of health. **Health centers...**

- Serve as the health care home for nearly **32.5 million patients** in over **16,000 communities** across the country
- **Integrate medical, specialty and social services** such as mental health, substance use treatment, oral health, case management, translation services, transportation, and employment services
- Reduce health care costs, **saving** an average of **24% per Medicaid patient** compared to other providers
- Create **340,000 jobs** and generate an estimated **\$118.4 billion in total economic impact** in local communities
- Provide care to **419,000 veterans**, **1.4 million** patients experiencing homelessness, **3.8 million** adults over age 65, and **1 in 9 children**.

Health Centers in Georgia

GA Health Centers

Total Health Centers	36
Service Delivery Sites	400
% Rural	28%
% with MOUD Services	42%
% Utilizing Telehealth	94%

GA Patients

Children	181,896
Older adults	94,570
Patients experiencing homelessness	21,247
Veterans	8,576
Agricultural workers	19,505
Total patients	717,537

GA Services and Staff

Physicians	277
NPs/PAs/CNMs	453
Nurses	362
Behavioral Health Specialists	150
Pharmacy	133
Dental	184
Vision	15
Enabling Services	353
Other	27
Total FTEs*	4,546

	Health Center Population	State Population
Below Poverty Level	53%	13%
Uninsured	26%	11%
Medicaid	28%	19%
Medicare	13%	17%
Dually Eligible	4%	
Private Insurance	33%	66%

*FTEs = Full Time Equivalents **Notes:** Data includes health centers receiving Health Center Program Section 330 grants and Look-Alikes. **Sources:** 2023 Uniform Data System, BPHC, HRSA, DHHS. 2023 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates, U.S. Census Bureau.