



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 New Jersey

NJ Health Centers

Total Health Centers	24
Service Delivery Sites	150
% Rural	4%
% with MOUD Services	50%
% Utilizing Telehealth	96%

NJ Patients

Children	191,804
Older adults	43,735
Patients experiencing homelessness	28,230
Veterans	8,435
Agricultural workers	15,526
Total patients	578,074

NJ Services and Staff

Physicians	231
NPs/PAs/CNMs	199
Nurses	276
Behavioral Health Specialists	129
Pharmacy	50
Dental	282
Vision	1
Enabling Services	426
Other	20
Total FTEs*	3,644

	Health Center Population	State Population
Below Poverty Level	53%	10%
Uninsured	26%	7%
Medicaid	55%	19%
Medicare	5%	18%
Dually Eligible	2%	
Private Insurance	14%	70%

*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.