



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 Oregon

OR Health Centers

Total Health Centers	32
Service Delivery Sites	305
% Rural	44%
% with MOUD Services	94%
% Utilizing Telehealth	100%

OR Patients

Children	96,755
Older adults	55,019
Patients experiencing homelessness	36,914
Veterans	9,764
Agricultural workers	15,702
Total patients	405,229

OR Services and Staff

Physicians	218
NPs/PAs/CNMs	279
Nurses	339
Behavioral Health Specialists	846
Pharmacy	267
Dental	421
Vision	0
Enabling Services	607
Other	40
Total FTEs*	6,381

	Health Center Population	State Population
Below Poverty Level	49%	12%
Uninsured	10%	6%
Medicaid	61%	24%
Medicare	14%	21%
Dually Eligible	7%	
Private Insurance	15%	67%

*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.