



## 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 Pennsylvania

### PA Health Centers

Total Health Centers	50
Service Delivery Sites	440
% Rural	26%
% with MOUD Services	64%
% Utilizing Telehealth	100%

### PA Patients

Children	280,895
Older adults	139,617
Patients experiencing homelessness	27,359
Veterans	14,870
Agricultural workers	14,802
Total patients	1,020,877

### PA Services and Staff

Physicians	501
NPs/PAs/CNMs	522
Nurses	603
Behavioral Health Specialists	487
Pharmacy	98
Dental	655
Vision	24
Enabling Services	650
Other	82
Total FTEs*	8,193

	Health Center Population	State Population
Below Poverty Level	34%	12%
Uninsured	14%	5%
Medicaid	47%	22%
Medicare	24%	21%
Dually Eligible	5%	
Private Insurance	24%	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.