

What are Health Centers?

Community, Migrant, Homeless, Public Housing, and other Health Center Program grantees are **non-profit, community-directed providers** that remove common barriers to care by serving communities who otherwise confront financial, geographic, language, cultural and other barriers. Known as health centers, they:

- are **located in high-need areas** identified as having elevated poverty, higher than average infant mortality, and where few physicians practice;
- are **open to all residents**, regardless of insurance status or ability to pay;
- **tailor services** to fit the special needs and priorities of their communities, and provide services in a linguistically and culturally appropriate manner;
- provide **comprehensive primary and other health care services**, including services that help their patients access care, such as transportation, translation, and case management;
- **provide high quality care**, reducing health disparities and improving patient outcomes;¹ and
- are **cost effective**, reducing costly emergency, hospital, and specialty care, and **saving the health care system \$24 billion a year nationally**.²

California Federally-Supported Health Centers, 2014

Number of Grantee Organizations	151
Percent with Electronic Health Record System Installed ³	92%
Percent with Patient Centered Medical Home Recognition ³	53%
Number of Delivery Sites	1,218
Total Patients	3,729,214
Percent Growth in Number of Patients since 2010	27%
Percent of Patients Served by Rural Organizations	50%
Number of Migrant/Seasonal Farmworker Patients	424,201
Number of Homeless Patients	280,124
Number of Veterans Served	26,512

Population Characteristics⁴

	<u>Health Center Population</u>	<u>State Population</u>	<u>US Population</u>
Percent at or Below 100% of Poverty	75%	16%	15%
Percent Under 200% of Poverty	96%	35%	34%
Percent Uninsured	28%	10%	10%
Percent Medicaid	58%	25%	19%
Percent Medicare	6%	10%	13%
Percent Hispanic/Latino	59%	39%	17%
Percent African American	7%	7%	13%
Percent Asian	7%	14%	5%
Percent Pacific Islander	1%	1%	0%
Percent American Indian/Alaska Native	1%	2%	1%
Percent White	61%	73%	77%

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Patient Visits and Patients by Selected Primary

	Patient Visits	Patients		FTE	Patient Visits
<i>Medical Conditions</i>					
Hypertension	1,550,522	535,732	Physicians	1,921.2	6,686,998
Diabetes mellitus	1,268,264	339,930	NPs/PAs/CNMs	1,324.0	4,354,641
Heart Disease	212,137	81,567	Nurses	1,091.5	332,477
Asthma	352,063	178,182	Dentists	615.3	1,990,506
Depression and Other Mood Disorders	775,960	255,480	Dental Hygienists	71.6	99,168
Anxiety and PTSD	524,559	188,724	Mental Health Specialists	841.5	840,518
Substance Abuse	505,241	N/A	Pharmacy	350.9	N/A
Other Mental Disorders	508,789	N/A	Total Enabling Services	3,231.7	1,201,121
			Vision	100.1	143,385
			Other Staff	19,517.3	594,250
<i>Preventive Services</i>					
Health Supervision Ages 0-11	770,367	529,180	Total Staff	29,065.2	16,243,064
Immunizations	1,358,708	N/A			
Oral Dental Exams	745,535	572,157			
Pap Test	319,914	301,805			
Mammogram	84,813	79,407			
Hepatitis B and C Test	114,494	97,855			
HIV Test	196,179	182,740			

Percent of Health Centers with Staff to Provide Select Services Onsite⁷

<i>Clinical Services</i>	
General Primary Medical Care	100%
Preventive Dental Care	79%
Mental Health and/or Substance Abuse Treatment Counseling	91%
Vision	34%
Pharmacy	34%
<i>Enabling Services</i>	
Case Management	81%
Eligibility Assistance	83%
Health Education	70%
Interpretation/Translation Services	18%
Transportation	28%
Outreach	74%

Health Center Costs of Care⁸

Average Cost per Patient

Medical Costs per Medical Patient	\$589
Dental Costs per Dental Patient	\$472
Total Cost per Total Patient	\$842

Average Cost per Patient Visit

Medical Cost per Medical Patient Visit	\$171
Dental Costs per Dental Patient Visit	\$167
Mental Health and Substance Abuse Costs per Mental Health and Substance Abuse Health Patient Visit	\$159

Note: Data reflected in this fact sheet may underreport the true volume of care delivered by health centers. In this document, unless otherwise noted, the term "health centers" refers to organizations that receive grants under the Health Center Program as authorized under section 330 of the Public Health Service Act, as amended. This fact sheet does not include data for those health centers that do not receive Health Center Program grants. This includes those entities known as Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) "Look-Alikes." In 2014 there were 81 FQHC Look-Alikes across the United States.

For sources and endnotes visit http://www.nachc.com/client/StateFS_Sources.pdf. For more information, email research@nachc.com or visit www.cpha.org.