

What are Community Health Centers?

Health centers are consumer-driven and patient-centered organizations that serve as a comprehensive and cost-effective primary health care option for America's most underserved communities. Health centers serve everyone regardless of ability to pay or insurance status. They increase access to health care and provide integrated care services based on the unique needs of the communities they serve. Health centers deliver value to and have a significant impact on America's healthcare system. They also:

- Serve as the health care home for more than **30 million patients** in over **12,000 communities** across the country;
- Reduce health care costs and produce savings – on average, health centers save **24% per Medicaid patient** when compared to other providers;
- **Integrate critical medical and social services** such as oral health, mental health, substance abuse, case management, and translation under one roof;
- Employ **253,000 people** and **generate more than \$63.4 billion in total economic activity** in some of the nation's most distressed communities;
- Provide care to **1.4 million homeless patients** and **400,000 veterans**.

Health Centers in California, 2019

Health Centers in CA

# of Grantee Organizations	180
# of Delivery Sites	1,895
% Rural Grantees	21%
% Grantees w/ Staff Authorized to Prescribe Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) for Opioid Use Disorder	67%
% of Grantees Utilizing Telehealth	46%

CA Health Center Patients

Children Served	1,730,479
Homeless Patients Served	363,485
Veterans Served	37,753
Growth in Patients since 2010	82%
Total Patients	5,337,143

	<u>CA</u> <u>Health Center</u> <u>Patients</u>	<u>CA</u> <u>Residents</u>	<u>U.S.</u> <u>Residents</u>
% at or Below 100% Poverty	73%	12%	12%
% at or Below 200% Poverty	95%	28%	29%
% Racial/Ethnic Minority	79%	64%	40%
% Uninsured	19%	8%	9%
% Medicaid	65%	20%	15%
% Medicare	7%	16%	18%
% Private	9%	64%	67%

CA Health Center Staff Provide a Comprehensive Range of Services

	<u>FTEs</u>
Physicians	2,852
NPs/PAs/CNMs	2,218
Nurses	2,019
Dental Staff	3,650
Pharmacy	617
Behavioral Health Specialists	2,177
Enabling Services	4,898
Vision Services Staff	310
Other Staff	29,554
Total Staff	48,294

	<u>Patient Visits</u>
Chronic Conditions	8,309,832
Behavioral Health	4,176,935
Preventive Services	5,093,652
Dental Services	3,252,645

*Did you know that health centers in California are economic drivers? **Every \$1 in federal investments generates \$10.27 in economic activity** across California. In total, health centers in California **deliver \$14,687,260,672 in economic activity.***