

## 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 **29 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 **over 235,000 people** and **generate at least \$54.6 billion in total economic activity** in some of the nation's most distressed communities;
- Provide care to **1.4 million homeless patients** and more than **385,000 veterans**.

## Health Centers in California, 2018

### Health Centers in CA

# of Grantee Organizations	177
# of Delivery Sites	1,740
% Rural Grantees	25%
% Grantees w/ Staff Authorized to Prescribe Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) for Opioid Use Disorder	58%
% of Grantees Utilizing Telehealth	49%

### CA Health Center Patients

Children Served	1,613,484
Homeless Patients Served	342,422
Veterans Served	41,812
Growth in Patients since 2010	70%
<b>Total Patients</b>	<b>4,980,522</b>

	<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	72%	13%	13%
% at or Below 200% Poverty	95%	30%	30%
% Racial/Ethnic Minority	79%	63%	40%
% Uninsured	19%	7%	9%
% Medicaid	66%	20%	15%
% Medicare	7%	15%	18%
% Private	8%	64%	68%

### CA Health Center Staff Provide a Comprehensive Range of Services

	<u>FTEs</u>
Physicians	2,587
NPs/PAs/CNMs	2,085
Nurses	1,770
Dentists	972
Dental Hygienists	158
Behavioral Health Specialists	1,783
Pharmacy	557
Enabling Services	4,528
Vision	252
Other Staff	16,051
<b>Total Staff</b>	<b>43,888</b>

	<u>Patient Visits</u>
Chronic Conditions	7,504,279
Behavioral Health	3,657,645
Preventive Services	5,778,797
Dental Services	3,788,820
<b>Total Visits</b>	<b>23,579,613</b>

*Did you know that health centers in California are economic drivers? **Every \$1 in federal investments generates \$8.72 in economic activity** across California. In total, health centers in California **deliver \$12.14 billion in economic activity**.*

\* **Notes:** Dual eligible beneficiaries enrolled in both Medicare and Medicaid are only included in Medicare estimates. "Federal investments" refer solely to Health Center Program Section 330 grants. **Sources:** 2018 Uniform Data System, BPHC, HRSA, DHHS. 2018 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates, U.S. Census Bureau. Leavitt Partners in collaboration with NACHC. Detailed sources are available at <http://www.nachc.org/research-and-data/state-level-data-maps/>.