

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 Washington, 2018

Health Centers in WA

# of Grantee Organizations	27
# of Delivery Sites	349
% Rural Grantees	44%
% Grantees w/ Staff Authorized to Prescribe Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) for Opioid Use Disorder	85%
% of Grantees Utilizing Telehealth	59%

WA Health Center Patients

Children Served	368,733
Homeless Patients Served	116,266
Veterans Served	25,869
Growth in Patients since 2010	53%
Total Patients	1,151,707

	<u>WA</u> <u>Health Center</u> <u>Patients</u>	<u>WA</u> <u>Residents</u>	<u>U.S.</u> <u>Residents</u>
% at or Below 100% Poverty	57%	10%	13%
% at or Below 200% Poverty	89%	25%	30%
% Racial/Ethnic Minority	55%	32%	40%
% Uninsured	17%	6%	9%
% Medicaid	57%	16%	15%
% Medicare	9%	17%	18%
% Private	17%	71%	68%

WA Health Center Staff Provide a Comprehensive Range of Services

	<u>FTEs</u>
Physicians	496
NPs/PAs/CNMs	460
Nurses	463
Dentists	337
Dental Hygienists	136
Behavioral Health Specialists	585
Pharmacy	500
Enabling Services	862
Vision	24
Other Staff	3,776
Total Staff	10,503

	<u>Patient Visits</u>
Chronic Conditions	1,109,585
Behavioral Health	1,136,816
Preventive Services	1,439,524
Dental Services	1,187,793
Total Visits	4,660,041

*Did you know that health centers in Washington are economic drivers? **Every \$1 in federal investments generates \$9.37 in economic activity** across Washington. In total, health centers in Washington **deliver \$2.38 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/>.