

WHAT ARE 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 **27 million patients** in over **10,000 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 200,000 people** and **generate over \$45 billion in total economic activity** in some of the nation’s most distressed communities;
- Serve on the front lines of **public health crises and natural disasters**; and
- Provide care to **1.3 million homeless patients** and more than **330,000 veterans**.

Health Centers in WA, 2016

Health Centers in WA

Number of Grantee Organizations	27
Number of Delivery Sites	306

WA Health Center Patients

Total Patients	1,035,629
Growth in Patients since 2010	37%
Migrant/Seasonal Agricultural Worker Patients Served	109,802
Homeless Patients Served	80,143
Veterans Served	19,445

	<u>WA Health Center Patients</u>	<u>WA Residents</u>	<u>US Residents</u>
% at or Below 100% Poverty	63%	11%	14%
% at or Below 200% Poverty	92%	27%	32%
% Uninsured	16%	7%	9%
% Medicaid	61%	22%	19%
% Medicare	9%	13%	14%
% Racial/Ethnic Minority	55%	31%	39%

WA Health Center Staff Provide a Comprehensive Range of Services

	<u>FTEs</u>
Physicians	450.0
NPs/PAs/CNMs	394.2
Nurses	420.8
Dentists	298.9
Dental Hygienists	112.0
Behavioral Health Specialists	484.0
Pharmacy	417.9
Enabling Services	786.9
Vision	19.8
Other Staff	3,197.7
Total Staff	9,178.0

	<u>Patient Visits</u>
Chronic Conditions	639,158
Behavioral Health	875,727
Preventive Services	1,230,611

WA Health Center Quality & Accessibility

Percent of Grantees with Patient Centered Medical Home Recognition	85%
Percent of Grantees with a Physician Authorized to Prescribe FDA-Approved Medication for Opioid Use Disorder	59%
Percent of Grantees using Telehealth	56%