Community health centers are nonprofit, patient-governed organizations that provide high-quality, comprehensive primary health care to America’s medically underserved communities, serving all patients regardless of income or insurance status.

In 2021, for the first time in a single year, health centers served over 30 million patients.

Over 1,400 Community Health Centers and Look-alike organizations provided care at more than 14,000 locations across the country in 2021.

1 in 11 Americans are health center patients, of whom:

- 20% are uninsured
- 59% are publicly insured
- 90% are low-income
- 65% are members of racial and/or ethnic minority groups
- 42% live in rural communities

Health centers are the health care home for many of America's historically underserved communities, including:

- 1 in 5 uninsured Americans
- 1 in 3 Americans living in poverty
- 1 in 5 rural Americans
- 1.3 million people experiencing homelessness
- 8.6 million children
- Nearly 400,000 veterans
- 3.3 million elderly patients
HEALTH CENTERS ARE PLAYING A PIVOTAL ROLE IN FIGHTING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC BY ENSURING EQUAL ACCESS TO PREVENTION AND TREATMENT

To date, health centers have administered...

- **22.2 million vaccines**
  - 72% of which have gone to patients of racial/ethnic minority backgrounds

- **20 million tests**
  - 61% of which have gone to patients of racial/ethnic minority backgrounds

...and distributed:

- **7.2 million N95 masks**
- **7.9 million at-home test kits**

Health centers expand access to high-quality, comprehensive services, including:

- **Telehealth services**
  - **29 million virtual visits**

- **Dental services**
  - **5.7 million patients**

- **Mental health services**
  - **2.7 million patients**

- **Substance use treatment**
  - **285,000 patients**

- **Medication-assisted treatment for opioid use disorder**
  - **184,000 patients**

Health centers drive economic growth

- **270,000 employees (FTE)**
- **$63 billion economic activity generated in communities served**
- **$24 billion savings to the health system annually**

Data sources: 2020 and 2021 Uniform Data System, 2020 Census/American Community Survey
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