

Health Center Fact Sheet



National Association of
Community Health Centers, Inc.

United States

952 Grantees (52% of which are Rural)

5,703 Service Delivery Sites

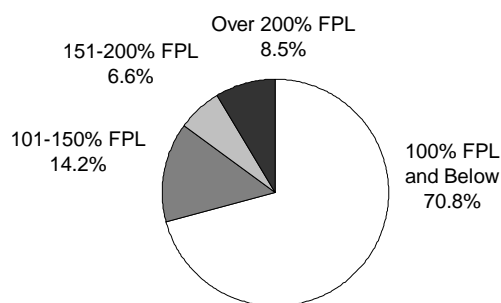
14,133,103 Patients

What are Health Centers?

Health centers are **local, non-profit, community-owned health care providers** serving low-income and medically underserved communities. For over 40 years, health centers have provided **high-quality, affordable primary care and preventive services to the nation's most vulnerable populations** – people who even if insured would nonetheless remain isolated from traditional forms of medical care because of where they live, who they are, the language they speak, and their higher levels of complex health care needs. Health centers **improve access** to care for millions of Americans regardless of their insurance status or ability to pay. They offer services that many other providers do not, such as transportation, translation, and culturally sensitive health care that can overcome common barriers. Their costs of care rank among the lowest, and they reduce the need for more expensive hospital in-patient and specialty care, producing significant savings for taxpayers.

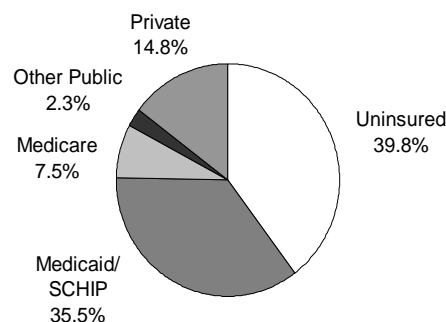
In 2005, federally-funded health centers were the family doctor and medical home for 14,133,103 individuals throughout the **United States**.

Figure 1
Health Center Patients By
Income Level, 2005



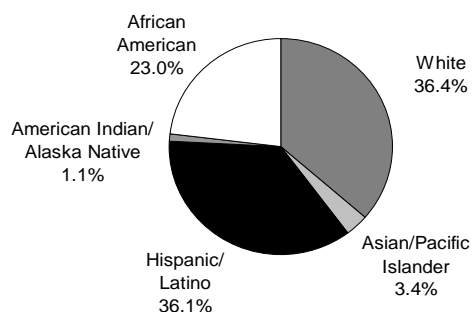
Note: Federal Poverty Level (FPL) for a family of three in 2005 was \$16,090. (See <http://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty/05poverty.shtml>.) Based on percent known. Percents may not total 100% due to rounding.
Source: Bureau of Primary Health Care, HRSA, DHHS, 2005 Uniform Data System

Figure 2
Health Center Patients
By Insurance Status, 2005



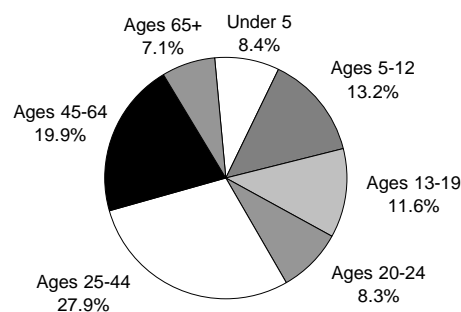
Note: Other Public may include non-Medicaid SCHIP. Percents may not total 100% due to rounding.
Source: Bureau of Primary Health Care, HRSA, DHHS, 2005 Uniform Data System

Figure 3
Health Center Patients By
Race/Ethnicity, 2005



Note: Based on percent known. Percents may not total 100% due to rounding.
Source: Bureau of Primary Health Care, HRSA, DHHS, 2005 Uniform Data System

Figure 4
Health Center Patients By Age, 2005



Note: Percents may not total 100% due to rounding.
Source: Bureau of Primary Health Care, HRSA, DHHS, 2005 Uniform Data System

United States, 2005

Health Center Staff and Related Patient Visits

	<u>FTE</u>	<u>Patient Visits</u>
Primary Care Physicians	6,900.1	27,101,659
NPs/PAs/CNMs	3,973.3	11,324,631
Nurses	8,212.3	2,862,282
Dentists	1,738.7	4,728,590
Dental Hygienists	642.6	834,042
Mental Health & Substance Abuse Specialists*	2,809.6	2,883,730
Pharmacy	1,820.1	N/A
Total Enabling Services [#]	8,971.2	4,034,823
Other Staff [†]	55,137.9	N/A
Total	90,205.8	55,558,624

* Includes psychiatrists, psychologists, and licensed or credentialed behavioral health providers.

[#] Includes health educators, case managers, translators, transportation, eligibility workers, etc. Not all staff have related patient visits. Does not include workers for other social services, such as WIC, Head Start, housing assistance, food banks, and employment counselors.

[†] Includes specialists and other medical, dental, and professional personnel, as well as administrative, patient services, and other staff.

Percent of Health Centers Providing Select Services Onsite*

<i>Professional Services</i>	
General Primary Medical Care	100%
Prenatal Care	71%
Preventive Dental Care	73%
Mental Health Treatment/Counseling	74%
Substance Abuse Treatment/Counseling	50%
Hearing Screening	87%
Vision Screening	93%
Pharmacy	35%

<i>Preventive Services</i>	
Pap Smear	97%
Smoking Cessation Program	58%
HIV Testing And Counseling	91%
Glycosylated Hemoglobin Measurement, Diabetes	85%
Blood Pressure Monitoring	99%
Blood Cholesterol Screening	89%
Weight Reduction Program	76%

<i>Enabling Services</i>	
Outreach	92%
Case Management	91%
Eligibility Assistance	89%
Health Education	98%
Interpretation/Translation Services	89%
Transportation	56%
Outstationed Eligibility Workers	40%

* "Onsite" includes services rendered by salaried employees, contracted providers, National Health Service Corps Staff, volunteers and others such as out-stationed eligibility workers who render services in the health center's name. Health centers may also provide services through formal referral arrangements.

Patient Visits and Patients by Selected Primary Diagnoses and Services

	<u>Patient Visits</u>	<u>Patients</u>
<i>Medical Conditions</i>		
Hypertension	3,208,288	1,339,557
Diabetes mellitus	2,723,050	844,233
Heart Disease (Selected)	597,119	232,404
Asthma	816,813	444,756
Depression & Other Mood Disorders	1,226,744	419,141
All Mental Health & Substance Abuse	3,662,983	N/A
<i>Preventive Services</i>		
Health Supervision Ages 0-11*	3,192,657	1,860,154
Selected Immunizations [#]	3,006,706	2,018,305
Pap Smear	1,566,336	1,412,949
Mammogram	285,711	261,808
HIV Test	467,645	413,986
Oral Dental Exams	1,708,160	1,292,461

* Well child visits.

[#] Includes DPT, MMR, oral polio vaccine, influenza, hepatitis B, HIB.

Health Center Costs of Care

<i>Average Annual Cost per Patient</i>	<u>Cost</u>
Medical Costs per Medical Patient*	\$350
Dental Costs per Dental Patient	\$318
Total Cost per Total Patient [#]	\$515

<i>Average Cost per Patient Visit</i>	
Medical Cost per Medical Patient Visit	\$111
Dental Costs per Dental Patient Visit	\$134
Pharmacy Costs per Medical Patient Visit	\$13
Lab & X-ray Cost per Medical Patient Visit	\$9

* Excludes lab and x-ray as in previous years.

[#] Includes the total cost of all services over total users.

Note: This fact sheet includes data from Federally-Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) who meet federal health center grant requirements and are required to report administrative, clinical and other information to the federal Bureau of Primary Health Care. Only FQHCs receiving federal health center grants report data, and therefore this fact sheet does not include data from a category of FQHCs that does not receive these funds, known as FQHC Look-Alikes. There are approximately 100 FQHC Look-Alikes across the United States. In addition, several health centers affected by Hurricane Katrina in 2005 were unable to report data or were unable to collect patient information for part of the year. Therefore, data reflected in this fact sheet may consequently underreport the volume of health care delivered by health centers.

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Source: NACHC, 2006. Based on Bureau of Primary Health Care, HRSA, DHHS, 2005 Uniform Data System.

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