

**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 services based on the unique needs of the communities they serve.

There are **four key components** that define health centers & help them reach America's most underserved communities

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## Located in Areas of High Need

Designated as medically underserved areas or populations by the federal government

2

## Comprehensive Set of Services

Based on community needs, health centers offer medical, dental, vision, behavioral health, and enabling services

3

## Open to Everyone

Regardless of insurance status or ability to pay, and offer sliding fee scale options to low-income patients

4

## Patient-Majority Governing Boards

At least 51% of every health center's governing board must be made up of patients

## Who do Health Centers Serve?

Health centers currently serve

**over 29 million patients**

including:

over **13 million** people in poverty

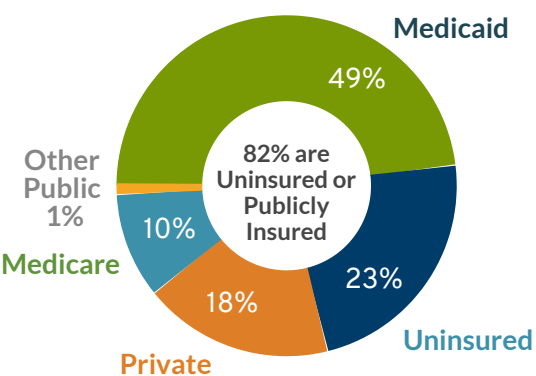
**8.7 million** children

**1.4 million** homeless patients

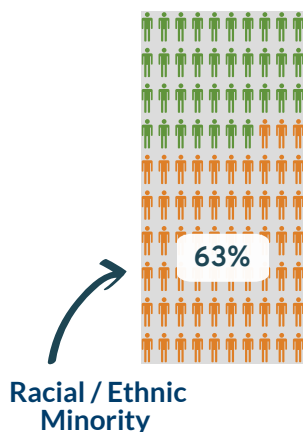
over **385,000** veterans

**65,000** patients receiving MAT for opioid use disorder

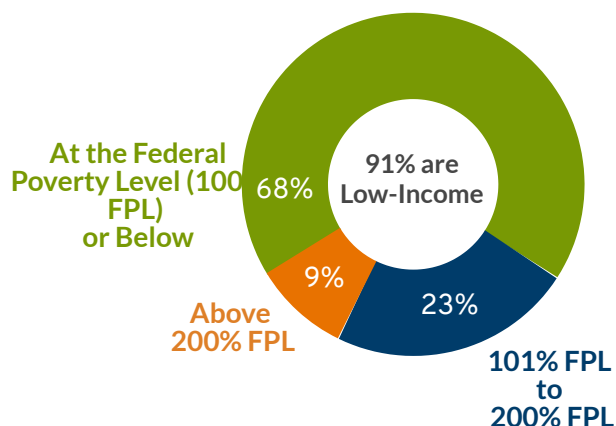
Most Health Center Patients Are Uninsured or Publicly Insured (2018)



Most Health Center Patients Are Members of Racial & Ethnic Minority Groups (2017)



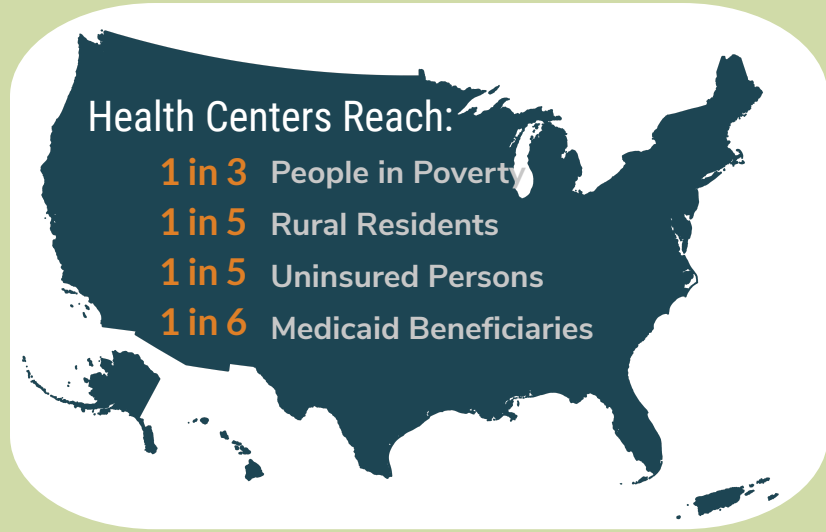
Most Health Center Patients Are Low-Income (2017)



# Health Centers Reach Into America's Most Underserved Communities

There are nearly 1,400 health center organizations operating over 11,000 service delivery locations in every state and territory

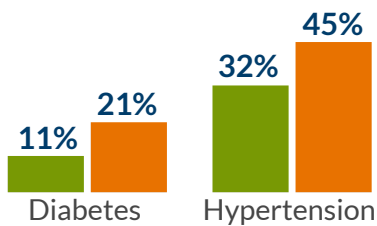
Of these,  
**45% Are Rural Health Centers**



## Health Centers' Impact On Patients

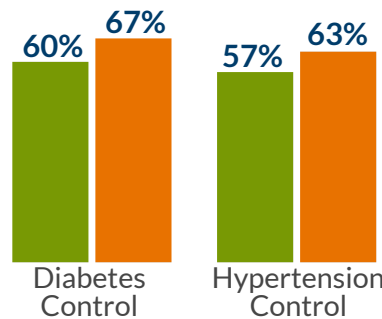
Many Patients Present to Health Centers With Chronic Conditions

% of Adults Reporting Ever Being Told They Have:



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And Health Center Patients Have Higher Rates of Diabetes & Hypertension Control



Health centers perform **better on ambulatory care quality measures** compared to private physicians & are **narrowing health disparities**

## Health Centers Create Savings & Promote Economic Growth

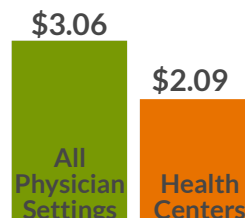
Health centers **employ over 236,000 people** of all skill & education levels, including health professionals, administration & facility & support staff

In total, these staff provide over **115 million patient visits** annually

Health centers create **\$54.6 billion in total economic activity** each year within America's most underserved communities

Health Centers Save The Health Care System  
**\$24 Billion Annually**

Health Centers' Average Daily Cost Per Patient is Lower



Health Centers, on Average, Save Over \$2,300 (24%) Per Medicaid Patient

