



What are Community Health Centers?

Community, Migrant, and Homeless Health Centers are **non-profit, community-directed providers** that remove common barriers to care by serving communities who otherwise confront financial, geographic, language, cultural and other barriers. Also known as Federally-Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), they:

- are **located in high-need areas** identified as having elevated poverty, higher than average infant mortality, and where few physicians practice;
- are **open to all residents**, regardless of insurance status or ability to pay;
- **tailor services** to fit the special needs and priorities of their communities, and provide services in a linguistically and culturally appropriate manner;
- provide **comprehensive primary and other health care services**, including services that **help their patients access care**, such as transportation, translation, and case management;
- **provide high quality care**, reducing health disparities and improving patient outcomes;¹
- are **cost effective**, reducing costly emergency, hospital, and specialty care, and **saving the health care system between \$9.9 to \$17.6 billion a year nationally.**²

Wyoming Federally-Supported Health Centers

Number of Organizations	6
Number of Delivery Sites	15
Total Patients	20,694
Number Migrant/Seasonal Farmworker Patients	945
Number Homeless Patients	2,340

	Health Center Population	State Population ³	US Population ³
Percent at or Below 100% of Poverty , 2007	56%	13%	17%
Percent Under 200% of Poverty , 2007	84%	32%	36%
Percent Uninsured , 2007	44%	14%	12%
Percent Medicaid , 2007	16%	9%	13%
Percent Medicare , 2007	12%	14%	15%
Percent Hispanic/Latino , 2007*	13%	7%	15%
Percent African American , 2007*	2%	1%	13%
Percent Asian/Pacific Islander , 2007*	1%	1%	5%
Percent American Indian/Alaska Native , 2007*	3%	2%	1%
Percent White (Including Hispanic/Latino), 2007*	94%	94%	80%
Percent Rural , 2007	95%	70%	16%

* May not sum to 100% due to rounding and non-inclusion of two or more races. 0% may indicate <0.5%. Health center racial and ethnic population data may vary from last year due to changes in reporting.

Percent of Vulnerable Wyoming Residents Served by Federally-Supported Health Centers⁴

Percent of Low Income, Uninsured , 2007	21%
Percent of Medicaid Beneficiaries , 2005	6%
Percent of Population at or Below 100% of Poverty , 2007	17%

Economic Benefits of Wyoming Federally-Supported Health Centers

Wasted Expenditures on Avoidable Emergency Department Visits , 2006 ⁵	\$36,360,931
Economic Benefits Generated for Local Communities, 2006 ²	\$18,383,772

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Data for federally-funded health centers only and may therefore underreport the true volume of care. See note below.

Health Center Staff and Related Patient Visits

	FTE*	Patient Visits
Primary Care Physicians	10.8	37,838
NPs/PAs/CNMs	9.7	21,118
Nurses	15.6	3,377
Dentists	1.8	2,730
Dental Hygienists	1.8	819
Behavioral Health Specialists [#]	5.0	3,691
Pharmacy	7.1	N/A
Total Enabling Services [†]	12.1	3,249
Other Staff	98.4	N/A
Total	162.2	73,528

* Full-time equivalent.

[#] Includes psychiatrists, psychologists, and licensed or credentialed behavioral health providers.

[†] Includes outreach workers, health educators, case managers, translators, transportation, eligibility assistance workers, and child care workers. Not all staff have related patient visits.

Patient Visits and Patients by Selected Primary Diagnoses and Services

	Patient Visits	Patients
<i>Medical Conditions</i>		
Hypertension	3,499	1,960
Diabetes mellitus	3,423	1,293
Heart Disease (Selected)	1,680	494
Asthma	765	500
Depression & Other Mood Disorders	4,057	1,689
All Mental Health & Substance Abuse	7,543	N/A
<i>Preventive Services</i>		
Health Supervision Ages 0-11*	2,750	1,365
Selected Immunizations [#]	3,112	2,301
Oral Dental Exams	1,135	895
Pap Test	1,791	1,663
Mammogram	27	22
HIV Test	356	344

* Well child visits. [#] Includes DPT, MMR, polio, influenza, hepatitis A & B, HiB, etc.

Percent of Health Centers Providing Select Services Onsite*

<i>Professional Services</i>	
General Primary Medical Care	100%
Prenatal Care	67%
Preventive Dental Care	67%
Mental Health Treatment/Counseling	67%
Substance Abuse Treatment & Counseling	67%
Hearing Screening	100%
Vision Screening	67%
Pharmacy	33%
<i>Preventive Services</i>	
Smoking Cessation Program	50%
HIV Testing And Counseling	83%
Glycosylated Hemoglobin Measurement, Diabetes	83%
Blood Pressure Monitoring	100%
Blood Cholesterol Screening	83%
Weight Reduction Program	50%
<i>Enabling Services</i>	
Case Management	83%
Eligibility Assistance	83%
Health Education	100%
Interpretation/Translation Services	100%
Transportation	33%
Out stationed Eligibility Workers	17%

* "Onsite" includes services rendered by employees, contracted providers, volunteers and others who render services in the health center's name. Health centers may also provide services through formal referral arrangements.

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Health Center Costs of Care

Average Cost per Patient	Cost
Medical Costs per Medical Patient*	\$345
Dental Costs per Dental Patient	\$566
Total Cost per Total Patient [#]	\$601

Average Cost per Patient Visit	Cost
Medical Cost per Medical Patient Visit	\$113
Dental Costs per Dental Patient Visit	\$198

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

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

Sources and Notes

Unless otherwise specified, this fact sheet is based on Bureau of Primary Health Care, HRSA, DHHS, 2007 Uniform Data System (UDS). It includes data from Federally-Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) that receive federal health center grants and are therefore required to report administrative, clinical and other information. Data do not account for 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. Consequently, data reflected in this fact sheet may underreport the true volume of care delivered by health centers.

¹ See the NACHC 2008 Chart Book at www.nachc.com/research.

² NACHC, Robert Graham Center, and Capital Link, *Access Granted*, August 2007, <http://www.nachc.com/research-reports.cfm>.

³ Urban Institute and Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured estimates based on Census Bureau's March 2007 and 2008 Current Population Survey. See Kaiser Family Foundation, State Health Facts Online, www.statehealthfacts.org. U.S. Census Bureau, Table 4: Annual Estimates of the Population by Race Alone and Hispanic or Latino Origin for the United States and States: July 2007. Released May 2008. <http://www.census.gov/popest/states/>.

⁴ Compares health center 2005 and 2007 UDS to 2005-2006 and 2006-2007 state population data, respectively. State population data come from Kaiser Family Foundation, State Health Facts Online. www.statehealthfacts.kff.org.

⁵ NACHC and Association of Community Affiliated Plans, *The Impact of Health Centers and Community-Affiliated Health Plans on Emergency Department Use*, April 2007, <http://www.nachc.com/research>.