

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 and
- are **cost effective**, reducing costly emergency, hospital, and specialty care, and **saving the health care system \$24 billion a year nationally**.²

Kansas Federally-Supported Health Centers, 2008

Number of Organizations	11
Number of Delivery Sites	36
Total Patients	108,235
Number Migrant/Seasonal Farmworker Patients	4,420
Number Homeless Patients	3,223

	Health Center Population	State Population ³	US Population ³
Percent at or Below 100% of Poverty	68%	15%	17%
Percent Under 200% of Poverty	94%	35%	32%
Percent Uninsured	57%	13%	15%
Percent Medicaid	25%	11%	14%
Percent Medicare	4%	12%	12%
Percent Hispanic/Latino	30%	9%	15%
Percent African American	10%	6%	13%
Percent Asian/Pacific Islander	2%	2%	5%
Percent American Indian/Alaska Native	3%	1%	1%
Percent White	58%	89%	80%
Percent Rural	56%	36%	16%

Race/Ethnicity may not sum to 100% due to rounding and non-inclusion of two or more races. 0% may indicate <0.5%. Rural data from 2007.

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

Percent of Low Income, Uninsured , 2008	27%
Percent of Medicaid Beneficiaries , 2006	4%
Percent of Population at or Below 100% of Poverty , 2008	18%

Economic Benefits of Federally-Supported Health Centers

Wasted Expenditures on Avoidable Emergency Department Visits , 2006 ⁵	\$159,038,693
Economic Benefits Generated for Local Communities, 2006 ⁶	\$35,089,879

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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	25.9	83,088
NPs/PAs/CNMs	41.2	124,489
Nurses	69.4	13,019
Dentists	14.8	38,788
Dental Hygienists	17.1	15,154
Behavioral Health Specialists [#]	17.5	17,663
Pharmacy	3.7	N/A
Total Enabling Services [†]	73.3	38,631
Other Staff	317.5	N/A
Total	580.5	335,662

* 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	14,034	7,120
Diabetes mellitus	25,132	6,540
Heart Disease (Selected)	1,646	804
Asthma	2,373	1,595
Depression & Other Mood Disorders	11,855	4,261
All Mental Health & Substance Abuse	28,717	N/A
<i>Preventive Services</i>		
Health Supervision Ages 0-11*	14,732	10,458
Selected Immunizations [#]	14,786	11,050
Oral Dental Exams	20,389	15,510
Pap Test	11,066	9,431
Mammogram	922	898
HIV Test	1,693	1,668

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

Health Centers Providing Select Services Onsite*

<i>Professional Services</i>	
General Primary Medical Care	91%
Prenatal Care	55%
Preventive Dental Care	73%
Mental Health Treatment/Counseling	82%
Substance Abuse Treatment & Counseling	55%
Hearing Screening	73%
Vision Screening	82%
Pharmacy	27%
<i>Preventive Services</i>	
Smoking Cessation Program	55%
HIV Testing And Counseling	91%
Glycosylated Hemoglobin Measurement, Diabetes	73%
Blood Pressure Monitoring	91%
Blood Cholesterol Screening	73%
Weight Reduction Program	73%
<i>Enabling Services</i>	
Case Management	100%
Eligibility Assistance	91%
Health Education	100%
Interpretation/Translation Services	100%
Transportation	45%
Out stationed Eligibility Workers	36%

* "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. Data based on 2007 UDS.

Health Center Costs of Care

<i>Average Cost per Patient</i>	
Medical Costs per Medical Patient*	\$271
Dental Costs per Dental Patient	\$291
Total Cost per Total Patient [#]	\$388
<i>Average Cost per Patient Visit</i>	
Medical Cost per Medical Patient Visit	\$109
Dental Costs per Dental Patient Visit	\$150

* 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, 2008 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 Summaries of Literature on Health Centers, Quality of Care, www.nachc.com/research.

² GWU, *Using Primary Care to Bend the Curve: Estimating the Impact of a Health Center Expansion on Health Care Costs*, September 2009, www.gwhealthpolicy.org.

³ 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 2008. Released May 2009. www.census.gov/popest/states/.

⁴ Compares health center UDS data to 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, www.nachc.com/research.

⁶ NACHC, Robert Graham Center, and Capital Link, *Access Granted*, August 2007, www.nachc.com/research.

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