

# COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS AS ECONOMIC ENGINES

Community Health Centers provide high-quality, comprehensive care to **28 million patients<sup>1</sup>** in **medically underserved communities** across the nation. As health centers leverage the federal and state investments necessary to bring health care where it would otherwise not exist, they also generate economic gains within the communities they serve.

**In 2017 alone, health centers:**

**CREATED MORE THAN  
\$54.6 BILLION  
IN TOTAL ECONOMIC ACTIVITY.**

**DIRECT IMPACTS**  
from the delivery of care  
through a variety of  
revenue sources:

**\$26.3  
BILLION**

**INDIRECT IMPACTS**  
generated from their  
economic activities:

**\$28.3  
BILLION**

For every \$1 invested solely in federal Health Center Program 330 funding,<sup>2</sup> health centers collectively generate \$5.73 in total economic activity across the nation.

For example, health center employees use their paychecks to buy goods and services in their community, supporting local businesses and creating an indirect economic impact — or “ripple effect.”

**CREATED OVER**



**ACROSS THE NATION.**

(in full-time equivalent, or “FTE”)

**DIRECT FULL-TIME JOBS**  
in health centers:

**223,840**

**INDIRECT FULL-TIME JOBS**  
in the community:

**182,000+**

For example, all health centers purchase supplies to provide health services, generating job growth for manufacturers, supply chain networks, and companies and non-profits across industries.



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	Health Center Grantees	ECONOMIC IMPACT		JOBS <sup>4</sup>		
		Economic Activity Generated from Every \$1 of 330 Funding <sup>2</sup>	Total Economic Impact In Millions of Dollars	Health Center Jobs In FTE	Other Jobs In the Community In FTE	Total Jobs In FTE
US	1,373	5.73	54,630	223,840	182,111	405,951
AL	15	2.34	362	1,852	1,099	2,952
AK	27	4.95	583	2,187	2,082	4,270
AZ	21	6.89	1,174	5,508	3,990	9,498
AR	12	3.34	310	1,659	894	2,553
CA	177	8.72	12,138	41,149	44,046	85,195
CO	20	5.85	1,378	5,603	4,952	10,555
CT	16	6.98	797	3,573	1,655	5,227
DE	3	2.87	71	396	67	463
DC	8	10.36	352	1,920	Not Available	Not Available
FL	47	4.94	2,481	10,475	10,889	21,364
GA	35	2.94	759	3,053	3,031	6,084
HI	14	6.42	372	1,856	1,019	2,875
ID	14	4.36	340	1,647	1,467	3,114
IL	45	5.21	2,412	8,355	8,730	17,085
IN	25	5.23	761	3,532	1,946	5,478
IA	14	4.4	328	1,641	915	2,557
KS	18	3.56	297	1,406	720	2,127
KY	24	5.2	741	3,134	2,560	5,694
LA	34	3.77	659	2,968	2,618	5,586
ME	18	4.74	364	1,792	1,393	3,185
MD	17	6.49	766	2,921	2,406	5,327
MA	39	8.84	2,279	9,051	6,539	15,590
MI	38	5.19	1,316	5,833	5,023	10,855
MN	16	4.69	418	1,617	1,330	2,947
MS	20	2.49	336	1,896	923	2,818
MO	29	4.54	1,014	4,435	3,109	7,544
MT	17	3.05	225	1,015	977	1,992
NE	7	3.94	160	862	352	1,214
NV	7	4.58	179	785	663	1,448
NH	11	4.31	197	1,004	341	1,345
NJ	23	4.31	755	3,289	1,698	4,987
NM	17	4.56	566	3,341	1,801	5,142
NY	65	9.28	4,891	17,726	17,566	35,292
NC	40	3.34	940	4,072	3,501	7,573
ND	4	3.86	71	354	152	506
OH	48	4.24	1,295	5,460	4,952	10,412
OK	20	3.37	358	1,624	1,313	2,937
OR	30	7.37	1,252	5,022	4,445	9,467
PA	43	5.46	1,452	5,332	4,930	10,262
RI	8	6.7	343	1,512	987	2,499
SC	23	5.13	855	3,431	3,782	7,213
SD	4	3.36	99	519	232	751
TN	29	3.31	613	2,774	1,449	4,223
TX	73	4.61	2,804	11,150	10,469	21,619
UT	13	3.57	290	1,115	1,331	2,446
VT	11	7.6	290	1,395	995	2,390
VA	26	3.05	509	2,480	1,255	3,736
WA	27	9.37	2,380	9,954	6,717	16,671
WV	27	5.53	627	3,292	1,745	5,036
WI	17	7.33	619	2,556	2,092	4,647
WY	6	3.99	53	249	189	439

<sup>1</sup> NACHC estimates based on 2017 Uniform Data System for federally-funded and look-alike health centers and estimates for annual patient growth. <sup>2</sup> 330 funding (or revenue) refers solely to federal Health Center Program funding under Section 330 of the Public Health Service Act and does not include other revenue sources, such as other types of grants, contracts, payment for services, or other revenues. <sup>3</sup> Territories are not included in economic estimates. <sup>4</sup> Some estimates for the District of Columbia are not shown due to its unique position between both the Virginia and Maryland economies.