

# Health Centers in Georgia Congressional District 4

## *An Economic Opportunity for Georgia Families and Communities*

*In addition to providing affordable, high-quality health care, in 2020*

*Georgia's Health Centers in Congressional District 4 (GA-4):*

- Contributed \$101 million to the Georgia economy, resulting in \$72 million in additional income to households, and 478 jobs.
- Added almost \$14.1 million to the state's economy through indirect and induced economic activity, as well as about \$4.8 million in household income and an additional 111 jobs in Georgia.
- Brought over \$2.00 in economic activity for every dollar spent. For every 10 health center jobs, 5 additional jobs were created.

## **Economic Activity in GA-4 Stimulated by Health Centers in 2020**

Most Georgia's Health Centers' total operating expenses went to local payrolls and the purchase of local goods and services.

	Total Jobs Created	Added Household Income	Total Output
<b>Direct</b>	478	\$72,930,837	\$104,186,909
<b>Indirect</b>	86	\$3,892,016	\$10,693,525
<b>Induced</b>	25	\$1,043,782	\$3,586,021
<b>Total</b>	589	\$77,866,634	\$118,466,456

## **Top 5 Georgia Industries Impacted by GA-4 Health Centers in 2020**

Health Centers purchase a wide variety of goods and services from other Georgia businesses, adding jobs, income and profits to hundreds of Georgia's industries.

Industry Impacted	Jobs Created	Labor Income	Value Added	Output
Offices of physicians	479	\$73,024,238	\$65,280,135	\$104,353,316
Employment services	13	\$360,575	\$569,969	\$982,737
Medical and diagnostic laboratories	10	\$568,943	\$1,192,559	\$1,451,628
Other real estate	8	\$104,450	\$462,641	\$1,419,945
Transit	7	\$13,379	\$16,552	\$147,996

## **State and Local Tax Contribution of GA-4 Health Centers in 2020**

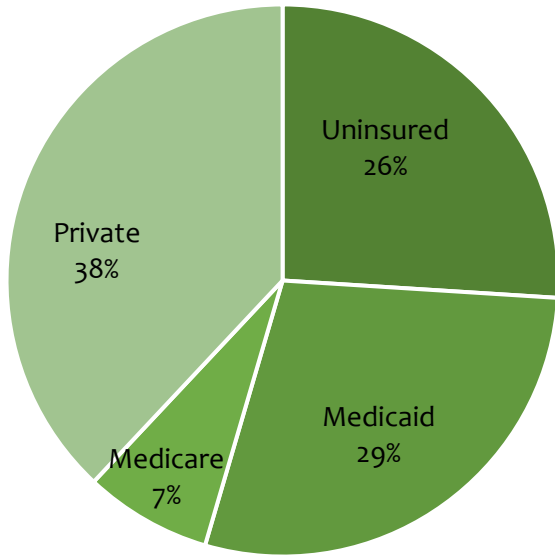
Through sales, income, corporate and other taxes, Health Centers brought over \$5.7 million to state and local treasuries in 2020.

Income Tax	Indirect Business Tax	Household Tax	Corporate
<b>\$457,062</b>	<b>\$4,708,156</b>	<b>\$474,055</b>	<b>\$135,837</b>

# GA-4 Health Centers

Health centers serve as medical homes for thousands of residents throughout GA-4

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### In 2020, GA-4 health centers served

More than 94,000 patients

About 1 in 8 GA-4 residents

Almost 27,000 Medicaid recipients

1 in 5 GA-4 Medicaid recipients

More than 24,000 uninsured patients

1 in 5 uninsured GA-4 residents

## Health Centers in GA-4

*High-Quality Health Care that Saves Money*

Health centers save their patients and the health care system money.  
In 2020, GA-4 health centers “regular” patients were comprised of:

20,603

Uninsured  
Patients

Their medical costs  
were reduced by  
more than \$21.6  
million

22,604

Medicaid  
recipients

Saving Medicaid  
more than \$25.6  
million

30,112

Privately  
insured  
individuals

Saving more than  
\$65.7 million

## Local ED savings using Health Centers

Regular users of health centers are far less likely to go to an ED for an avoidable event. Health centers in GA-4 saved emergency departments (ED) more than \$5 million in 2020.

<b>Estimated number of “Regular” Patients</b>	<b>79,255</b>
Non-health center patient’s chance of an avoidable ED visit	38%
Health center patient’s annual chance of an avoidable ED visit	26%
Average cost of an ED visit	\$1,096
<b>ED savings from health center regular patients</b>	<b>\$5,038,072</b>

## GA-4 Hospital Savings Due to Health Centers

Research has demonstrated that regular users of health centers have lower rates of ED usage and lower odds of potentially avoidable hospitalizations and can help ease the burden on Georgia’s stressed hospitals.

<b>Estimated number of “Regular” Patients</b>	<b>79,255</b>
Non-health center patient’s chance of an avoidable hospital visit	8%
Health center patient’s annual chance of an avoidable hospital visit	5%
Average Cost per hospital visit	\$15,236
<b>Hospital savings from health center regular patients</b>	<b>\$15,094,084</b>

## The Cost for GA-4 Diabetics Who Use Health Centers Compared to Other Providers

Diabetics treated at health centers cost less both at the doctor and at the hospital. For GA-4 health center “regular” patients, this means more than \$30.7 million in savings per year.

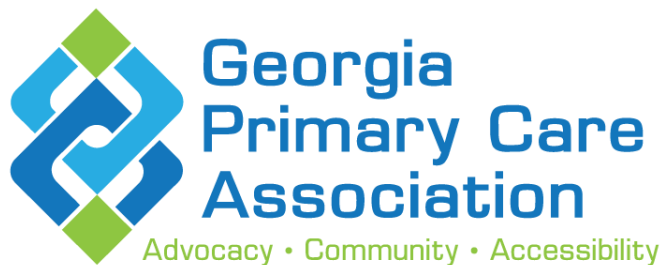
	<b>Other Primary Care Providers</b>	<b>Health Centers as Medical Homes</b>	<b>Savings</b>
Payments for Primary Care	\$2,309	\$1,474	\$8,312,292
Payments for Hospitals	\$4,125	\$2,190	\$15,900,276

# Georgia's Health and Wealth Depends on Health Centers

Our mission is to improve access to comprehensive primary health care services for all medically underserved Georgians and to support the continued development and expansion of community-based health center practice systems throughout the state.

The Georgia Primary Care Association (GPCA) was founded as a not-for-profit Georgia corporation in 1979 through the cooperative efforts of a broad coalition of primary health care advocates in our state. Our mission is to improve access to comprehensive primary health care services for all medically underserved Georgians and to support the continued development and expansion of community-based health center practice systems throughout the state.

**INVESTING IN GEORGIA'S COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS:  
INVESTS IN LOCALLY OWNED AND OPERATED GEORGIA BUSINESSES  
INVESTS IN ATTRACTING NEW BUSINESSES AND INVESTMENTS INTO GEORGIA COMMUNITIES  
INVESTS IN HIGH-PAYING, SKILLED JOBS, WITH TRAINING AND GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES  
INVESTS IN THE STATE AND LOCAL TAX BASE  
PUTS MONEY IN THE POCKETS OF GEORGIA HOUSEHOLDS  
PUTS PEOPLE TO WORK IMPROVING THE HEALTH OF GEORGIA COMMUNITIES**



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## Notes and Methods:

Multipliers are derived by dividing the total output by the direct impact, for example a \$100 investment yields \$190 in economic activity, or \$1.90 for every dollar spent.

Estimates of indirect and induced economic impacts were generated using IMPLAN ONLINE with Georgia-specific state multipliers.

Indirect impact is a measure of money spent on other state industries as a result of an investment.

Induced impact is a measure of household income from other state industries as a result of an investment.

2020 US Census American Community Survey population estimate for Georgia, 2020 Uniform Data Set (UDS) report for Georgia's health centers.

Regular users are estimated at 84% of total users, [www.nachc.com](http://www.nachc.com)

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