

Community Health Centers in Georgia

Congressional District 4

Local Investment, Lasting Impact, Healthier Communities

Community Health Centers are nonprofit, **patient-governed** organizations that provide high-quality, comprehensive primary health care to Georgia's **medically underserved communities**, serving **all patients** regardless of income or insurance status. They are economic engines in their communities that purchase local goods and services, create jobs and increase incomes, and contribute to state and local treasuries.

In 2024, GA-4 Health Centers:



\$120.4M in total economic activity generated in their communities

\$4.7M in savings to emergency departments and hospitals

241 employees and **135** additional jobs in their communities

Brought over **\$2.00** in economic activity for every dollar spent. For every 10 health center jobs, 5 additional jobs were created.

“Regular” health center patients save the health care system millions of dollars per year.

In 2024, health centers in GA-4:

- ✓ Saved Medicaid more than **\$29.6M**
- ✓ Reduced medical costs for uninsured patients by more than **\$6.7M**
- ✓ **\$27M** in savings to the health care system from privately insured individuals and families
- ✓ Saved hospitals more than **\$3M** in avoidable hospitalizations
- ✓ Brought over **\$1.1M** to state treasuries in 2024.

Georgia's health centers were medical homes to almost **710,000** people at **36** health centers grantees and look-alikes at more than **330** sites in **140** counties across Georgia

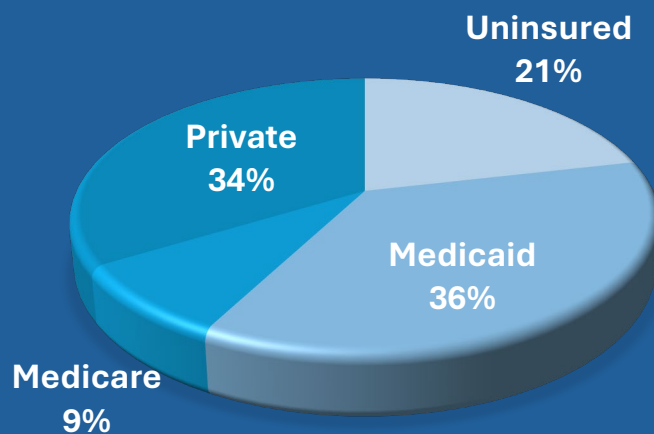


Georgia's Health Centers

Health centers serve as medical homes for thousands of residents throughout Georgia

In 2024, GA-4 health centers served:

- More than **35,300** patients
 - 1 in 30 GA-4 residents
- About **12,865** Medicaid recipients
 - 1 in 11 GA-4 Medicaid recipients
- About **7,570** uninsured patients
 - 1 in 13 uninsured GA-4 residents



34%
Children



9%
Older Adults



205
Veterans



612
School-based
health center



389
People experiencing
homelessness

In 2024, GA-4 Provided

72,444
Medical Visits

3,696
Behavioral Health and
Substance Use
Disorder Visits

9,239
Virtual Visits

96,027
Total Visits

The Cost and Savings for GA-4 Residents with Diabetes

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 \$10.4 million in savings per year.

	Other Primary Care Providers	Health Centers as Medical Homes	Annual Savings
Payments for Primary Care	\$1,956	\$1,474	\$3,604,177
Payments for Hospitals	\$3,112	\$2,190	\$6,894,297

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 because of an investment.

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

2023 US Census American Community Survey population estimate for Georgia, 2023 Uniform Data Set (UDS) report for Georgia's health centers.

Regular users are estimated at 84% of total users, www.nachc.com

Data resources available at www.georgiapca.org

Kaiser Family Foundation www.kff.org