

# Community Health Centers in Georgia

## Congressional District 8

### 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-8 Health Centers:



**\$278.4M** in total economic activity generated in their communities

**1,482** employees and **516** additional jobs in their communities

**\$56.2M** in savings to emergency departments and hospitals

Brought over **\$2.50** 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-8:

- ✓ Saved Medicaid more than **\$173.1M**
- ✓ Reduced medical costs for uninsured patients by more than **\$37.8M**
- ✓ **\$250M** in savings to the health care system from privately insured individuals and families
- ✓ Saved hospitals more than **\$35.7M** in avoidable hospitalizations
- ✓ Brought over **\$5.4M** 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

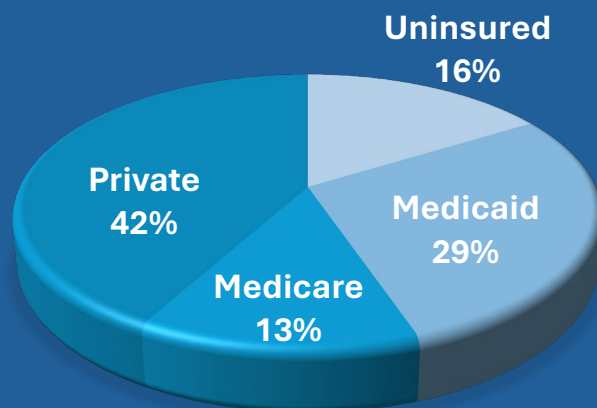


# Georgia's Health Centers

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

## In 2024, GA-8 health centers served:

- More than **263,800** patients
  - 1 in 3 GA-8 residents
- About **75,300** Medicaid recipients
  - 1 in 2 GA-8 Medicaid recipients
- About **42,800** uninsured patients
  - 1 in 2 uninsured GA-8 residents



## PAYOR MIX



**29%**  
Children



**14%**  
Older Adults



**3,754**  
Veterans



**10,832**  
School-based  
health center



**2,541**  
People experiencing  
homelessness

## In 2024, GA-8 Provided

**800,999**  
Medical Visits

**35,964**  
Behavioral Health and  
Substance Use  
Disorder Visits

**46,909**  
Virtual Visits

**906,510**  
Total Visits

## The Cost and Savings for GA-8 Residents with Diabetes

Diabetics treated at health centers cost less both at the doctor and at the hospital. For GA-8 health center “regular” patients, this means more than \$90.2 million in savings per year.

	Other Primary Care Providers	Health Centers as Medical Homes	Annual Savings
Payments for Primary Care	\$1,956	\$1,474	\$30,989,159
Payments for Hospitals	\$3,112	\$2,190	\$59,278,018

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](http://www.nachc.com)

Data resources available at [www.georgiapca.org](http://www.georgiapca.org)

Kaiser Family Foundation [www.kff.org](http://www.kff.org)