

Health Centers in Georgia-

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 2025, Georgia’s Health Centers:



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

- ✓ saved Medicaid more than \$445M
- ✓ reduced medical cost for uninsured patients more than \$170M
- ✓ \$612M in savings to the health care system from privately insured individuals and families
- ✓ saved hospitals more than \$111M in avoidable hospitalizations
- ✓ diabetic patients at health centers saved the health care system more than \$183M

Georgia’s health centers were medical homes to almost 748,000 people at over 36 health centers grantees and look-alikes at more than 330 sites in 140 counties across Georgia



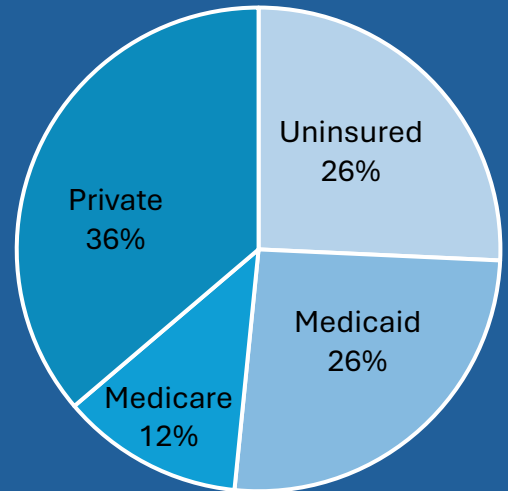
Georgia's Health Centers

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

In 2025, Georgia's health centers served:

- Almost **748,000** patients
 - 1 in 15 Georgians
- About **193,500** Medicaid recipients
 - 1 in 12 Georgia Medicaid recipients
- About **192,300** uninsured patients
 - 1 in 7 uninsured Georgia

Payor Mix



28%
Children



13%
Older Adults



9,052
Veterans



30,305
School-based
health center



26,135
Homeless

Integrated Care

Patients at Georgia Health Centers received a variety of services in 2025

686,863	61,592	12,325
Medical Services	Dental Services	Vision Services
32,006	8,363	36,642
Behavioral Health Services	Substance Use Disorder Services	Enabling Services

Georgia's Health Centers are Medical Homes

1,924,042	82,496	2,304,824
Medical Visits	Virtual Visits	Total Visits

Studies show significant cost savings to the health system when health centers integrate behavioral health and substance use disorder services. This means fewer ED visits and hospitalization, increased medication adherence and improved management of other co-morbid conditions like diabetes and heart disease for patients with behavioral health and substance use issues.

Preventative Care in 2025

52,214

Childhood Development Screenings and Evaluations

111,240

Immunizations, COVID-19 and Seasonal Flu Vaccines

Managing Chronic Conditions of Georgia Health Center Patient in 2025

30,166

Heart Disease

34,250

Asthma

7,035

HIV

89,430

Patients with Diabetes

70.1%

Patients with Controlled Diabetes

179,541

Patients with Hypertension

63.4%

Patients with Controlled Hypertension

The Cost for Georgia 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 Georgia health center “regular” patients, this means more than \$183 million in savings per year.

	Other Primary Care Providers	Health Centers as Medical Homes	Savings
Payments for Primary Care	\$1,956	\$1,474	\$63,002,648
Payments for Hospitals	\$3,112	\$2,190	\$120,515,439

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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Multipliers are derived by dividing the total output by the direct impact, for example a \$100 investment yields \$190 in economic activity, or \$2.50 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.

2025 US Census American Community Survey population estimate for Georgia, 2025 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