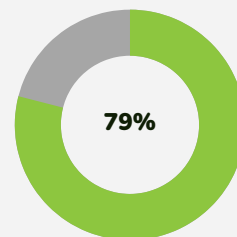


# WHAT IS A COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER?

There are 19 federally-designated Community Health Centers in Wisconsin with more than 200 service delivery sites, serving nearly 300,000 patients.

## DID YOU KNOW?

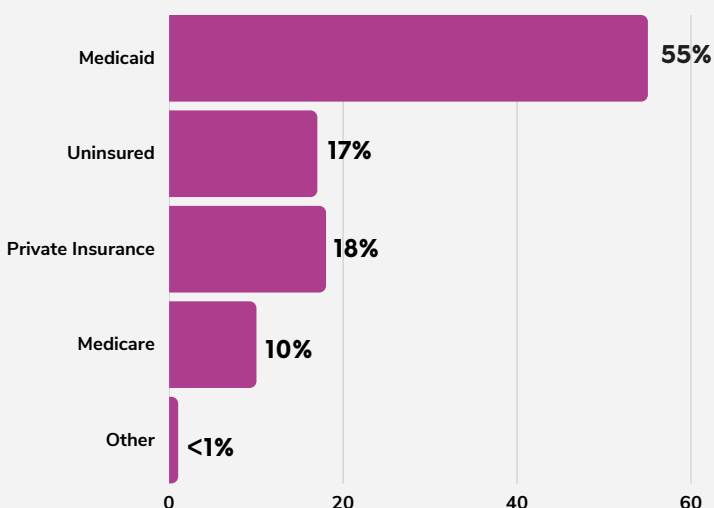
- Community Health Centers are clinics that provide **primary care services, including check-ups, behavioral health, dental care, substance use disorder treatment**, and enabling services like care coordination and community referrals.
- Wisconsin's 19 Community Health Centers are part of a national network of clinics that serve as the medical home for over **29 million people** of all ages in over 12,000 communities.
- Community Health Centers provide services to everyone **regardless of insurance status**, with fees adjusted based on a patient's ability to pay.
- Because of their special federal designation, Community Health Centers participate in unique programs like the **National Health Service Corps**, a program to place providers in areas without enough providers to serve the population.
- Community Health Centers receive **limited funding from public investments** to provide care for uninsured individuals and high-need populations (approximately one-third of revenue is state or federal grant funding).
- Every \$1 in federal investments generates \$7 in economic activity across Wisconsin, delivering over **\$652 million in economic activity annually**.



**79% of Community Health Center patients live below 200% of the Federal Poverty Line.**

The Federal Poverty Line in 2021 is \$26,500 for a family of four.

## Insurance Status of Wisconsin Community Health Center Patients



## WHAT MAKES COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS UNIQUE?

### Community Health Centers are:

- Dedicated to filling gaps in traditional health care systems by serving under-resourced communities
- Private or public not-for-profit organizations
- Located in or serving high need communities, based on federal requirements, which may be urban or rural areas
- Governed by a patient-majority Board of Directors
- Responsible for meeting performance and accountability requirements and publicly reporting clinical and financial data to the federal government

### Community Health Centers sit at the crossroads of health care and public health. They are not:

- Hospitals or health systems
- Free and charitable clinics
- Local public health departments