

Federally Qualified Health Centers

Providing high-quality, affordable primary care and preventive services to Texas's most vulnerable populations

A "Three Star" Effective Program as evaluated by the Office of Management and Budget

What are Federally Qualified Health Centers?

Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), are **local, non-profit or public entity, community owned health care providers** serving low-income and medically underserved communities. For more than 40 years, FQHCs have provided high-quality, affordable primary care and preventive services to populations who, even if insured, remain isolated from traditional forms of medical care because of where they live, who they are, the language they speak, and their high levels of complex health care needs. Health centers **improve access to care** for millions of Americans regardless of insurance status or ability to pay. FQHCs provide services many other providers do not, such as transportation, translation, and culturally sensitive health care that can overcome common barriers. Their **costs of care rank among the lowest**, and they reduce the need for more expensive hospital in-patient and specialty care, producing significant savings for taxpayers.

In 2007, Texas Community Health Centers cared for **770,578 Texans**.* Today, there are **68 FQHCs in Texas** including **three FQHC Look Alikes**[#] and **eight new organizations** that were funded as a result of the **American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009**. They support **nearly 300 service delivery sites** across the state.

Who are Texas Community Health Center Clients?

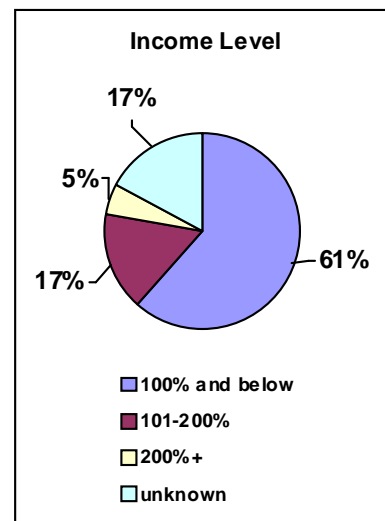
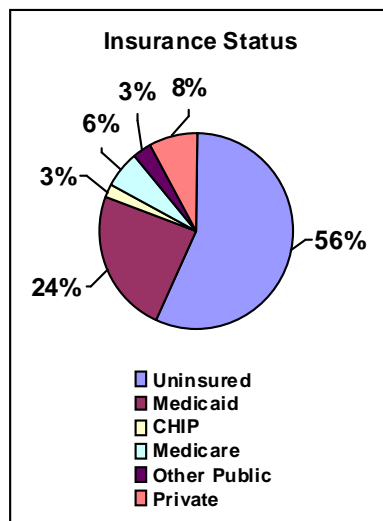


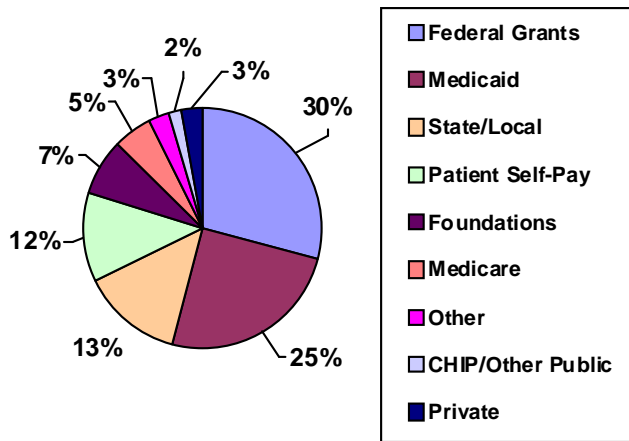
Chart Data Source: 2007 Uniform Data System (UDS)

Ethnicity Information: In 2007, nearly 500,000 Texas health center clients, or 64%, identified themselves as Hispanic or Latino. Health Centers also served more than 100,000 African Americans, 481,000 Whites, and 5,700 Asian/Hawaiian/Pacific Islanders.

*Data Source: 2007 Uniform Data System (UDS). [#]FQHC Look-Alikes meet all the requirements of FQHCs, but do not receive federal grants and are not required to submit a UDS report.

Why is Investing in Health Centers Important?

Investing in health centers produces improved health outcomes and quality of life, as well as reductions in health disparities, for many underserved Texans. Thirty percent of health center revenue in Texas comes from federal grants. Community health centers use their federal grant dollars to fund care for uninsured patients. **Medicaid dollars represent 25% of health center revenue**, while state and local projects such as the FQHC Incubator Program and the Primary Health Care Program provide 13%. **Patient self-payments account for 12% of total revenue** required to meet the primary health care needs of Texas' underserved populations. As shown below, health center costs of care are among the lowest.



Total 2007 Revenue **\$391,217,183**

Selected 2007 Revenue Amounts

Public Health Service Grants	\$98,995,223
Medicaid Reimbursements	\$94,225,164
Medicare Reimbursements	\$20,775,574
State/Local Programs	\$50,745,187
Patient Self-Pay	\$45,831,761
Foundations	\$27,835,057
Private Insurance	\$10,467,923

Source: 2007 Uniform Data System Reports

Health Center Costs of Care - 2007

<i>Average Cost per Patient per Year</i>	<u>Cost</u>
Medical Costs per Medical Patient	\$372
Dental Costs per Dental Patient	\$307
Total Cost per Total Patient ^o	\$503

<i>Average Cost per Patient Visit per Year</i>	
Medical Cost per Medical Patient Visit	\$114
Dental Costs per Dental Patient Visit	\$135
Pharmacy Costs per Medical Patient Visit	\$ 16
Lab & X-ray cost per Medical Patient Visit	\$ 12

Funding Data Sources:

- 2007 Uniform Data System Reports

^oIncludes the total cost of all services, not including donations, over total users.

Health Center Staff and Related Patient Visits - 2007

	<u>FTE</u>	<u>Patient Visits</u>
Primary Care Physicians	323.15	1,299,233
NPs/PAs/CNMs	216.73	683,800
Nurses	497.37	178,552
Dentists	108.52	275,641
Dental Hygienists	50.26	67,571
Mental Health & Substance Abuse Specialists [¶]	88.07	158,813
Pharmacy	211.51	N/A
Total Enabling Services [#]	446.64	228,050
Other Staff [*]	3406.36	N/A
Total	5,360.84	2,948,636

[¶]Includes psychiatrists, psychologists, and licensed or credentialed behavioral health providers.

[#]Includes health educators, case managers, translators, transportation, eligibility workers, etc. Not all staff have related patient visits. Does not include workers for other social services, such as WIC, Head Start, housing assistance, food banks, and employment counselors.

^{*}Includes specialists and other medical, dental, and professional personnel as well as administrative, patient services, and other staff.
Source: 2007 Uniform Data System Reports*.