



SOUTH DAKOTA COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS

Healthy People, Healthy Economy

COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS MISSION

The mission of community health centers is to provide high-quality, affordable, comprehensive primary and preventive health care to all South Dakotans, regardless of their insurance status or ability to pay. Access to health care in South Dakota's urban and rural communities is essential to the growth and viability of those communities, making them great places to live, work, learn, and play.

ECONOMIC VIABILITY

In addition to the actual dollars that flow to local communities through health centers, their role in maintaining access to health care can have an enormous impact on the long-term economic viability of rural and urban communities throughout South Dakota. For our smaller communities, access to local health care is crucial to a town's ability to recruit new companies and maintain a healthy workforce without long out-of-town trips to the doctors or to pick up prescriptions. When a small town is able to retain access to health care, it can serve as a main street anchor, keeping other small businesses viable. Across rural and urban communities, CHCs keep health care affordable by providing health care services regardless of ability to pay and by helping patients find health coverage options that are right for them.

STATEWIDE IMPACT

South Dakota Community Health Centers (CHCs) had a total annual economic impact on the state of

\$96,423,278 IN 2019



RURAL AND URBAN IMPACT



South Dakota rural CHCs
had a total impact of

\$61,489,408



South Dakota urban CHCs
had a total impact of

\$26,299,563

SOUTH DAKOTA CHCS DIRECTLY GENERATED:



full-time jobs

AND SUPPORTED
AN ADDITIONAL



jobs in other business

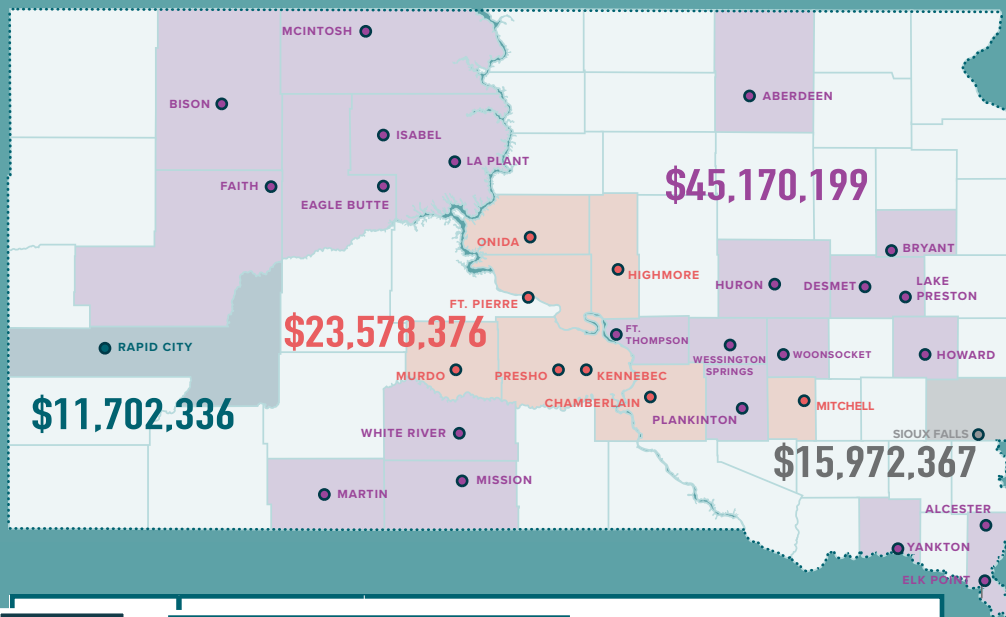


total jobs

When patients receive high quality preventive and primary care, it can actually reduce their overall health care costs by preventing high cost services such as emergency room visits or avoidable hospital stays. A recent study found that, on average, each patient receiving care at a CHC saved the health care system **24% ANNUALLY.**

Improved health and reduced costs – that sounds like a win-win for individuals who would rather spend their time and money investing in their families and communities than seeing the doctor!

ECONOMIC IMPACT PER SOUTH DAKOTA CHCs



KEY

LOCATIONS

○ CLINIC

SOUTH DAKOTA ORGANIZATIONS

- Community Health Center of the Black Hills \$11,702,336
- Falls Community Health \$15,972,367

- Horizon Health Care \$45,170,199
- Rural Health Care \$23,578,376

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CHCs in South Dakota provide comprehensive, high-quality health care including primary care, behavioral health, dental care, and school-based care.

In 2019, four South Dakota community health centers provided high-quality, cost-effective and integrated care to



79,460
INDIVIDUALS

AT **41**
DELIVERY SITES



IN 32
COMMUNITIES

