



## 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

**\$112,039,646** IN 2020



## RURAL AND URBAN IMPACT



South Dakota rural CHCs  
had a total impact of

**\$74,821,712**



South Dakota urban CHCs  
had a total impact of

**\$26,974,390**

## SOUTH DAKOTA CHCS DIRECTLY GENERATED:



full-time jobs

AND SUPPORTED  
AN ADDITIONAL



jobs in other business

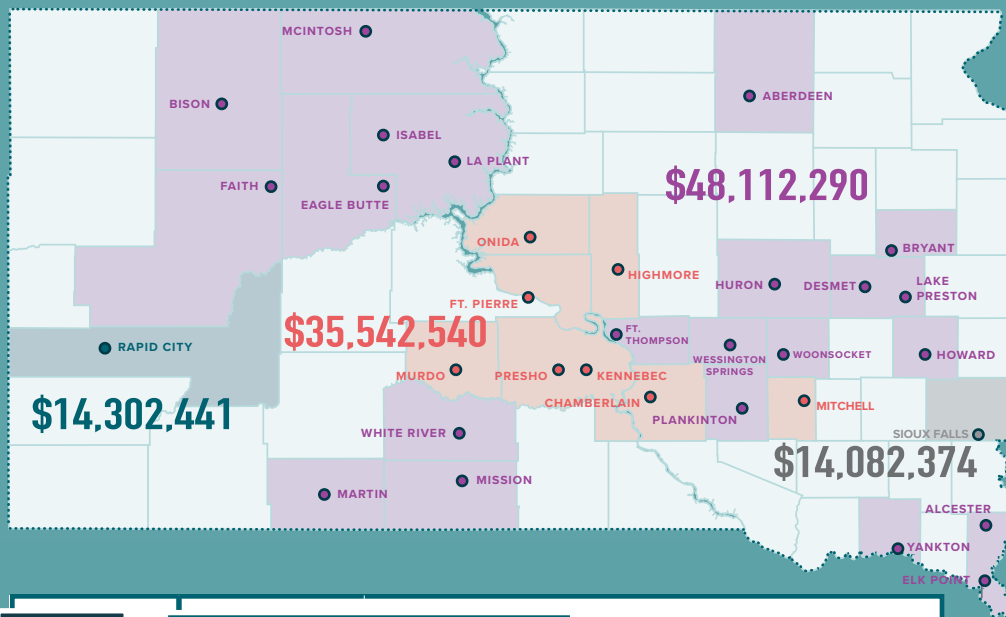


total jobs

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 \$14,302,441
- Falls Community Health \$14,082,374

- Horizon Health Care \$48,112,290
- Rural Health Care \$35,542,540

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

In 2020, four South Dakota community health centers provided high-quality, cost-effective and integrated care to



**80,455**  
INDIVIDUALS

AT **42**  
DELIVERY SITES



**IN 32**  
COMMUNITIES

### SOURCES

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