



# SOUTH DAKOTA HEALTH CENTERS

*Healthy People, Healthy Economy*

## HEALTH CENTER MISSION

The mission of 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 doctor 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, health centers 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 health centers had a total annual economic impact on the state of

**\$236,056,583** IN 2024



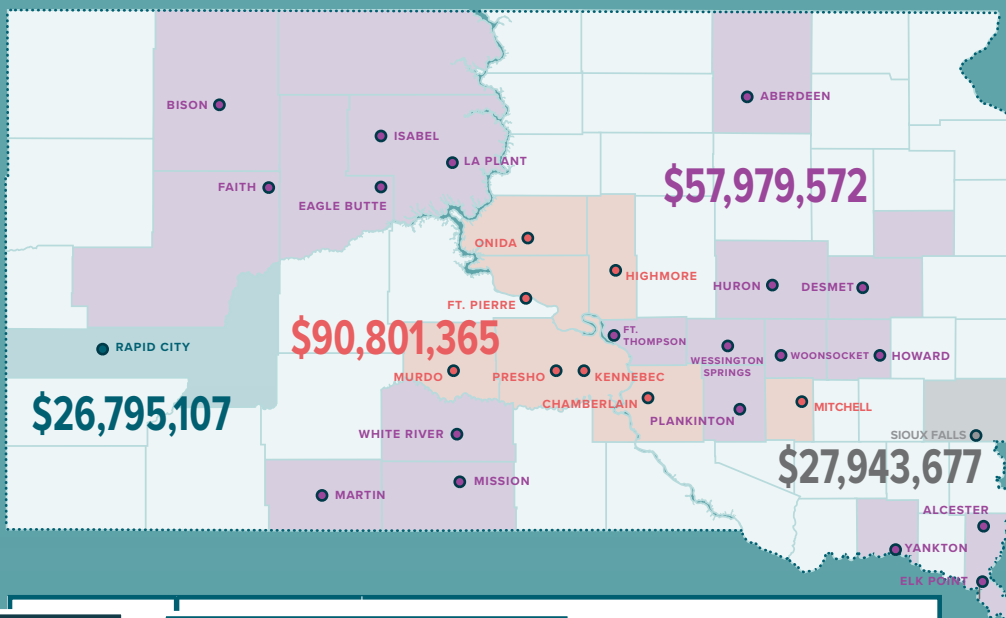
## SOUTH DAKOTA HEALTH CENTERS DIRECTLY GENERATED:



Patients receiving high-quality preventive and primary care can 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, Medicaid patients receiving care at a health center saved the health care system **24% ANNUALLY.**

Improved health and reduced costs – that’s 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 HEALTH CENTERS



### KEY

#### LOCATIONS

○ CLINIC

#### SOUTH DAKOTA ORGANIZATIONS \*

- Complete Health \$26,795,107
- Horizon Health \$57,979,572
- Falls Community Health \$27,943,677
- Access Health \$90,801,365

\*\*Map reflects only organizations included in the SD economic impact report

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

In 2024, five South Dakota health centers provided high-quality, cost-effective and integrated care to



**126,663**  
INDIVIDUALS

AT **42**  
DELIVERY SITES



**IN 30**  
COMMUNITIES

### SOURCES

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Updated 2024 Health Center Data



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