

\$2.0 Billion Florida FQHC Economic Impact in 2017

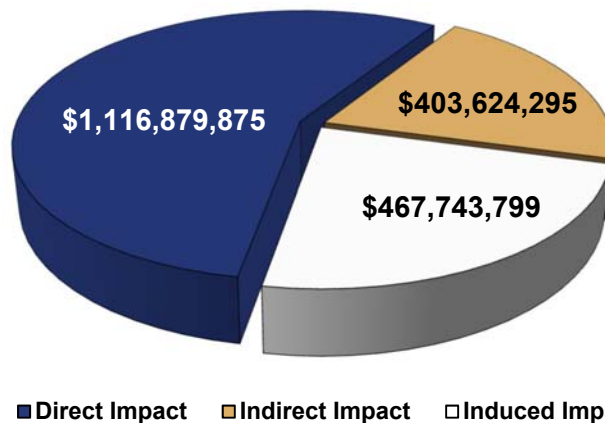
Florida’s federally qualified health centers (FQHCs) have provided comprehensive, culturally competent, quality primary health care services to medically underserved communities for more than 45 years.

Florida’s 49 FQHCs provide primary care services over 1.4 million patients at 500 locations statewide. Of those patients 90.2% of those patients reporting their status had incomes at or below 200% of the poverty level and 76.6% of patients were either covered by Medicaid or had no insurance at all.

Using IMPLAN modeling software, the state primary care association, the Florida Association of Community Health Centers (FACHC), has determined the overall **economic impact of Florida’s FQHCs in 2017 was \$2.0 billion.**

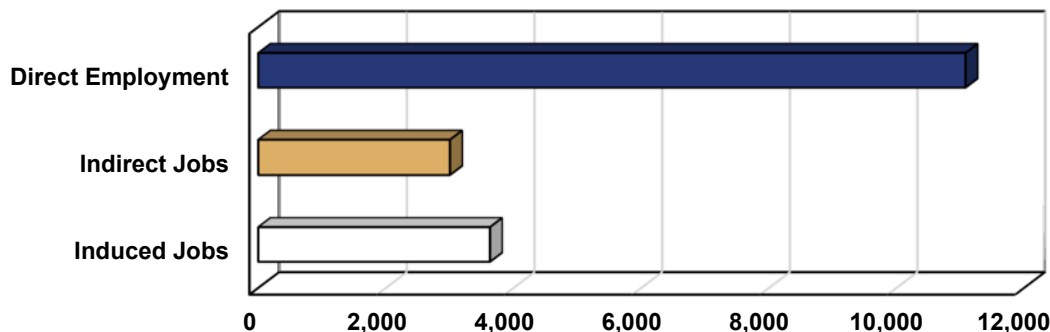
There is an **additional return on investment of \$0.78** for each \$1.00 invested in Florida’s FQHCs.

2017 Economic Impact of Florida FQHCs

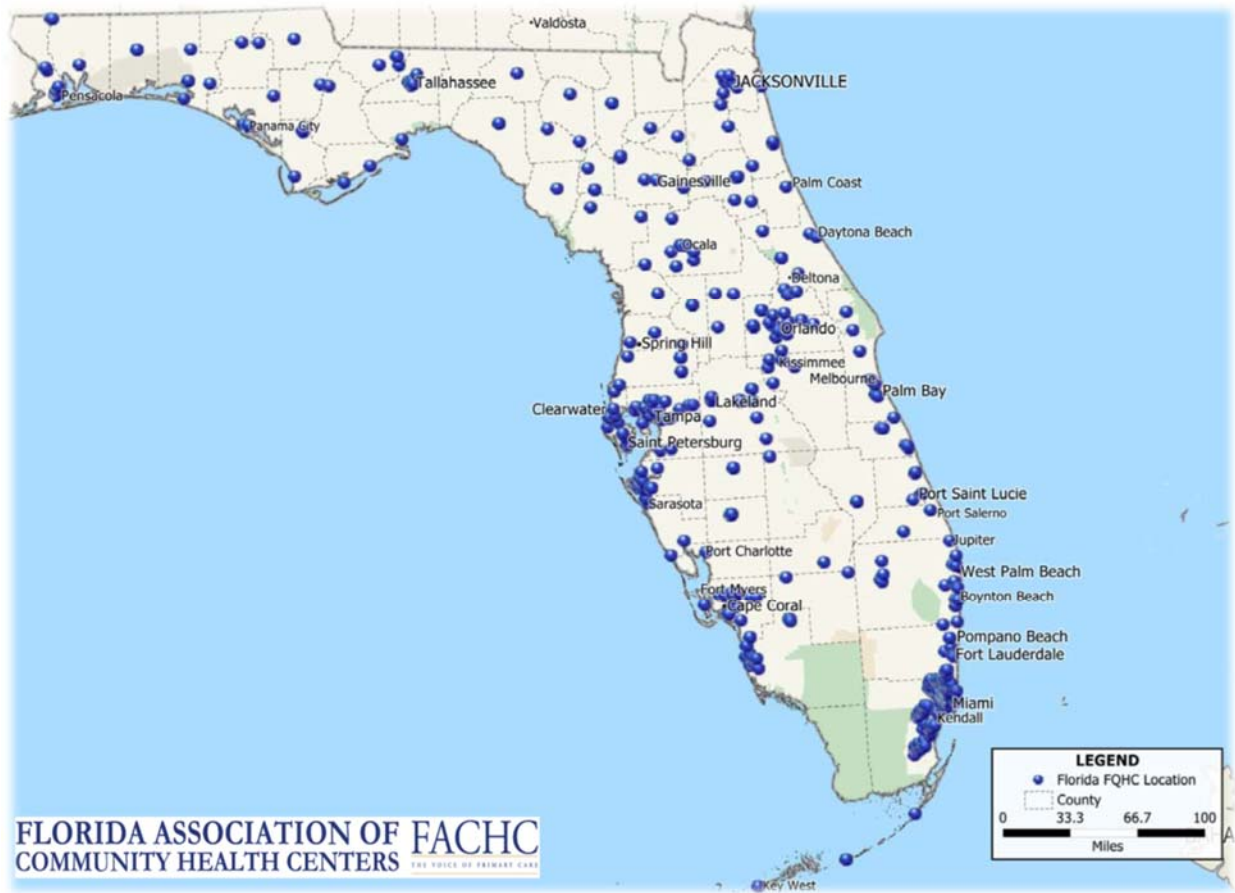


Florida’s FQHCs act as a valuable employer, accounting for over 17,700 jobs in 2017 in local communities across the state. In addition to the 11,100 positions at the health centers (direct jobs), the 500 locations also contribute to about 6,600 additional indirect/induced jobs as a result of respending of monies throughout the local economies.

2017 Florida FQHC Job Creation



Economic Impact of Florida's Federally Qualified Health Centers in 2017



Florida's FQHCs are a leader in the most efficient and cost effective healthcare provision in the state and nation, as they are also a major economic contributor and source of job creation. All FQHCs provide much needed medical, dental, and behavioral health services (or have the ability to assist an individual in finding a source for these services at a nearby location). As a result of community health centers, the healthcare system sees a reduction in costs, since these provider settings reduce more expensive inpatient care by substituting preventive care. It is imperative to local economies to continue funding these vital assets that are placed strategically throughout the most vulnerable and needy populations.

The Florida Association of Community Health Centers (FACHC) is designated as Florida's Primary Care Association (PCA). The primary mission of FACHC is to improve access to quality health services by bringing together agencies, legislators and key persons able to affect health care services. Learn more about FACHC and the FQHCs detailed in this report at our website: <http://www.fachc.org>

Learn more about FQHCs at the U.S. Bureau of Primary Care (BPHC) website: <http://bphc.hrsa.gov/index.html>