Rhode Island’s ten community health centers, in 29 locations throughout the state, have a long history of providing high-quality, low-cost primary health care to Rhode Islanders. Health centers are non-profit, safety-net primary care providers that serve patient populations who otherwise confront financial, geographic, language, and cultural barriers accessing health care services.

In 2010, community health centers served **125,000** patients in Rhode Island and provided over **515,000** patient visits.

The number of publicly insured and uninsured patients at Rhode Island’s community health centers continues to increase, while the number of privately insured patients has decreased slightly since 2008.

### Insurance Source

- **Medicaid/RIte Care** 43%
- **Medicare** 7%
- **Private** 19%
- **Uninsured** 31%
- **Other** Public 0.3%

### Age Groups

- **Ages 65+** 6%
- **Ages 45 - 64** 21%
- **Ages 20 - 44** 37%
- **Ages 5 - 19** 26%
- **Under 5** 9%

Data Source: 2010 Uniform Data System-Prelim

### Health Center Staff*

Rhode Island’s community health centers employ **over 100 medical and dental providers** (doctors, nurse practitioners, physician’s assistants, nurse midwives and dentists)

Rhode Island’s community health centers employ **over 900 staff members**, including providers, medical assistants, case managers, dental hygienists and other staff necessary to serve our 125,000 patients.

*Staff numbers are for full-time-equivalents, or FTEs; actual number of people employed is higher, as staff members may be part-time (and thus .6 FTE, e.g.).
Rhode Island’s community health centers are leading the way....

...in Dental Care
In 2010, the community health centers treated over 40,000 adults and children throughout Rhode Island through nearly 112,000 dental visits including preventative services and emergency visits. This is a dramatic increase from 2003, when the community health centers served fewer than 10,000 dental patients. There are 74 dental operatories at the 14 community health center dental locations. Community health centers also offer dental care to children through school-based programs and the Molar Express van, and to nursing home residents through other mobile dentistry programs.

...in Electronic Health Records
All of Rhode Island’s community health centers will be using electronic medical records by 2012. Currently, eight of Rhode Island’s health centers have already adopted an electronic health record (EHR). The last two community health centers are actively engaged in implementation of their EHRs. Electronic medical records improve efficiency and clinical outcomes, aid in quality improvement, and streamline resource management.

...in Patient-Centered Medical Homes
Community health centers, with their long-standing goal of providing integrated primary medical, behavioral health and dental care for their patients, fit naturally into the patient-centered medical home (PCMH) model of care that is being promoted nationally and locally. The medical home is a model in which care is coordinated across the health care system and assures patients get care when and where they want it, and in a culturally and linguistically appropriate manner. To support the community health centers as they further develop and integrate this model of care into their practices, the Rhode Island Health Center Association provides the health centers with resources and expertise in medical home development, practice redesign and the review process to assist them in moving to national PCMH recognition.

Rhode Island’s Community Health Centers

Blackstone Valley Community Health Care, Inc.
  • Central Falls
  • Pawtucket

Block Island Health Services
  • Block Island

Chad Brown Health Center
  • Providence

Comprehensive Community Action Program/Family Health Services
  • Coventry
  • Cranston
  • Warwick

East Bay Community Action Program
  • East Providence
  • Newport

Providence Community Health Centers, Inc.
  • Locations throughout Providence

Thundermist Health Center
  • Wakefield
  • West Warwick
  • Woonsocket

Tri-Town Community Action Agency
  • Johnston

WellOne Primary Medical and Dental Care
  • Foster
  • North Kingstown
  • Pascoag

Wood River Health Services
  • Hope Valley