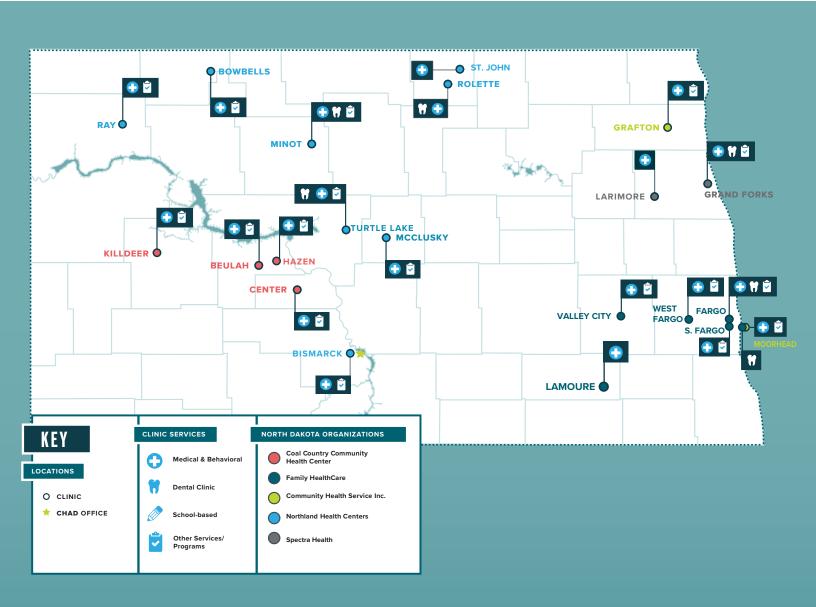
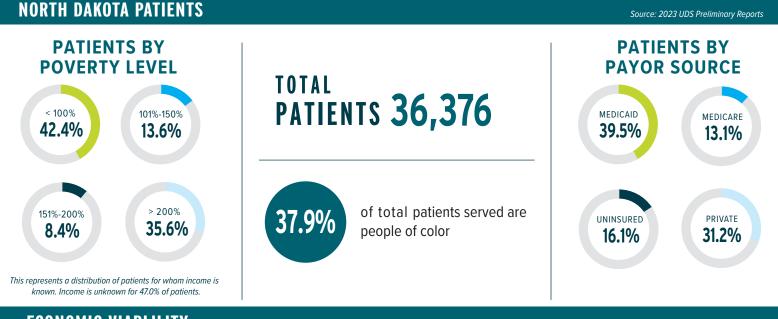


Community health centers (CHCs) are non-profit, community-driven primary care clinics that provide high-quality primary and preventive care to all individuals, regardless of their insurance status or ability to pay. Health centers are located in underserved and low-income urban and rural areas across North Dakota, providing access to affordable, quality health care for those who need it most. The centers serve as essential medical homes where patients can receive a wide array of services including medical, behavioral, and dental care along with help with transportation, interpretation, and other case management and care coordination services. In rural communities, health centers support a community's ability to retain local health care options, supporting access to health care where rural Dakotans live and work. North Dakota's network of five health center organizations provides care to over 36,000 patients each year at 22 locations in 20 communities across North Dakota.





## **ECONOMIC VIABLILITY**

Source: Calculations based on 2023 UDS Reports

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 North 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

North Dakota CHCs had a total annual economic impact on the state of

\$101,966,207 IN 2023





## NORTH DAKOTA CHCs DIRECTLY GENERATED:



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