

Value of Colorado's Community Health Centers

Providing over 50 years of accessible & affordable primary care to Coloradans

Colorado's 20 Community Health Centers (CHCs) are a critical part of the state's health care system, caring for more than 832,000 Coloradans. Without CHCs, many Coloradans would not have access to primary health care.

Access

- CHCs are located in high-need urban and rural areas with limited access to affordable care.
- CHCs provide comprehensive, patient-centered primary care including medical, behavioral, dental, and pharmacy services and provided **2.6 million patient visits** in 2022.
- CHCs offer enabling services like transportation, enrollment assistance, interpretation services, and case management.
- CHCs are a key part to the state's COVID response, through testing, vaccination, and treatment.

CHC patients may lose Medicaid, but they won't lose access to primary care

The number of CHC patients with Medicaid is dropping due to the unwind of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency. As of Feb. 2024, 31% of CHC patients with Medicaid, over 148,000 people, have lost Medicaid.

Many of these people will become uninsured. They will remain patients at CHCs, which do not stop caring for patients who lose insurance.

Quality

CHCs pursue the highest level of quality health care, focusing on established quality metrics.

- **100%** of Colorado CHCs have or are pursuing Patient-Centered Medical Home recognition. This means they excel at system and team redesign, care coordination, improving the patient experience, providing quality care and reducing costs.

CHCs exceed benchmarks and national averages for many quality measures, including:

- Patients with hypertension who had controlled blood pressure (**66%** vs. benchmark of 58.6%)^{1, 8}
- Children 6-9 who received dental sealants (**62%** vs. 58.4% nationally)^{1, 8}

Cost Savings

The Community Health Center model results in lower per-patient spending compared to non-CHC patients.

- CHCs account for only **1.6%** of HCPF's total expenditure, while serving as the health care home for 33% of Colorado's Medicaid population.⁶
- The total cost of care for Colorado CHC Medicaid patients is **22.4% lower** than non-CHC Medicaid patients.⁷



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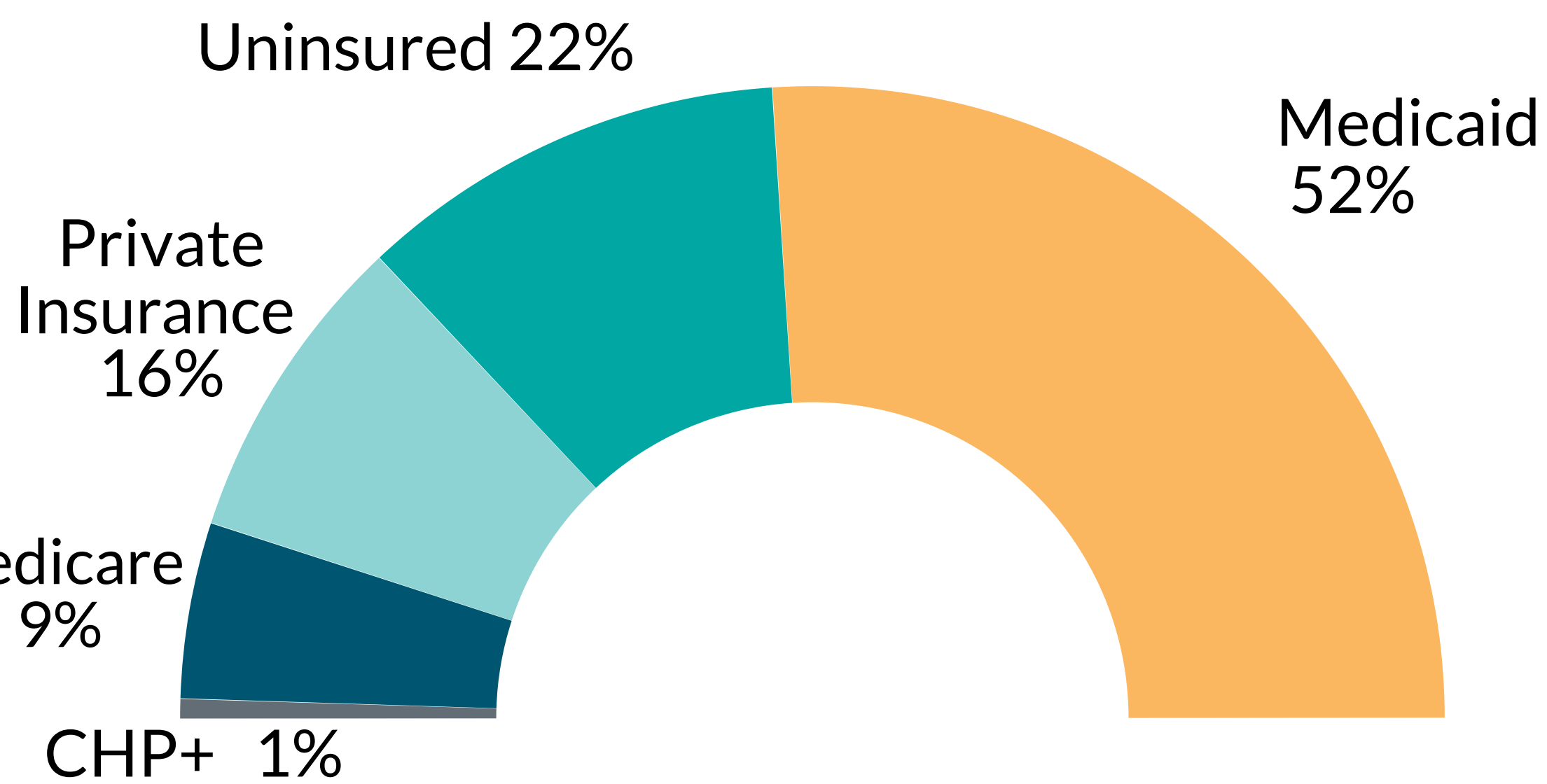
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Across the state, CHCs serve a disproportionately high percentage of low-income Coloradans, people who are uninsured or on public insurance, and people without access to affordable care.

CHCs are the backbone of Colorado's safety net system

2022 Insurance Status of CHC Patients¹



CHCs provide care to individuals who receive public insurance or are uninsured

CHCs are the health care home for:

- **37%** of Colorado's uninsured²
- **33%** of Colorado's Medicaid population³

CHCs are essential to health care for low-income Coloradans

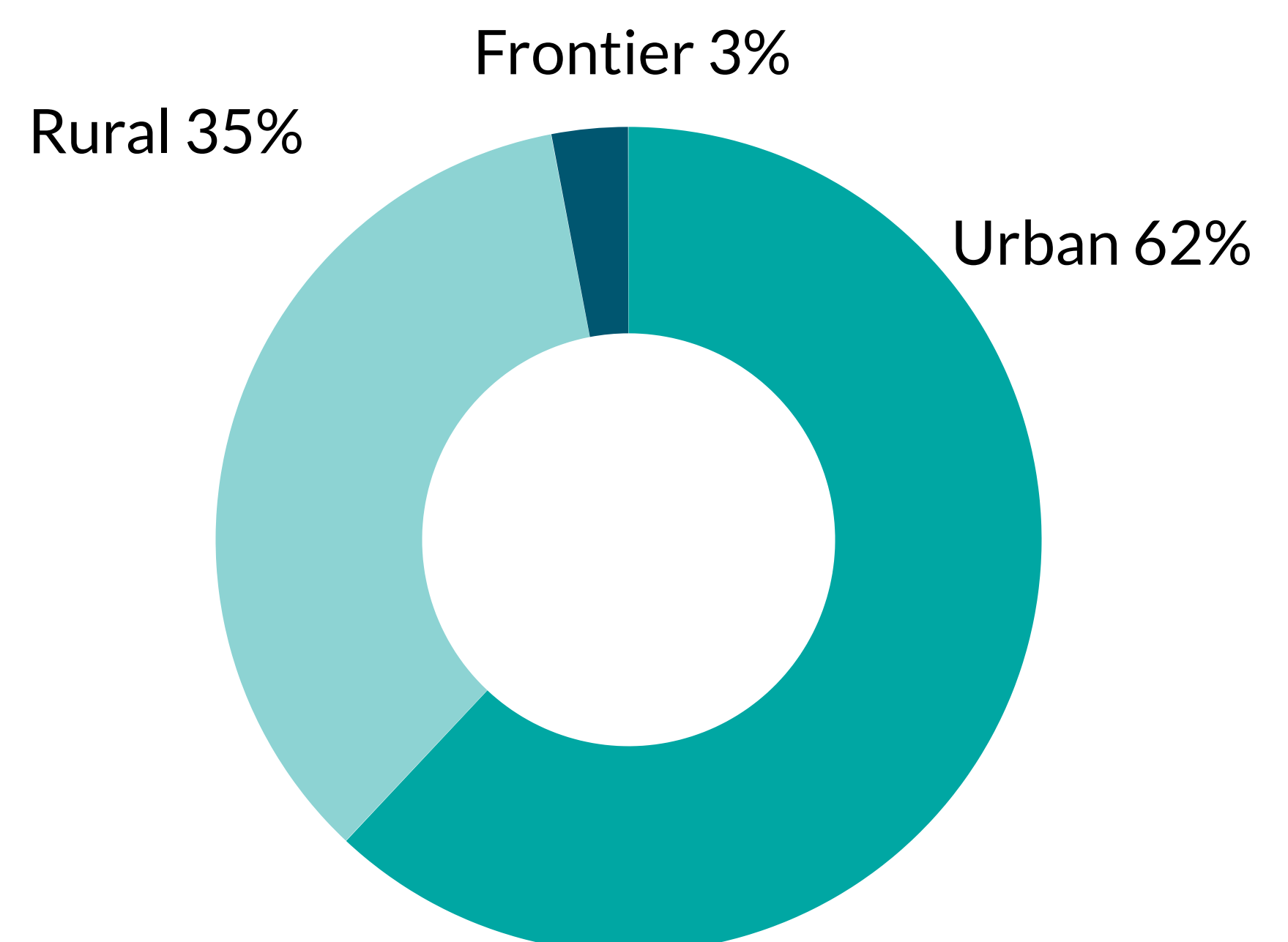
- **88%** of Colorado CHC patients earn below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL)⁴
- **63%** earn below 100% of the FPL.¹ In 2024, this is \$14,580/year for an individual and⁴ \$30,000/year for a family of four.

1 in 7 Coloradans trust CHCs to be their health care home



People from 63 of 64 counties receive care at CHCs

CHCs are located in areas where affordable care is limited¹



Colorado CHCs provided more than **2.6 million patient visits in 2022** including:

- 1.81 million medical visits
- 345,000 dental visits
- 259,000 mental health visits
- 276,000 other visits, including vision, substance use treatment, and enabling services

CHCs strengthen the economy

Colorado CHCs bolster economies, especially in rural areas, as employers and businesses. CHCs train the next generation of health care providers and team members to serve in rural and underserved areas of the state.

- In 2022, CHCs provided **6,153 full-time jobs** to Coloradans.¹
- CHCs contribute **\$1.7B** to Colorado's economy each year.⁹



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