

Community Impact of Health Centers Continues to Increase



To highlight the valuable work of health centers during National Health Center Week, Capital Link is pleased to report that the powerful economic benefits the network of health centers provide to their local communities is on the rise.

Health centers benefit communities in multiple ways. Not only are health centers expanding access to care, they are stimulating the economy of their neighborhoods by building new state-of-the-art facilities or renovating to improve existing facilities in underserved areas, often with the benefit of adding employees. Economic benefits result from the capital investment itself, from the growth of the health center's operations and by attracting other community development projects like pharmacies, grocery stores, banking facilities and retail upgrades. Health centers also purchase goods and services from local businesses, creating a ripple effect of additional economic stimulus throughout the broader community. In many cases, the health center is considered an "anchor" of the community.

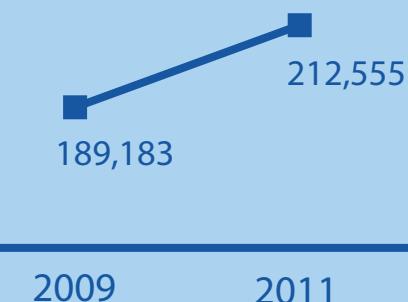
Total Economic Impact

17.56% Increase



Total Jobs

12.35% Increase



Using an integrated economic modeling and planning tool called **IMPLAN** (IMpact analysis for PLANning) and the latest health center data available, Capital Link completed an analysis to capture the economic effects of health centers nationally. The centers collectively generated more than **\$23.4 billion** in total economic activity for their local communities—an increase of **17.5 percent** since 2009. Employment grew from **approximately 189,000 jobs in 2009 to just over 212,000 jobs in 2011, a 12.4% increase.**