

# TACHC

## Strengthening Health Centers: Meeting the Needs of Agricultural Workers



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# Texas FQHCs



**73** FQHCs in Texas with over **650** clinic sites in **137** counties.

**1.7 million** patients served  
**6.2 million** total visits.

**29** centers are designated as rural or frontier.

**15** centers are designated Migrant Health Centers.

**18,424** patients self-identified as agricultural workers.



In Poverty  
**66%**



65 and older  
**144,361**



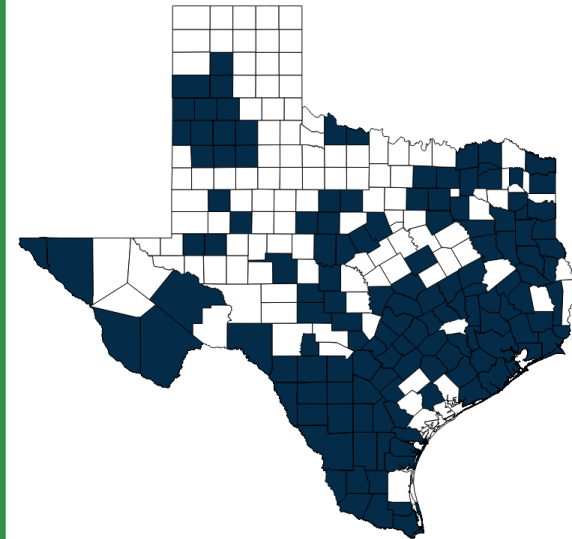
Women  
**1,039,927**



Children  
**609,220**



Headquarters in rural areas  
**41% of health centers**



# Texas Agricultural Workers

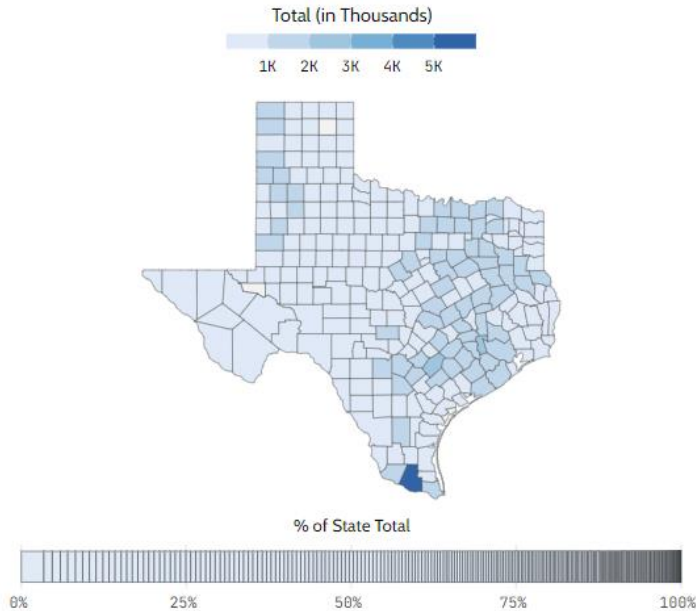


- 15 health centers are designated Migrant Health Centers
- 1 of every 7 working Texans (14%) is in an agriculture-related job<sup>1</sup>
- 44% claimed a person in their household received assistance from Medicaid<sup>2</sup>

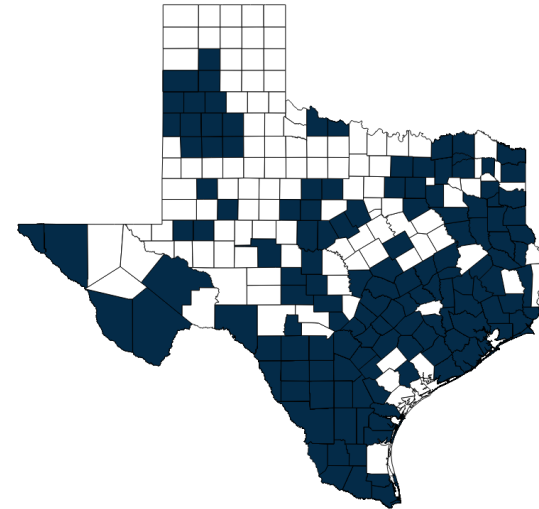
<sup>1</sup>Texas Department of Agriculture. Texas Ag Stats. <https://www.texasagriculture.gov/About/Texas-Ag-Stats>

<sup>2</sup>National Center for Farmworker Health, Inc. Data from the 2019-2020 National Agricultural Workers Survey. <http://www.ncfh.org/news-fact-sheet.html>

# Texas Agricultural Workers



2017 Texas Agricultural Worker Population Estimates<sup>1</sup>



Texas Health Center Sites

<sup>1</sup>National Center for Farmworker Health, Inc. Migratory & Seasonal Farmworker Population Estimates, Farmworker Dashboard [https://ncfh.shinyapps.io/farmlabor\\_dashboard](https://ncfh.shinyapps.io/farmlabor_dashboard)

# Texas Medicaid



- **5.9 million Medicaid enrollees**
  - **2.7 million** appear to be ineligible
  
- **32% of health center patients have Medicaid**
  - **12%** of the Texas Medicaid population
  - Medicaid beneficiaries will begin to lose coverage on **June 1, 2023**

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## Strategies to Support Ag Workers



- **Social Drivers of Health**
- **Outreach & Enrollment**
  - Medicaid Unwinding
  - Public Charge
- **Virtual Care**
- **Trauma Informed Care**

# Social Drivers of Health



- Screening
  - All health centers screen for social needs and language barriers
  - All Migrant health centers screen for migrant and seasonal status
  - Screening challenges include:
    - Immigration status
    - Screening questions
    - Consistency

# Social Drivers of Health



- Ag workers face significant challenges including:
  - Poverty
  - Language barriers
  - Transportation
  - Access to care

## Unite Us

**24** engaged centers, **37%** of all TX FQHCs.

**30%** rural  
**4%** frontier  
**66%** urban

**12** active, **9** onboarding, **3** committed.



# Outreach & Enrollment



- Medicaid Unwinding Trainings
  - Communications staff trainings
  - Policy updates and messaging
- Outreach Materials
- Traditional and Social Media Campaign
- PSA Radio



**UPDATE YOUR INFO**  
**PROTECT YOUR COVERAGE**

Update information with Texas Medicaid, especially if you moved since 2020.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**  
[staycoveredtx.org](http://staycoveredtx.org)

**CLINIC NAME**  
123 ANYWHERE, TX 99999  
123-456-7890

Find Free Local Help Near You

The complex block is a promotional graphic for Medicaid enrollment. It features a photograph of a smiling family (a man, a woman, and two children) on the left. To the right of the photo is a dark blue background with white and green text. The text includes a call to action to update information, a website link, and a placeholder for a clinic name and address. At the bottom of the graphic is a green banner with the text "Find Free Local Help Near You".

# Medicaid Unwinding



- Over 400,000 push cards and posters distributed statewide
- 50,000 being distributed currently



## If you have Medicaid health insurance:

- ✓ Make sure your address and contact information are correctly on file with Medicaid
- ✓ If you moved within the last 3 years, verify your address is updated on your Medicaid file
- ✓ Make sure Medicaid knows how to contact you in case of changes to your coverage

If you already received your Medicaid renewal packet – don't delay!

**FREE, local assistance is available to help you:**

- update your contact information
- complete/submit your Medicaid renewal packet



# Public Charge

- 5 Public Charge Trainings
- Statewide Facebook Live with Every Texan
- 100,000 flyers distributed



# Virtual Care



- Telemedicine
- Behavioral Health
- Remote Patient Monitoring (RPM)

# Trauma Informed Care



- Program began in April 2019
- TACHC has partnered with 10 PCAs nationwide

TIC started with its first cohort in **April of 2019**, adding **1-2 cohorts each year**.

**5** cohorts and **30** centers. **5** are designated migrant health centers.

**9 (30%)** participating centers are rural and **1** is frontier.

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