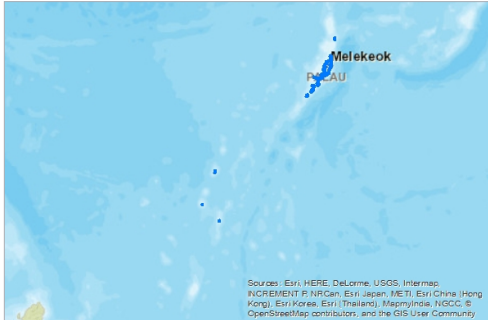


The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) provides quality health care to the nation's highest-need communities. Our programs support people with low incomes, people with HIV, pregnant women, children, parents, rural communities, transplant patients, and the health workforce.

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Demographic	2023 Data
Population	NA
Median Households Income	NA
Low Income Households/ Families (Population in households with incomes below 2-times the U.S. poverty level)	NA

Based upon U.S. Census American Community Survey (ACS) 2023 5-year estimate data as of 12/31/2023

Total Awards

Program	FY 2024 Funding	Unique Awardees ¹	Total Awards ²
Grants and Cooperative Agreements ³	\$2,441,402	1	7
Loan Repayments and Scholarships	\$0	0	NA

Breakdown of Investments

HRSA makes grants to organizations and individuals to improve and expand health care services for underserved people, focusing on the following program areas:

Health Workforce

HRSA improves the health of underserved populations by strengthening the health workforce and connecting skilled professionals to communities in need. HRSA supports the health care workforce across the training continuum from training to service and expands the primary care workforce of clinicians who provide health care in high-need areas nationwide. Health professions programs support a wide array of fields including medicine, nursing, behavioral health, dentistry, public health, and others. Additional information on HRSA's Bureau of Health Workforce (BHW) can be found on the [BHW](#) webpage.

Loan Repayment and Scholarship Programs

In FY 2024, HRSA made more than \$491 million in new and continuing awards to primary care clinicians and students through the National Health Service Corps (NHSC), Nurse Corps, Substance Use Disorder Treatment and Recovery Loan Repayment Program (STAR LRP), Pediatric Specialty Loan Repayment Program (PS LRP), Faculty Loan Repayment Program (FLRP), and Native Hawaiian Health Scholarship Program (NHHSP). This funding increases access to primary care services in the communities that need it most. These FY 2024 investments resulted in a field strength of over 19,800 clinicians practicing in underserved communities.

Funding from HRSA's loan repayment and scholarship programs removes financial barriers for health professionals interested in practicing in high need communities.

National Health Service Corps

Nationwide, more than 17,400 medical, dental, and mental and behavioral health professionals served at facilities located in Health Professional Shortage Areas.⁴ Additional information is available about the [NHSC field strength](#) and [program applicants](#).

FY 2024 Funding	Total Awards	Awards Breakdown
\$0	0	0 for Loan Repayment
		0 for Scholarships
		0 for Students to Service Loan Repayment

State Loan Repayment Program

BHW funds the State Loan Repayment Program (State LRP) which provides grants to states to operate their own loan repayment programs for primary care providers working in Health Professional Shortage Areas within their state. In FY 2024 BHW continued to support the 50 state and territorial LRP recipients.⁵

Nurse Corps

Nationwide, more than 2,400 nurses and nurse faculty served at facilities with a critical shortage of nurses or taught at accredited schools of nursing. Additional information is available about the [Nurse Corps field strength](#) and [program applicants](#).

FY 2024 Funding	Total Awards	Awards Breakdown
\$0	0	0 for Loan Repayment
		0 for Scholarships

Other Loan Repayment and Scholarship Programs

In addition to the National Health Service Corps and Nurse Corps programs, BHW funds three additional types of loan repayment and scholarship programs . These include the Substance Use Disorder Treatment and Recovery Loan Repayment Program, the Pediatric Specialty Loan Repayment Program, the Faculty Loan Repayment Program, and the Native Hawaiian Health Scholarship Program. Each of these programs offers loan repayment to qualified individuals addressing specific needs within the health workforce community.

Program	FY 2024 Funding	Awards
Substance Use Disorder Treatment and Recovery Loan Repayment Program	\$0	0
Pediatric Specialty Loan Repayment Program	\$0	0
Faculty Loan Repayment Program	\$0	0
Native Hawaiian Health Scholarship Program	\$0	0

Grants, Training and School Loan Programs

These health workforce awards are primarily categorized as: 1) school-based scholarship and loan programs and 2) health professions training grants to support institutions.

School-based Revolving Loan Programs⁶

Through scholarship and loan programs, HRSA funds different schools and organizations to help students pursue

degrees in the health professions. Through these programs, students are encouraged to deliver health care in communities where people lack access health care needs. Additional information about the seven school-based scholarships and loans are available [here](#).

Health Professions Training Grants to Support Institutions⁷

HRSA supports the development of a robust primary care workforce through health professions training grants that encourage clinicians to practice in underserved areas, and foster inter-professional training and practice. These programs advance the education and training of a 21st century health workforce and work to address existing and projected demand for skilled health professionals in high-need areas nationwide. In FY 2024, HRSA supported over 1,597 grantees in approximately 55 programs for a total of approximately \$1.4 billion. Additional information about the health professions training grants to support institutions is available in [Find Grants](#).

Shortage Designation

[Health Professional Shortage Areas \(HPSAs\)](#) are geographic areas, population groups, or health care facilities that have been designated by HRSA as having a shortage of health professionals. To explore information on currently designated HPSA areas visit the HRSA Data Warehouse "[Find Shortage Areas](#)" tools.

[Medically Underserved Areas \(MUAs\)](#) and [Medically Underserved Populations \(MUPs\)](#), identify geographic areas and populations with a lack of access to primary care services. To explore information on currently designated MUA/P areas visit the HRSA Data Warehouse "[Find Shortage Areas](#)" tools.

[Maternity Care Target Areas \(MCTAs\)](#) are areas within an existing Primary Care Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSA) that are experiencing a shortage of maternity health care professionals.

As part of HRSA's cooperative agreement with the State Primary Care Offices (PCOs), the State PCOs conduct needs assessment in their states, determine what areas are eligible for designations, and submit designation applications to HRSA. HRSA reviews the applications submitted by the State PCOs, and--if they meet the designation eligibility criteria--designates the area, population, or facility. The Federal Government uses HPSAs, MUAs and MUPs to determine [eligibility](#) for a number of government programs.⁸

HPSA Discipline	Count
Primary Care	2
Dental Health	2
Mental Health	2

Quarterly summaries regarding HPSAs are [available online](#).

Maternal and Child Health

MCHB works to improve the health and well-being of America's mothers, children and families. In FY2023, the [Maternal and Child Health Block Grant program](#) funded 59 states and jurisdictions to improve access to and the quality of health services for an estimated 61 million people (serving 93% of all pregnant women, 99% of infants, and 61% of all children, including children with special health care needs), and their families in the United States.

The [Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting \(MIECHV\) Program](#) supports home visiting for expectant and new parents with children up to kindergarten entry age who live in communities that are at-risk for poor maternal and child health outcomes. In FY 2023, the MIECHV Program served all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and five U.S. territories. Among the 56 awardees, states and jurisdictions served over 139,000 parents and children in approximately 70,000 families and provided over 919,000 home visits.

The [Healthy Start](#) program provides grants to support community-based approaches for improving health outcomes before, during, and after pregnancy, and reducing disparities in rates of infant death and other adverse perinatal outcomes. As of 2024, there are 115 Healthy Start projects providing services in 37 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. Local projects enroll women, their partners, infants, and children (up to 18 months).

[MCHB's Autism and Other Developmental Disabilities program](#), authorized under the Autism CARES Act of 2019, supports health professional training, research, and implementation of best practices in transition for children and adolescents with autism and other developmental disabilities.

The [Pediatric Mental Health Care Access \(PMHCA\)](#) program provides behavioral health consultation, training and support to pediatric primary care and other providers to meet children's mental health needs. In 2023, HRSA expanded PMHCA's national reach to 54 programs in 46 states and several jurisdictions and tribes and supported continued expansion activities including expansion in emergency departments and schools.

The [National Maternal Mental Health Hotline](#) (1-833-TLC-MAMA) provides 24/7, free, confidential real-time emotional support, resources, and referrals to any pregnant and postpartum women facing mental health challenges and their loved ones. HRSA launched the hotline in May 2022 and during the first two years, professional hotline counselors had over 33,000 conversations, of which 70% were by phone and 30% were by text.

[Other MCHB programs](#) include Emergency Medical Services for Children, Early Hearing Detection and Intervention, Heritable Disorders in Newborns and Children, the Sickle Cell Disease Treatment Demonstration, Family-To-Family Health Information Centers, Screening and Treatment for Maternal Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders, Integrated Maternal Health Services, and Poison Control.

FY 2024 Funding	Unique Awardees	Total Awards
\$1,029,594	1	5

Primary Health Care/Health Centers

Nationwide, nearly 1,400 health center grantees operated at more than 15,500 sites, providing affordable primary and preventive care on a sliding fee scale to more than 31 million patients.

Health Center Program

Health centers are community-based and [patient-directed](#) organizations that deliver affordable, accessible, high-quality, and cost effective comprehensive primary health care services to underserved populations, regardless of their ability to pay.

Program ⁹	FY 2024 Funding	Unique Awardees	Total Awards
Accelerating Cancer Screening (AxCS)	\$0	0	0
Behavioral Health Service Expansion (BHSE)	\$0	0	0
Early Childhood Development (ECD)	\$0	0	0
Health Center Program Service Expansion - School Based Service Sites (SBSS)	\$0	0	0
Primary Care HIV Prevention (PCHP)	\$0	0	0
Health Center Program	\$1,411,807	1	1

Related Programs

Program ⁹	FY 2024 Funding	Unique Awardees	Total Awards
National Health Center Training and Technical Assistance Partners Cooperative Agreements (NTTAP)	\$0	0	0
Native Hawaiian Health Care (NHHC)	\$0	0	0
Health Center Controlled Network (HCCN)	\$0	0	0
State and Regional Primary Care Associations (PCA)	\$0	0	0

Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program

The Health Resources and Services Administration's Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP) provides a comprehensive system of HIV primary care, medications, and essential support services for low-income people with HIV. Over half of people with diagnosed HIV in the United States receive services through RWHAP each year. In 2023, more than 576,000 clients received RWHAP services. The RWHAP funds grants to states, cities, counties, and local community-based organizations to provide care, treatment, and support services for people with HIV to improve health outcomes and reduce HIV transmission. In 2023, 90.6% of RWHAP clients receiving HIV medical care were virally suppressed, compared to 69.5% virally suppressed in 2010. This means they cannot sexually transmit HIV to their partners and can live longer and healthier lives.

Detailed state-level information is available from the [HIV/AIDS Bureau \(HAB\)](#).

FY 2024 Funding	Unique Awardees	Total Awards
\$1	1	1

Rural Health

The Federal Office of Rural Health Policy (FORHP) provides grant funding to improve health care for the approximately 63 million individuals who live in rural areas in the United States. This includes grant programs to increase rural access to health care, strengthen rural health networks, build capacity to train rural physicians, and encourage high-quality care at Critical Access Hospitals and other small rural hospitals.

FORHP grantees use evidence-based and promising practice models in their rural communities. These models focus on a range of rural health care issues, including the rural public health workforce, morbidity and mortality associated with substance use disorder, and access to maternal and obstetrics care in rural communities. FORHP grantees also work to build the rural health care evidence-base through research and information sharing. In addition, the office advises the Secretary of Health and Human Services on the potential effect of policies on rural health care.

For more information about Rural Health Policy, visit www.hrsa.gov/rural-health.

FY 2024 Funding	Unique Awardees	Total Awards
\$0	0	0

Highlighted Programs

Program	FY 2024 Funding	Unique Awardees	Total Awards
Rural Hospitals	\$0	0	0
Community Programs	\$0	0	0
Research	\$0	0	0
Workforce	\$0	0	0
Total ¹¹	\$0	0	0

Telehealth

The Office for the Advancement of Telehealth (OAT) promotes the use of telehealth technologies for health care delivery, education, and health information services; and serves as HHS's focal point on telehealth, which includes the management of the [Telehealth.HHS.gov](https://www.hhs.gov/telehealth) website and improving collaboration across HHS and federal agencies. HRSA defines telehealth as the use of electronic information and telecommunication technologies to support long-distance clinical health care, patient and professional health-related education, health administration, and public health.

For more information about telehealth, visit <https://www.hrsa.gov/telehealth>.

FY 2024 Funding	Unique Awardees	Total Awards
\$0	0	0

Highlighted Programs

Program	FY 2024 Funding	Unique Awardees	Total Awards
Technical Assistance	\$0	0	0
Research	\$0	0	0
Direct Services	\$0	0	0
Workforce	\$0	0	0
Total	\$0	0	0

Health Systems

The [Health System Bureau](#) protects the public's health and improves individual well-being through national leadership and targeted programs that:

Division of Transplantation

- Promote [organ donation](#) and transplantation, educate the public, and provide support to living organ donors.
- Oversee the [organ donation, procurement, and transplantation system](#), 0 organ transplants were performed for residents of Republic of Palau in FY 2024.¹²
- Facilitate [bone marrow](#) and cord blood donation, matching, and transplantation services.
- Build a high-quality inventory of cord blood units to expand access to potentially life-saving blood stem cell transplants, particularly for patients who face challenges finding suitable adult donor matches.

Division of Injury Compensation Programs

- Compensate people injured by certain vaccines given routinely to children and adults and covered by the [National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program \(VICP\)](#). These include vaccines such as the seasonal flu vaccine, measles, mumps, rubella, and polio vaccines.
- Compensate individuals for serious physical injuries or deaths caused by administration or use of

countermeasures covered by the Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness Act declarations under the [Countermeasures Injury Compensation Program \(CICP\)](#).

- Countermeasures include vaccines, medications, devices, or other items used to prevent, diagnose, or treat a declared pandemic, epidemic, or security threat such as COVID-19, Marburg, Zika, Ebola, Pandemic Flu, Smallpox, Anthrax, Botulism, Acute Radiation Syndrome, and poisonings from nerve agents and certain insecticides (organophosphorus and/or carbamate).
- Coordinate the Medical Review Panel (MCRP) which reviews paid HHS tort claims to evaluate standard of care and provide quality improvement recommendations to HHS facilities & providers.

Division of National Hansen's Disease Program

- Provide diagnoses, medical care, and rehabilitative treatment for patients with Hansen's disease (leprosy) in the U.S. and its territories.
- Conduct research to identify and determine the efficacy of [Hansen's disease](#) (leprosy) treatment regimens.

FY 2024 Funding	Unique Awardees	Total Awards
\$0	0	0

Other Programs

Through agency-wide coordination and funding, HRSA supports programs that assist state and local health officials with technical assistance and training, information exchange, and learning communities to support the development of localized and innovative solutions to public health challenges. In FY 2024, these programs included the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP) AIDS Education and Training Centers (AETC), National Organizations for State and Local Officials (NOSLO), and the National Forum for State and Territorial Chief Executives.

Program	FY 2024 Funding
Grants	\$0

The **Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)**, an agency of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, improves health outcomes through access to quality services, a skilled health workforce, and innovative, high-value programs. Note: Not all HRSA programs and funding are represented in this report.

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- ¹ The Unique Awardees count the distinct organizations (for grants) or individuals (for scholarships or loans) at the specific summary level (row in a Fact Sheet table) regardless of the number of awards.
- ² The Total Awards is the number of grants or scholarships and loans at the specific summary level (row in a Fact Sheet table).
- ³ In FY 2022, the Poison Control Stabilization and Enhancement Program (H4) grants were awarded by the Health Systems Bureau and managed by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau.
- ⁴ Some clinicians and grantees may serve in multiple geographic areas.
- ⁵ The State LRP provides grants directly to states operating their own loan repayment programs. Although considered grants, State LRP awards amount are included under the scholarships/loan repayment section and not the total grant awards section.
- ⁶ The School-based Scholarship and Loan programs include the following eight programs: Nurse Faculty Loan Program; Dental Faculty Development and Loan Repayment Program; Scholarships for Disadvantaged Students; Loans for Disadvantaged Students; Health Professions Student Loans; Nursing Student Loans; Primary Care Loans; and Native Hawaiian Health Scholarship Program Cooperative Agreement.
- ⁷ The Health Professions Training Grants to Institutions include: Nurse Anesthetist Traineeships; Health Careers Opportunity Program; Nursing Workforce Diversity; Preventive Medicine Residency; Centers of Excellence; Graduate Psychology Education Program; Physician Assistant Training in Primary Care; Residency Training in Primary Care; Predoctoral Training in General, Pediatric, and Public Health Dentistry and Dental Hygiene; Dental Faculty Loan Repayment Program; Postdoctoral Training in General, Pediatric and Public Health Dentistry and Dental Hygiene; Primary Care Dental Faculty Development Program; Geriatric Academic Career Awards; Geriatrics Workforce Enhancement Program; Primary Care Medicine and Dentistry Clinician Educator Career Development Awards; Behavioral Health Workforce Education and Training Program; Primary Care Training and Enhancement - Integrating Behavioral Health and Primary Care; Primary Care Training and Enhancement: Training Primary Care Champions; Primary Care Training and Enhancement - Community Prevention and Maternal Health; Primary Care Training and Enhancement Language and Disability Access; Primary Care Training and Enhancement Physician Assistant Rural Training in Mental and Behavioral Health; Academic Units for Primary Care Training and Enhancement; Grants to States to Support Oral Health Workforce Activities; Advanced Nursing Education Workforce; Advanced Nursing Education-Nurse Practitioner Residency Fellowship Program; Advanced Nursing Education - Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners Program; Children's Hospitals Graduation Medical Education Payment Program; Addiction Medicine Fellowship; Opioid-Impacted Family Support Program; National Research Service Awards for Primary Medical Care; Integrated Substance Use Disorder Training Program; Teaching Health Center Graduate Medical Education; Teaching Health Centers Graduate Medical Education Program Expansion; Value-Based Medical Student Education Training Program; Nurse Education, Practice, Quality and Retention - Veteran Nurses in Primary Care; Nurse, Education, Practice, Quality and Retention (NEPQR)-Simulation Education Training; NEPQR - Interprofessional Collaborative Practice; NEPRR - Registered Nurses in Primary Care; Nurse Education, Practice, Quality and Retention-Clinical Faculty and Preceptor Development; Nurse Education, Practice, Quality and Retention-Registered Nurse Training Program; Nurse Education, Practice, Quality and Retention Workforce Expansion Program; Area Health Education Centers Program. Listed in the chart below are also the State Primary Care Offices and Health Workforce Research Centers.
- ⁸ Some HPSAs may cross geographic boundaries.
- ⁹ The data presented here reflects all funding activity through 9/30/2024 and does not represent the initial investments made for the identified funding actions.
- ¹⁰ The data presented here reflects "all awards out the door". Where EHB is transactional for all obligations and deobligations, the amounts above will reflect the approved awarded amount even if this includes prior year dollars applied to unobligated balance offsets and it will report all approved awardees.
- ¹¹ This funding is included in the Rural Health office summary total.
- ¹² Data only available at the state, regional, and national level.

Note: The funding totals include cooperative agreements. The funding amount for the cooperative agreement is associated with the primary HRSA Bureau.