

**Founded in 1972**, the NHSC was designed to bring primary care clinicians to the most underserved communities of the country. In exchange for their medical expertise, the Corps helps these professionals alleviate debt accumulated during their education. The NHSC programs include:

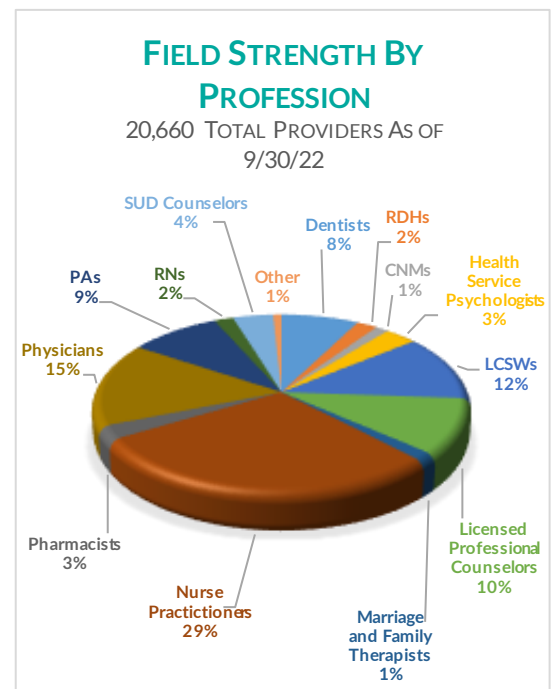
- *Scholarship Program*: Provides full scholarships for eligible students in exchange for serving after training in Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs).
- *Loan Repayment Program (LRP)*: Helps students repay school loans in exchange for service.
- *Rural Community LRP*: Provides loan repayment in exchange for working to combat the opioid epidemic in rural communities.
- *State LRP (SLRP)*: Provides matching funds for qualified state loan repayment programs.
- *Students to Service LRP*: Provides loan repayment for medical school students in their last year of training who choose primary care in exchange for service.
- *Substance Use Disorder Workforce LRP*: Provider loan repayment in exchange for working in underserved areas to expand access to SUD treatment and prevent overdose deaths.

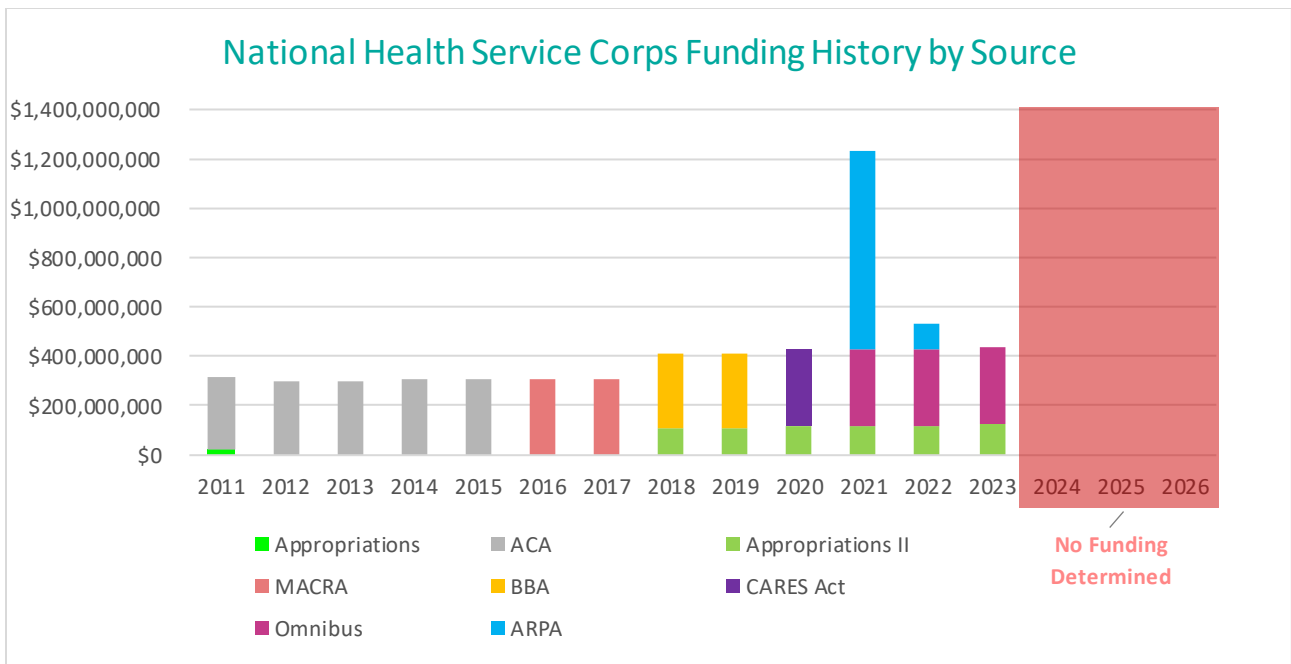
## NHSC Field Strength

- More than 69,500 providers have served in the NHSC since its inception.
- Over 20,000 providers serve in Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs) in every U.S. state and territory, and more than 3,500 NHSC scholars are in residency or school preparing to serve.
- NHSC providers serve more than 21 million people, providing a range of clinical services.
- NHSC providers represent a diverse group of clinicians. 33% of the nation's total population identifies as Black or Hispanic/Latino. This same population only represents 11% of physicians in the U.S. However, roughly 25% of physicians serving through the NHSC identify as Black or Hispanic/Latino, a key indication that the NHSC is successfully driving clinician diversity.

### Eligible Entities

- Federally Qualified Health Centers and Lookalikes
- American Indian and Alaskan Native Health Clinics
- Certified Rural Health Clinics
- Critical Access Hospitals
- School-Based Clinics
- Mobile Units
- Free Clinics
- Substance Use Disorder Treatment Facilities
- Community Mental Health Centers
- State or Local Health Departments
- Correctional & Detention Facilities
- Community Outpatient Facilities
- Private Practices
- ICE Health Service Corps





## Funding History

- **Appropriations:** The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) represented a source of discretionary funds that were appropriated to the NHSC in Fiscal Year 2009 (FY09), but those funds are not considered to be an FY11 appropriation. Still, they were reflected in the FY11 budget.
- **ACA:** The Affordable Care Act (ACA) established the Community Health Center Fund (CHCF) to further expand NHSC placements. This funding increased over the five-year period from \$290 million to \$310 million. Unfortunately, Appropriations funding for the NHSC was eliminated by FY12.
- **MACRA:** At the end of the five-year ACA trust fund, Congress passed the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015 (MACRA), extending the funding for the NHSC for two additional years, at \$310 million per year.
- **BBA:** The funding extension under MACRA expired without an extension in October 2017. Congress was finally able to pass the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018 (BBA) in February of 2018, which extended funding for the NHSC through the trust fund for another two years, at \$310 million per year.
- **Appropriations II:** In FY2018&19, Congress provided \$105 million through the Appropriations process targeted to substance use disorder (SUD) providers within the NHSC. Annual appropriations for the NHSC continued at \$120 million in FY2020&21, again targeted to SUD providers within the Corps. Congress slightly increased this funding to \$121.6 million in FY22 and to \$125.6 million in FY23.
- **CARES Act:** The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) appropriated \$310 million in mandatory funding for the NHSC for FY20.
- **2020 Omnibus:** In December of 2020, Congress included a three-year extension for NHSC funding; \$310 million per year for FY2021, 22 & 23, as a part of a larger omnibus spending bill.
- **ARPA:** In March of 2021, Congress passed the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA), which provided a one-time appropriation of \$800 million for the NHSC. In October of 2021, HRSA awarded a total of nearly \$100 million in additional ARPA funds for the NHSC's State Loan Repayment Program (SLRP).
- **There is NO guaranteed funding for the National Health Service Corps beyond FY2023.**