

# School-Based Health Centers & Wellness Centers in California: A Growing Trend

School-based health centers and wellness centers (SBHCs/WCs) are an innovative way to help ensure that children and youth have access to health care and do well in school.

A **school-based health center (SBHC)** is a student-focused health center or clinic located at or near a school that provides age-appropriate, **medical services** by clinicians. It may also provide behavioral health, dental, optometry, and/or ancillary services (i.e. health education, youth engagement, case management).

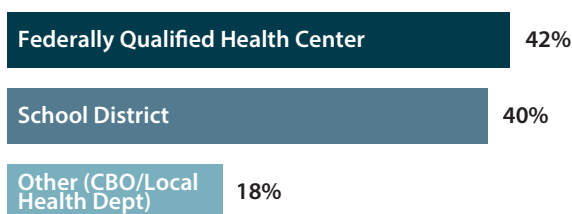
A **wellness center (WC)** is a student-focused center located at or near a school that provides age-appropriate, **clinical behavioral health services** by providers. It may also provide non-medical ancillary services.

## 408,000+

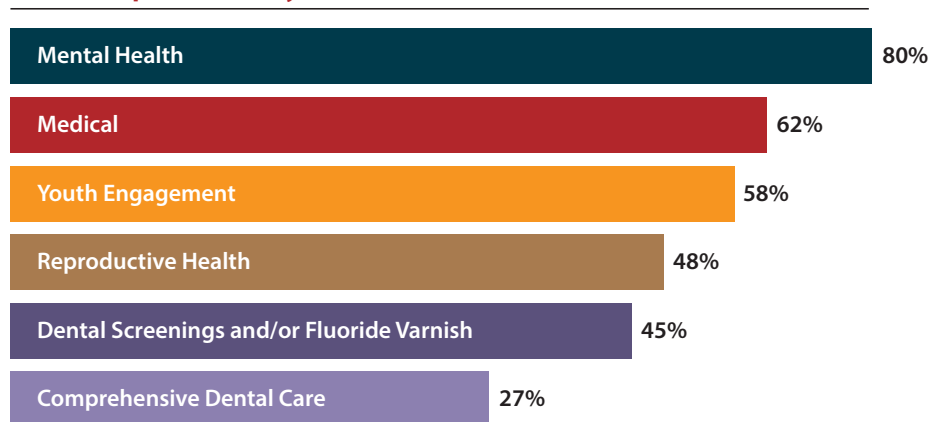
Students have access to high-quality health services



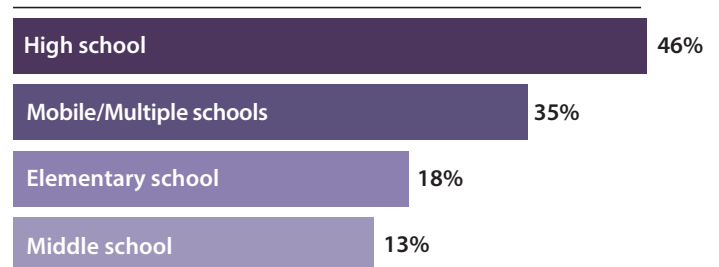
### Lead agency:



### Services provided by SBHCs/WCs:



### School level :



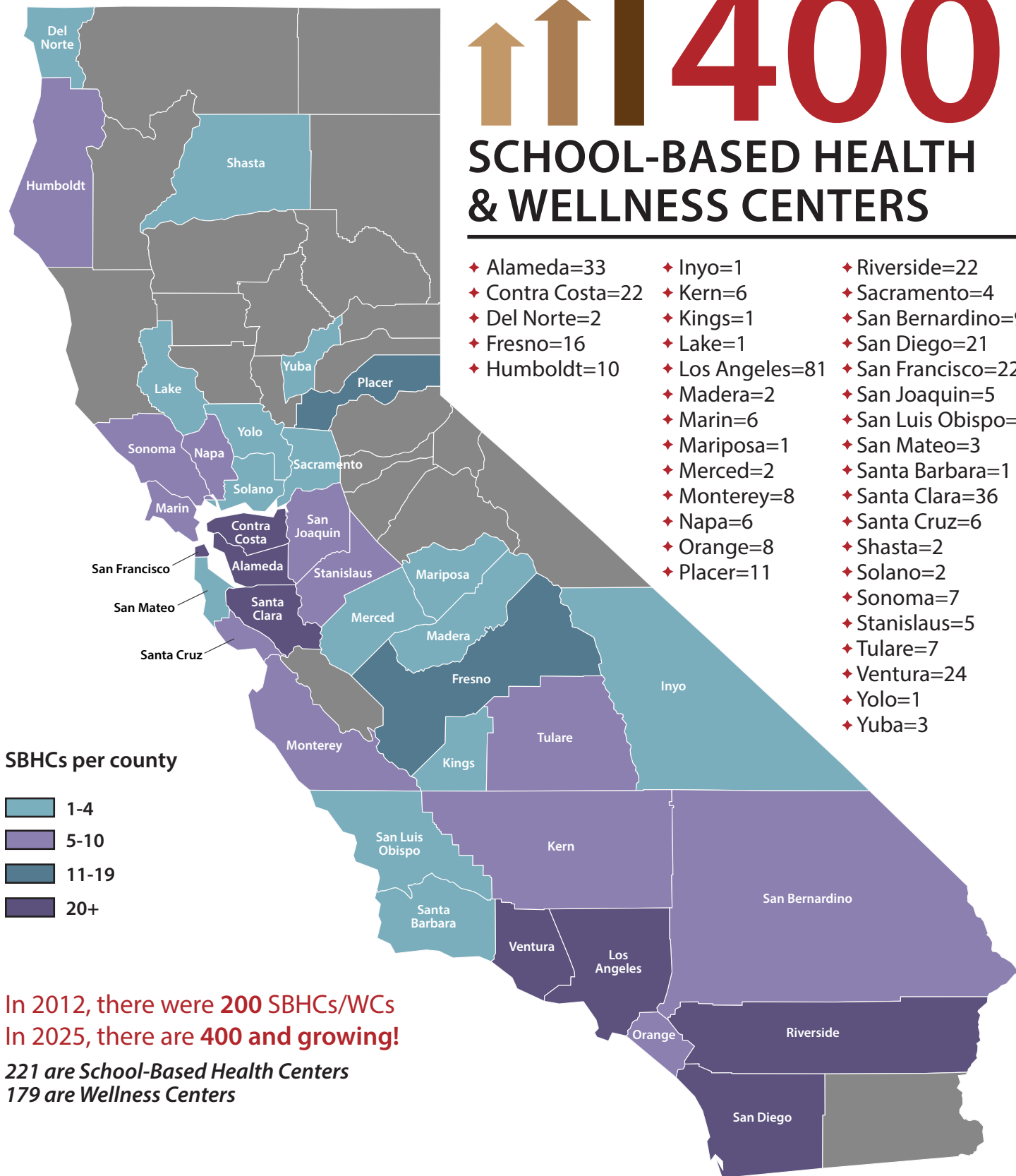
## How SBHCs/WCs Are Financed



- ✦ **Healthcare Reimbursements** through MediCal, Health Plans, Family PACT, CYBHI Fee Schedule, and contracts for mental health services
- ✦ **School district contributions** of funding (LCFF, Title I, and general fund dollars) and in-kind support for staffing, facilities, utilities, and custodial services
- ✦ **County and City Partnerships**
- ✦ **Sponsoring agency contributions** or subsidies
- ✦ **State health and mental health funding**, or other government grants
- ✦ **Private Grants**

↑↑↑ **400**

## SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH & WELLNESS CENTERS



**In 2012, there were 200 SBHCs/WCs**  
**In 2025, there are 400 and growing!**

**221 are School-Based Health Centers**  
**179 are Wellness Centers**