358,797 participants*

Enhancing access to quality healthcare, particularly primary and preventive care, by improving the supply and distribution of healthcare professionals through community/academic educational partnerships.

**Pipeline programs** expose students to health careers and develop intent to pursue post-secondary education in primary healthcare professions.

183,090 grades 9-16 participants

- **45%** from disadvantaged backgrounds
- **50%** from rural backgrounds
- **36%** underrepresented minorities

**Clinical training** improves readiness, willingness, and ability of health professions trainees to serve in primary care, and rural and underserved community settings.

Facilitated 31,706 rotations
As well as 1,430 residency rotations

20,000 trainees placed in rural and underserved areas
- 11,559 medical students
- 3,936 nursing students
- 100 behavioral health students
- 384 dental students
- 4,021 associated health professions students

**Training sites** used include:
- 3,561 primary care setting
- 3,968 in a medically underserved community
- 2,620 in a rural area

**AHEC Scholars** longitudinal program designed to prepare health profession trainees for leadership within a rapidly changing health care system.

182 Scholars in the 2018 Cohort

- medical students
- nursing students (LPN, RN, BSN)
- pharmacy students
- dental students
- social work students
- occupational therapy students
- physical therapy students
- physician assistant students
- public health students
- psychology students
- other allied health students

**Continuing education** providing health professionals with access to resources to improve the quality of care for medically underserved communities and health disparities populations.

144,001 continuing education participants

- **55%** employed in medically underserved community
- **44%** employed in primary care setting
- **25%** employed in rural area

*2018 was a planning year for most AHECs and Scholars

Disclaimer: With the recent refinement of HRSA’s AHEC program to include AHEC Scholars, NAO acknowledges a change in trend in this past year’s data as AHECs across the nation focused on the planning and developing of the AHEC Scholars program.

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*Numbers do not include thousands of K-8 and community outreach participants and do include duplicate counts where individuals have participated in multiple pipeline or continuing education programs.