

Community Health Workers in Minnesota

STATE OF THE FIELD IN 2024

This document outlines key findings from a scan of the Community Health Worker (CHW) workforce that included quantitative data collection and informational interviews with over 100 stakeholders in 11 organizational settings across Minnesota.

Education and Employment

1,371 CHWs

have earned a certificate from a higher education program in the last 20 years.



64%

of those are from Greater Minnesota.



880

(estimated) CHWs currently work in the state.



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higher education programs offer the CHW certificate program in Minnesota.



209 CHWs

are enrolled with Minnesota Department of Human Services to bill for services.



Settings and Reach

CHW services are provided in a variety of settings in **47 out of 87 (54%)** counties in Minnesota.

CHW services are provided in **11 settings** including:

- community organizations
- managed care plans
- mental health centers
- long term care facilities
- health systems
- health departments

Services provided: are:

- health and human services system navigation
- peer support
- addressing social determinants of health
- community resource warm handoff
- health education

