

Illinois Hospitals and Health Systems

\$135.5 BILLION
Statewide Economic Impact

521,000 JOBS
Supporting Working Families

**Communities Win When
Local Hospitals Are Strong**



2026 Economic Impact Report

IHA Illinois Health
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HERE FOR **PATIENTS.** HERE FOR **COMMUNITIES.**

Illinois hospitals are more than **24/7 care providers.**

They're also major employers and economic engines that help **build stronger communities.**

Yet many Illinois hospitals are struggling to survive due to financial pressures from rising costs combined with massive policy changes in the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA).

With the OBBBA, our state's hospitals face:

A **\$57 billion** cut in federal Medicaid funding over the next decade.

As many as **300,000** of Illinois' most vulnerable residents—children, seniors, the disabled—may lose health coverage.

No matter the challenge, Illinois hospitals are committed to their **patients and the **communities** they serve.**



HOSPITALS PROVIDE:

\$8.6B+ in Community Benefits 

Uncompensated care, community health programs, education, and research are just a few ways hospitals are strengthening communities through robust community benefits.

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Annual amount Illinois hospitals infuse into the state's economy.

For every dollar hospitals spend on payroll, supplies, and capital, an **additional \$1.40** is generated in spending in state and local economies.

	PAYROLL	SUPPLIES/ SERVICES	CAPITAL
DIRECT	\$23.6B	\$29.7B	\$4.2B
	+	+	+
INDIRECT	\$32.0B	\$40.3B	\$5.7B
	=	=	=
TOTAL	\$55.6B	\$70.0B	\$9.9B

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FTE JOBS GENERATED BY ILLINOIS HOSPITALS

DIRECT	202K
	+
INDIRECT	319K
	=
TOTAL	521K

For every Illinois hospital job, **1.6 jobs** are created in other sectors.


Source: The Illinois Health and Hospital Association has modeled the full economic value of hospitals and health systems in the state of Illinois. Estimates of Illinois hospitals' economic benefits were based on the Regional Input-Output Modeling System (RIMS II), developed by the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA). The final demand multipliers, obtained from BEA RIMS II were applied to 2024/2025 Medicare cost report data of hospital jobs and spending to obtain the "ripple effect" of jobs and spending throughout the economy.

ILLINOIS HOSPITALS FACE LOOMING HEALTH CRISIS

1,117 Illinois Hospital Beds Lost Since 2019

68 Illinois hospitals have needed to
CUT SERVICES since 2019:



 **11** Illinois hospitals have stopped
open-heart surgery

Source: Health Facilities and Services Review Board, 2019-2025.



Illinois hospitals need your support.

Help Illinois hospitals continue providing lifesaving care around the clock, supporting families with good-paying jobs, and driving economic growth. Communities win when local hospitals are strong.

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