



Western New York

New York's Hospitals and Health Systems Improve the Economy and Community

Economic and Community Benefits

Economic activity

\$10,924,000,000

The economic activity generated by hospitals through jobs and the purchase of goods and services makes up 10.3% of the state's entire gross domestic product.^[1]

Jobs generated

50,000

Hospitals and health systems are often the largest employers in communities, generate many more jobs and are top 10 private sector employers in every region of New York.^[2]

Tax dollars generated

\$1,282,000,000

New York hospitals generate significant tax dollars and stimulate the economies of local communities and the whole state.^[3]

Payroll expenditures

\$2,927,000,000

New York hospitals' #1 investment is in their people, including direct salary and benefits to their employees.^[4]

Community benefits and investments

\$443,000,000

Adhering to their charitable mission, hospitals cover the cost of care provided to people in need; subsidize care and services to low-income, elderly and under-served communities; and continuously invest in many community health initiatives.^[5]

Patients Served

Outpatients provided care

3,400,000

People treated in the emergency room

554,000

People admitted to hospitals

142,000

Babies delivered

13,000

Hospitals serve patients in their communities 24/7, 365 days a year.^[4]

Patients covered by Medicare and Medicaid

In this region, Medicare and Medicaid patients make up:

- **71%** of all people admitted to hospitals
- **67%** of all outpatients provided care

57% of hospital patient service revenue in this region comes from Medicare and Medicaid. This is a result of the large volume of services being reimbursed by Medicare and Medicaid, which do not cover the cost of care, driving significant underpayment from these public insurance programs.^[4]

Data sources:

[1] Data are mainly from 2023 New York state hospital cost reports and the 2022 RIMS II multipliers. The New York State GDP is from the Bureau of Economic Analysis.

[2] Data are mainly from 2023 New York state hospital cost reports and the 2022 RIMS II multipliers. Private sector employment information is from the NYS DOL.

[3] Data are mainly from 2023 New York state hospital cost reports and state/federal tax tables.

[4] Data are mainly from 2023 New York state hospital cost reports.

[5] Data are from 2022 IRS form 990 Schedule H, reported by hospitals. This figure does not include the billions more in community benefit provided by New York's 21 public hospitals, which are exempt from this IRS reporting.