

63rd Senate District | April N. M. Baskin

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

Economic and Community Benefits

Economic activity

\$9,859,000,000

The economic activity generated by hospitals through jobs and the purchase of goods and services makes up 10.4% of the state's entire gross domestic product.^[1]

Jobs supported

43,000

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

\$1,085,000,000

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

Payroll expenditures

\$2,532,000,000

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

Community benefits and investments

\$306,000,000

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 cared for

Outpatients provided care

2,400,000

People treated in the emergency room

369,000

People admitted to hospitals

111,000

Babies delivered

11,000

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

Patients covered by Medicare and Medicaid

In this district, Medicare and Medicaid patients make up:

- **69%** of all people admitted to hospitals
- **65%** of all outpatients provided care

55% of hospital patient service revenue in this district 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]



This report includes data from the following:

- Buffalo General Medical Center*
- Erie County Medical Center‡
- John R. Oishei Children's Hospital
- Mercy Hospital of Buffalo*
- Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center‡
- Sisters of Charity Hospital
- Sisters of Charity Hospital, St. Joseph Campus

Data sources:

[1] Data are mainly from 2024 New York state hospital cost reports and the 2023 RIMS II multipliers. The New York State GDP is from the Bureau of Economic Analysis.

[2] Data are mainly from 2024 New York state hospital cost reports and the 2023 RIMS II multipliers. Private sector employment information is from the NYS DOL.

[3] Data are mainly from 2024 New York state hospital cost reports and state/federal tax tables.

[4] Data are mainly from 2024 New York state hospital cost reports.

[5] Data are from 2023 IRS form 990 Schedule H, reported by hospitals.

‡ Due to their inherent safety-net role, these two public hospitals are exempt from reporting community benefit and investment activity to the federal government. As a result, millions of dollars for these commitments are not included in the data shown.

* The data for this hospital reflect consolidated health system results.