

KANSAS HOSPITALS make valuable contributions to the communities they serve, providing care **24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year.**

By keeping communities **healthy, strong** and **vibrant**, hospitals strengthen the infrastructure of local communities. Kansas hospitals also contribute to the financial health of our state, serving as **economic anchors** for our communities.

The Economic Impact of Hospitals and Health Care in Kansas

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A strong health care system in Kansas can help attract and maintain **business and industry growth**, attract and retain retirees, and **create jobs** in the local area.

A strong health care sector means a strong local economy and a great place for every generation to live.

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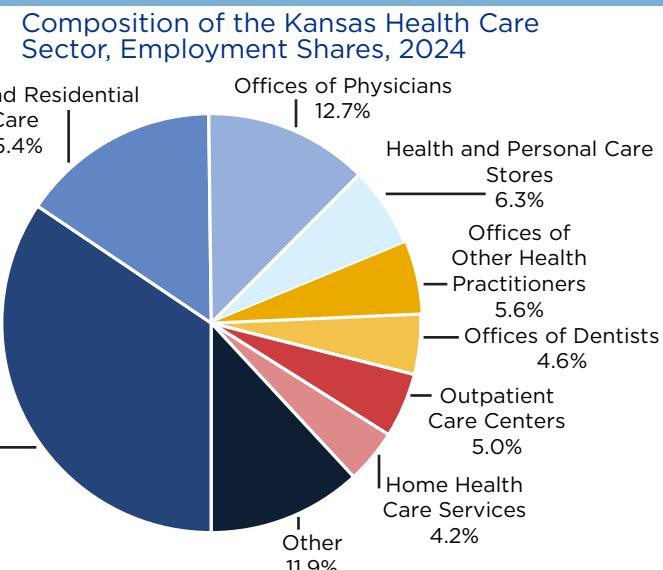


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KANSAS HOSPITALS have a **direct economic impact** comprised of employment and wages paid to hospital workers. This direct impact creates **secondary impacts** on the economy through the 'ripple' effect of businesses purchasing goods and services from other local businesses and through health care workers spending wages and other income for household goods and services.

The Kansas health care sector, directly and indirectly, contributes almost

338,000 jobs
and nearly
\$24 billion in
labor income to the
Kansas economy.



Hospitals comprise the largest industry within the health care sector with **direct employment of over 76,000 Kansans** and **direct labor income of almost \$7 billion**.

Every 100 hospital jobs support an additional 74 jobs in non-health care sectors.

Every \$1,000 in current hospital wages and salaries sustains an additional \$475 in income for employees of grocery stores, restaurants, gas and electric utilities and other industries used by hospitals and their employees.

A vigorous and sustainable health care system is **essential** not only for the **health and welfare** of community residents but also to **enhance economic opportunity** in Kansas.

Health-related sectors are some of the fastest growing in the economy. Given demographic trends, this **growth is likely to continue**.

Evidence shows quality health care **improves worker productivity**, aids in the **recruitment** and **retention** of **businesses** and **attracts** and **retains retirees**.

Hospitals generate almost **\$305 million in sales tax**, primarily through employee spending, which is used to fund state programs.

State and local governments garner over **\$2 billion in annual tax revenues** from health care sector activities.

The **economic benefit** of **KANSAS HOSPITALS** on local and state economies is **significant**. To continue to attract jobs and maintain families in Kansas, it is **critical** that the state have **high-quality health care** providers and services.

We **urge** our legislators, members of Congress, and community leaders to recognize **Kansas hospitals are instrumental to supporting state and local economies**.

Steps must be taken to continue investing in our state's health care system.