

# AT A GLANCE: THE ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTIONS OF NORTH CAROLINA'S HEALTH SYSTEMS AND HOSPITALS

Although hospitals' role in health care is well known, the economic impacts that health systems and hospitals have on their communities are less understood. The NCHA commissioned a study, *The Economic and Social Contributions of North Carolina's Health Systems and Hospitals*, which presents information for 136 hospital facilities in North Carolina containing more than 23,000 patient beds. North Carolina health systems and hospitals spent approximately \$31 billion in 2020 on staff and operating expenses and an additional \$3 billion on new healthcare facility construction. Slightly less than half of this spending was on staff salaries and benefits and compensation given to contract workers. This spending makes health systems and hospitals a significant economic driver, sustaining jobs and additional businesses across the state.

## Health System and Hospital Contributions to North Carolina's Economy, 2020

TYPE OF IMPACT	STATE GDP (\$Millions)	LABOR INCOME (\$Millions)	EMPLOYMENT
Direct	\$19,313	\$17,222	268,000
Indirect	\$10,607	\$6,822	130,000
Induced	\$10,453	\$5,564	117,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$40,373</b>	<b>\$29,608</b>	<b>515,000</b>

### Every Job in health systems and hospitals Creates Another Job in the Economy



**Total jobs 515,000**

Indirect jobs are those sustained by health system and hospital spending among local businesses. Induced jobs are sustained by health system and hospital employees spending their wages in the local economy.

**45**

Counties have a health system or hospital as a top 3 employer

**Top 3**

**92**

Counties have a health system or hospital as a top 10 employer

**Top 10**

Health systems and hospitals supported an additional **247,000 jobs** in other industry sectors such as real estate, employment services, management services, building services, and restaurants and food service.

Altogether, more than **500,000 jobs**, or 8% of all jobs in the state, were supported by health system and hospital activities.

## Community Contributions



\$5.79 billion



\$2.5 billion



Contributes \$40.4 billion to North Carolina's state GDP

**IT TAKES A HOSPITAL**

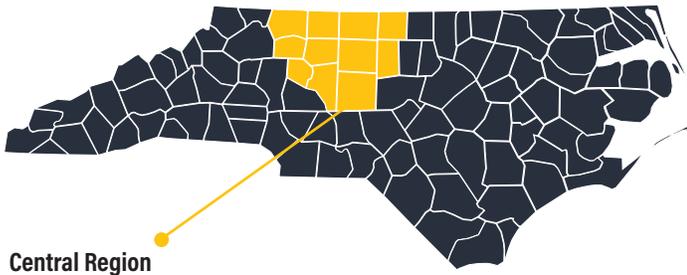
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# IMPACT SUMMARY

## FOR NORTH CAROLINA'S CENTRAL REGION



North Carolina's Central Region reaches from Surry County to Caswell County and contains the communities of Greensboro, Winston-Salem, and High Point. This region has a total of 17 different health systems or hospitals. Of these 17 health systems or hospitals, 3 are public and 14 are private. Health systems and hospitals supported more than 90,000 jobs in 2020 and provided workers with \$5.0 billion in salaries, wages, and benefits.

### Health System and Hospital Contributions to North Carolina's Central Region, 2020

TYPE OF IMPACT	STATE GDP (\$MILLIONS)	LABOR INCOME (\$MILLIONS)	EMPLOYMENT	COUNTY AND LOCAL TAXES (\$MILLIONS)
Direct	\$3,561.1	\$2,956.0	47,000	\$46.7
Indirect	\$1,686.1	\$1,081.4	23,000	\$43.7
Induced	\$1,793.4	\$978.9	21,000	\$65.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,040.6</b>	<b>\$5,016.3</b>	<b>91,000</b>	<b>\$156.3</b>

Source: RTI International analysis of HCRIS data; IMPLAN 2022. Values are expressed in 2022 dollars.

### Central Region Counties with a Health System/Hospital as a Top 3 Employer

- Alamance County (*Cone Health Alamance Regional Medical Center*)
- Forsyth County (*Novant Health Forsyth Medical Center, Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist*)
- Guilford County (*Cone Health*)
- Surry County (*Northern Regional Hospital*)

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, 2021.

In addition, the following counties have health systems or hospitals as a top 10 employer: Caswell County, Davie County, Randolph County, Rockingham County, Stokes County, and Yadkin County. The average health system and hospital employment compensation, which consists of wages, salaries, and benefits, is \$64,090.