

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
Total	\$40,373	\$29,608	515,000

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.

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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

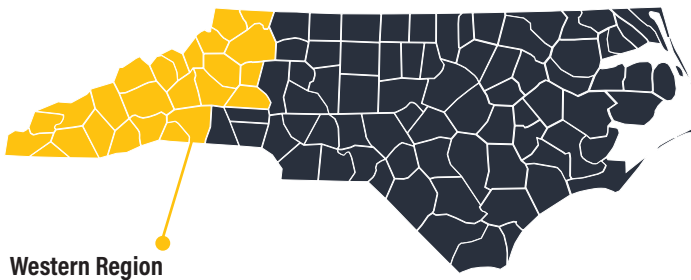
A message from the healthcare systems and hospitals of North Carolina

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IMPACT SUMMARY

FOR NORTH CAROLINA'S WESTERN REGION



North Carolina's Western Region begins at the Tennessee/North Carolina border and includes the 25 most western counties in the state. This region has 28 different health systems or hospitals. Of these 28 health systems or hospitals, 7 are public and 21 are private. Currently, Mission Health is planning to open a new behavioral health facility in Asheville in early 2023, which will increase access to behavioral health care in the region. Health systems and hospitals supported more than 60,000 jobs in 2020 and provided workers with \$3.1 billion in salaries, wages, and benefits, as shown in the table below.

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

TYPE OF IMPACT	STATE GDP (\$MILLIONS)	LABOR INCOME (\$MILLIONS)	EMPLOYMENT	COUNTY AND LOCAL TAXES (\$MILLIONS)
Direct	\$2,361.4	\$2,084.1	34,000	\$24.9
Indirect	\$763.7	\$516.2	14,000	\$25.1
Induced	\$933.5	\$506.5	13,000	\$40.8
Total	\$4,058.6	\$3,106.8	61,000	\$90.9

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

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

- Buncombe County (*Mission Health*)
- Burke County (*UNC Health Blue Ridge, North Carolina Department of Health & Human Services*)
- Catawba County (*Catawba Valley Medical Center*)
- Cherokee County (*Erlanger Western Carolina Hospital*)
- Haywood County (*Haywood Regional Medical Center, A Duke LifePoint Hospital*)
- Henderson County (*Pardee UNC Health Care*)
- Jackson County (*Harris Regional Hospital, a Duke LifePoint Hospital*)
- Polk County (*St. Luke's Hospital*)
- Watauga County (*Appalachian Regional Healthcare System*)

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: Alleghany County, Ashe County, Avery County, Caldwell County, Clay County, Graham County, Macon County, Madison County, Mitchell County, Rutherford County, Swain County, Transylvania County, Wilkes County, and Yancey County. The average health system and hospital employment compensation, which consists of wages, salaries, and benefits, is \$62,870.