

Economic Contribution Often Overlooked

In 2013, America's hospitals treated 134 million people in their emergency departments, provided care for 544 million other outpatients, performed almost 27 million surgeries, and delivered nearly 4 million babies. Every year, hospitals provide vital health care services like these to millions of people in thousands of communities. However, the importance of hospitals to their communities extends far beyond health care.

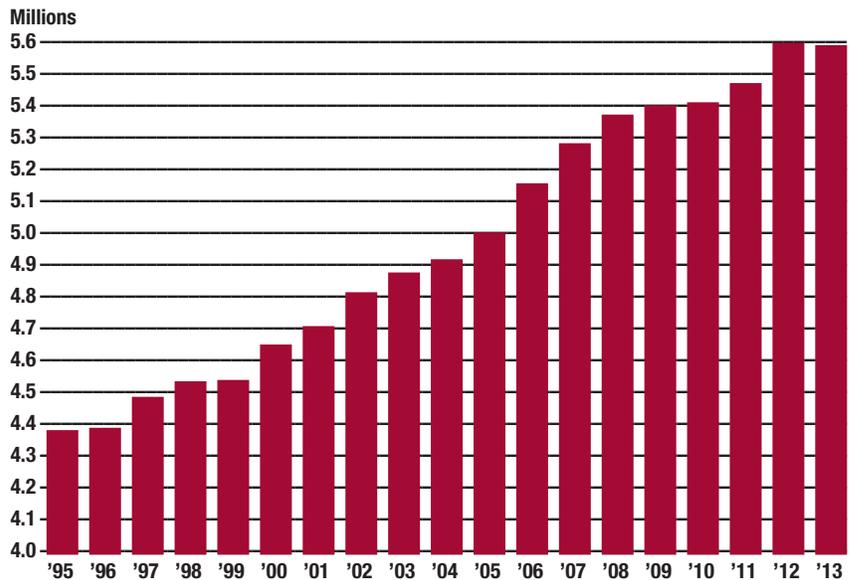
The health care sector has traditionally been an economic mainstay, providing stability and even growth during times of recession. Health care added an average of 26,000 jobs per month over the last year.¹ Hospital care is an important component of the health care sector. Hospitals:

- Employ nearly 5.6 million people.
- Are the second largest source of private sector jobs.
- Spend over \$782 billion on goods and services from other businesses.

The goods and services hospitals purchase from other businesses create additional economic value for the community. With these “ripple effects” included, each hospital job supports about two more jobs and every dollar spent by a hospital supports roughly \$2.30 of additional business activity. Overall hospitals:

- Support nearly 16 million total jobs or one of 9 jobs in the U.S.
- Support nearly \$2.6 trillion in economic activity.

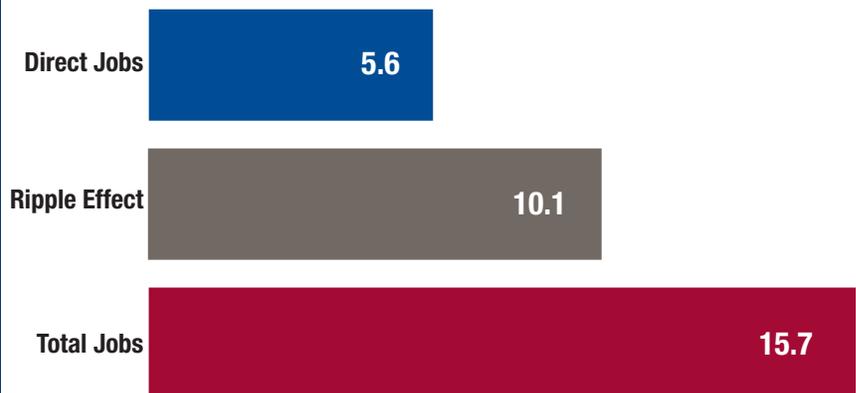
Hospitals directly employ nearly 5.6 million people . . . Number of Full-time and Part-time Hospital Employees 1995–2013



SOURCE: Avalere Health analysis of American Hospital Association Annual Survey data, 2013, for community hospitals.

. . . but with “ripple effects” included support 15.7 million total jobs.

Impact of Community Hospitals on U.S. Jobs (in millions), 2013



SOURCE: Avalere Health, using BEA RIMS-II (1997/2006) multipliers, released in 2008, applied to 2013 American Hospital Association Annual Survey data.

¹Bureau of Labor Statistics.