

Study: Health Care Continues to Create Good Jobs in Michigan

Largest Private-Sector Employer Accounts for 21,262 Jobs in Upper Peninsula

Local Economic Impact of the Healthcare Sector



The Partnership for Michigan's Health

LANSING, Mich. — Health care is Michigan's largest private-sector employer, providing about 515,700 direct jobs and about 278,500 related jobs that pump nearly \$36.7 billion a year in wages, salaries and benefits into the economy, concludes a study released by the Partnership for Michigan's Health. Michigan health care workers and their employers also pay about \$12 billion annually in taxes, shows the study, titled "The Economic Impact of Health Care in Michigan." The study, now in its fourth edition, quantifies the substantial economic impact of health care in the state. Key findings include:

With nearly 515,700 direct jobs, health care is Michigan's largest single private-sector employer. Total direct health care employment exceeds Michigan's agriculture, education and automotive manufacturing sectors. Michigan's direct health care workers earn about \$26.3 billion a year in wages, salaries and benefits.

Direct, indirect and induced health care jobs total almost 794,200 in Michigan. Wages, salaries and benefits for direct, indirect and induced health care jobs total \$36.7 billion annually.

21,262 Upper Peninsula citizens work in direct, indirect and induced health care jobs. Wages, salaries and benefits for these jobs total \$892 million.

Experts agree that Michigan's economic recovery and prosperity are dependent on the state's workforce changing to fill the "knowledge jobs" that will continue to generate significant employment opportunities

well into the future. Knowledge jobs demand workers with higher levels of education and skills — precisely the types of jobs being created by Michigan health care employers. "Health care is Michigan's most vital employer," said Spencer Johnson, president of the Michigan Health & Hospital Association (MHA). "Health care jobs are good jobs that pay high wages and require people with higher skill sets. These are the exact types of jobs Michigan must keep and create to regain our state's economic prosperity."

Upper Peninsula Healthcare Roundtable Chair, Al Hendra comments, "This study validates the investment of our healthcare industry in the Upper Peninsula and remains a key player in economic development's attraction and retention of businesses in our region."

Editor's Note: For a complete copy of the study, please visit www.economicimpact.org.

| COUNTY | DIRECT IMPACT |
|-------------|----------------|
| Alger | \$ 12,849,673 |
| Baraga | \$ 22,563,269 |
| Chippewa | \$ 105,717,611 |
| Delta | \$ 129,169,911 |
| Dickinson | \$224,588,518 |
| Gogebic | \$ 63,768,863 |
| Houghton | \$122,320,216 |
| Iron | \$ 38,521,063 |
| Keweenaw | \$ 101,716 |
| Luce | \$ 27,325,027 |
| Mackinac | \$ 22,417,582 |
| Marquette | \$482,695,981 |
| Menominee | \$ 29,261,723 |
| Ontonagon | \$ 24,369,181 |
| Schoolcraft | \$ 25,726,926 |

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