

# Executive Summary

Oklahoma hospitals are the cornerstones of their communities. Not only do they provide high quality, often lifesaving care to their communities 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year, but they serve as economic anchors in cities and towns in every region of the state. They provide well-paying jobs to working families, vital community benefits and partnerships, and economic stability.

This study, commissioned by the Oklahoma Hospital Association, examines both the direct and indirect impact made by hospitals in Oklahoma. We were not surprised to find that impact to be significant. Based primarily on data from the 2022 American Hospital Association Annual Survey, with data from 2021, highlights of the findings include:

- The state's hospitals **supported \$30.5 billion** in economic impact (direct plus spillover effects).
- Activity within hospital sector **supported \$13.7 billion** in state GDP, 6.3% of the state's GDP.
- Hospitals **support 186,000 jobs statewide and \$12.7 billion in earnings** received by Oklahoma households. This represents **18% of Oklahoma jobs** across all industries and 9.1% of household earnings.
- Directly, the hospital sector produces **\$7 billion in state GDP**, 3.3% of the statewide total.
- Revenue produced by Oklahoma's hospitals represents **\$15.3 billion**, 4% of the state's total economic output.
- Oklahoma hospitals' 78,361 wage and salary workers earn **\$6.5 billion in compensation**. The **average annual wage for hospital jobs was \$68,922**, 28% higher than the statewide average.
- Hospitals have been among the steadiest and largest contributors to net economic growth in the state, **adding more than 15,000 jobs** in the past three decades.

It is clear that Oklahoma hospitals are critical to the future economic growth in the state. The Oklahoma Hospital Association will continue to work with state and federal lawmakers and policymakers to ensure that these important drivers of the economic engine thrive into the coming decades.



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