

MISSOURI HOSPITALS BENEFIT THEIR COMMUNITIES

2019 COMMUNITY BENEFIT REPORT



Missouri's hospitals invest in their communities in various ways. One of the most important is hospitals' role in providing a safety net for individuals who need medical services but can't afford their care. However, this is not the only contribution hospitals make to improve individual and community health. Hospitals invest in services and programs — often outside of the hospital to improve lives communitywide.

In 2017, Missouri hospitals provided \$3.3 billion in community benefit.



PROVIDING ACCESS TO HEALTH SERVICES

Although health insurance opens the gateway to prevention and management of chronic health conditions, not all Missourians have access to health coverage. For those without health insurance, or the underinsured, hospitals provide a safety net for care.

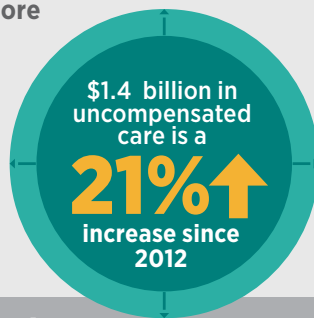
When hospitals provide care to those who cannot afford to pay, the costs are part of a hospital's community benefit. Although this is not the only way hospitals support their communities, it is a powerful reflection of the commitment.

In 2017, participating hospitals provided more than \$1.4 billion in uncompensated care — **nearly \$166 million more than in 2016.**

Charity Care
\$794,650,052

Bad Debt
\$627,606,815

Total Uncompensated Care
\$1,422,256,867



SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES AND IMPROVING HEALTH CARE

Hospitals' community benefit includes supporting programs like Medicare and Medicaid, investing in the health care workforce, helping local causes, and holding clinics and health events to screen for health problems to improve overall health.

Health Professions Education Costs
\$376,211,794

Donations
\$147,815,287

Medical Services Expenses
\$17,203,050

Unreimbursed Costs of Medicare
\$686,930,651

Unreimbursed Costs of Medicaid
\$646,939,687

Total Additional Investments and Services
\$1,875,100,469

The 122 Missouri hospitals and four health systems participating in the report had a significant impact on the statewide economy in 2017.

TOTAL COMMUNITY BENEFIT: \$3.3 BILLION

\$795 MILLION

IN CHARITY CARE IS THE EQUIVALENT OF:

18,793 physician office visits
FREE every day

OR

6.9 million office visits
FREE per year

OR

6.4 million mammograms
FREE every year

OR

62,064 inpatient hospital stays
FREE every year

OR

701,475 emergency department
visits FREE per year

Caring For Missourians

Missouri hospitals have important roles in strengthening individual and community health. Not only are they often the largest employers in their region, they provide the foundation for health care services from clinics and primary care to emergency services and inpatient care.

The **60 rural hospitals** participating in the survey provided **\$255 million in uncompensated care in 2017**. This is an **increase of \$12 million over the 2016 total** and includes two fewer participating hospitals.

The **62 urban hospitals** participating in the survey provided **\$1.16 billion in uncompensated care in 2017**. This is an **increase of \$153.5 million over the 2016 total**.

UNCOMPENSATED CARE

Access hospital-specific data at www.FocusOnHospitals.com