



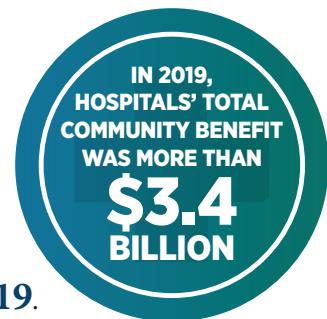
When Missourians think of their hospitals, they likely consider their value in a health emergency or in providing treatment for an acute or chronic health condition. However,

hospitals' growing emphasis on community and population health improvement demonstrates their commitment to keeping Missourians active, healthy and productive.

At the same time, hospitals' investments in workforce, infrastructure and the latest technology provide an economic engine in local, regional and state economics.

In 2019, hospitals provided **\$1.7 billion in total uncompensated care**, an **increase of \$200 million from 2018**. More than 85% of this year-to-year growth in **uncompensated care was provided as charity care**. In 2019, **hospitals' bad debt increased by nearly \$34 million**.

When combined with the other benefits Missouri hospitals delivered to their communities, **hospitals' total community benefit was more than \$3.4 billion in 2019**.



CHARITY CARE	\$1,019,846,024
BAD DEBT	\$692,782,248
TOTAL UNCOMPENSATED CARE	\$1,712,628,272
HEALTH PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION COSTS	\$437,778,051
DONATIONS	\$45,314,210
UNPAID COSTS – MEDICARE	\$666,068,350
UNPAID COSTS – MEDICAID	\$622,530,811
TAX SUBSIDY	(\$50,447,997)
COMMUNITY BENEFIT TOTAL	\$3,433,871,697



Missouri hospitals employed
nearly 170,000 workers

HOSPITAL EMPLOYEES (FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT)	169,793
CAPITAL INVESTMENTS	\$1,679,166,671
PAYROLL AND BENEFITS	\$12,236,516,905
TAXES PAID	\$706,192,642

Statewide Community Benefit

Hospitals provide a significant financial boost to the communities they serve. Despite challenging financial times, hospitals continue to hire employees and invest in their physical plants. These investments underpin the economy of cities, small and large, providing support for families and businesses throughout the state.

In 2019, **Missouri hospitals employed nearly 170,000 workers and invested nearly \$1.7 billion in various capital improvement projects throughout the state**. These community investments help strengthen the health care system. They also ripple throughout the economy, creating household income, opportunities to build businesses, and revenue for state and local government.

Statewide Community Investment

All hospitals' community investments improve individual health and the health of the communities they serve. In many communities, hospitals are the largest employer. In rural Missouri, hospitals typically provide the majority of health assets — from hospital-based care and clinics to primary care and public health support. The totals for participating hospitals in 2019 indicate that all hospitals — regardless of geographic setting — contribute significant community benefit.

	URBAN	RURAL
CHARITY CARE	\$731,423,757	\$288,422,267
BAD DEBT	\$462,414,561	\$230,367,687
TOTAL UNCOMPENSATED CARE	\$1,193,838,319	\$518,789,953
HEALTH PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION COSTS	\$435,724,882	\$2,053,169
DONATIONS	\$42,551,224	\$2,762,986
UNPAID COSTS — MEDICARE	\$579,627,328	\$86,441,022
UNPAID COSTS — MEDICAID	\$546,294,048	\$76,236,763
TAX SUBSIDY	(\$38,407,203)	(\$12,040,794)
COMMUNITY BENEFIT TOTAL	\$2,759,628,598	\$674,243,099
HOSPITAL EMPLOYEES (FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT)	140,863	28,930
CAPITAL INVESTMENTS	\$1,485,587,380	\$193,579,291
PAYROLL AND BENEFITS	\$10,395,498,395	\$1,841,018,510
TAXES PAID	\$612,917,997	\$93,274,645

Community Benefit and COVID-19

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, hospitals have retooled to serve communities. Hospitals significantly expanded their telemedicine capabilities, provided COVID-19 testing, innovated to bring the best care available to the bedside for COVID-19 patients and now are a significant part of vaccination efforts. It is too early to know how this will influence community benefit reporting in the coming years; however, Missourians have a much better understanding of the value of having strong hospitals locally.

THROUGHOUT THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, HOSPITALS:

