

***CARING FOR CONNECTICUT: NEW REPORTS SHOW IMPACT OF HOSPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS ON THE HEALTH OF CONNECTICUT'S ECONOMY AND COMMUNITIES***

**1.5 Million Patients Treated in Connecticut Emergency Departments; 245,000 Jobs Supported; \$38.7 Billion in Economic Impact; \$3.4 Billion in Community Investments**

*WALLINGFORD* – The **Connecticut Hospital Association (CHA)** today released three reports including new data on the impact of hospital and health systems' contributions on the health of Connecticut's economy and communities. CHA is releasing these reports ahead of the upcoming legislative session, during which CHA will advocate for policies that support the healthcare workforce, strengthen access to healthcare services, expand investments in community health, discourage harmful cuts to hospitals at a time when they are facing significant financial challenges, and improve Connecticut's Certificate of Need process.

- [\*Connecticut Hospitals Today\*](#) includes data on Connecticut's hospitals and the services they provide and an overview on key issues impacting healthcare in Connecticut
- [\*Community Benefit Report\*](#) includes data and stories from each of Connecticut's 27 acute care hospitals on investments in community services, education, charity care, and public health and wellness
- [\*Economic Impact Report\*](#) details the impact of jobs created, capital improvements, and hospitals' investments in the state's economy

"Connecticut hospitals are there when we need them," said **Jennifer Jackson, CEO, CHA**. "They provide high quality care for everyone who walks through their doors, regardless of their ability to pay, while extending their positive impact far beyond the essential medical care that they provide. They are among the largest employers in the state supporting hundreds of thousands of jobs and their investments help our state's economy prosper and thrive. They are also valuable resources in the communities they serve, working to address social influencers of health and respond to the critical needs of patients and communities."

Among the report findings, Connecticut hospitals:

- Provide a total economic impact of **\$38.7 billion**
- Contribute **\$3.4 billion** in community investments
- Support nearly **245,000 jobs**, with a total payroll of **\$20.5 billion**
- Provide care to **336,000** admitted patients, providing **1.9 million days** of inpatient care
- Treat more than **1.5 million patients** in emergency departments
- Provide nearly **10 million episodes** of outpatient services
- Invest **\$267 million** in health professions education
- Provide **\$270.1 million** in uncompensated care to support patients who cannot pay
- Provide **\$1.23 billion** in unpaid hospital care to Medicaid beneficiaries and **\$1.55 billion** in unpaid hospital care to Medicare beneficiaries

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CHA is releasing these annual snapshot reports ahead of the upcoming Connecticut General Assembly's legislative session to help inform healthcare-related policy. While hospitals and health systems play a vital role in providing services and benefits to communities, they are also facing extraordinary financial and workforce challenges.

"Connecticut hospitals are cornerstones of their communities, as these reports show, even at a time when they are faced with enormous challenges. Across healthcare, we are seeing critical healthcare workforce shortages, patients with more severe health needs, and pressure from systemic cost drivers, including commercial insurance practices that delay care and increase costs, administrative burdens, and Medicare and Medicaid underpayments. Hospitals are facing staggering [financial hardship](#) and [negative operating margins, worsened by the pandemic](#) and historic inflation in the cost of drugs, supplies, electricity, heat, infrastructure, and labor," said Jackson.

"Hospitals have such a significant impact on not only the health of individual patients, but on the overall health of our state's communities, people, and economy. To protect and preserve this role, we must continue collaborating with community organizations, state government, and local lawmakers – all key partners in providing high-quality, affordable, and accessible care to every patient."

To learn more, visit [CaringforCT.org](https://www.caringforct.org).

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## CONNECTICUT HOSPITALS AND HEALTH SYSTEMS

### JOBS:

119,421 employed  
Payroll: \$10.3 Billion  
125,464 "ripple effect" jobs  
Payroll: \$10.2 Billion

### TOTAL JOBS:

**244,885**

### TOTAL PAYROLL:

**\$20.5 BILLION**



Treat more than **1.5 MILLION** patients in their emergency departments



### **\$1.23 BILLION**

Unpaid hospital care provided to Medicaid beneficiaries

### **\$1.55 BILLION**

Unpaid hospital care provided to Medicare beneficiaries



Provide nearly **10 MILLION** episodes of outpatient services to individuals

### **\$270.1 MILLION**

Uncompensated care: Charity care/bad debt to provide services for those who cannot pay



Provide care for more than **336,000** admitted patients, accounting for more than **1.9 MILLION** days of inpatient care

### **\$7.3 MILLION**

Community building to create stronger, healthier communities



Welcome more than **35,000** babies into the world

### **\$37.8 MILLION**

Donations to help support community organizations



### **\$46.1 MILLION**

Community health improvement services and operations

### **\$267 MILLION**

Health professions education



### Total economic impact:

**\$38.7 BILLION**

### Total community investment:

**\$3.4 BILLION**

These data represent the most recently audited fiscal year, 2022, as reported to CHA by members. Outpatient data reported by the Office of Health Strategy based on FY 2022 data. Outpatient services include diagnostic procedures (such as colonoscopy); ambulatory surgeries (such as gallbladder procedures); diagnostic imaging (MRI, PET, and CT scans); clinic visits; and COVID-19 testing and vaccinations. Hospital services data are from ChimeData FY 2023.

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