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## **New Study Underscores Health Care as Michigan's Largest Single Employer**

*More Than 658,000 Jobs, \$25 Billion in Wages & Salaries*

**MACKINAC ISLAND, Mich.** — Health care is Michigan's largest employer, providing more than 424,500 direct jobs and 233,500 indirect jobs that pump \$25.4 billion a year in wages and salaries into the state's economy, concludes a study released today by the Partnership for Michigan's Health.

Titled the "Economic Impact of Health Care in Michigan," the study quantifies the substantial economic impact of health care in the state. The study is an analysis of data compiled by the Minnesota IMPLAN® Group, Inc., and includes data and information from U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, the U.S. Bureau of Labor, and the U.S. Census Bureau. The study was released today at the 24<sup>th</sup> annual Detroit Chamber of Commerce Mackinac Policy Conference, being held on Mackinac Island. Key findings include:

- With more than 424,500 direct jobs, health care is Michigan's largest single employer. As a sector, total direct health care employment exceeds Michigan's agricultural, tourism and automotive manufacturing sectors.
- Michigan's direct health care workers earn about \$17.7 billion a year in wages, salaries and benefits.
- More than 233,500 Michigan citizens work in jobs that are indirectly related to health care or induced by the health care sector.
- Michigan's indirect and induced health care workers earn about \$7.7 billion a year in wages, salaries and benefits.
- Direct, indirect and induced health care jobs total more than 658,000 in Michigan.
- Wages, salaries and benefits for direct, indirect and induced health care jobs total \$25.4 billion in Michigan.
- 53 Michigan counties have more than 1,000 direct health care jobs.
- 15 Michigan counties have more than 5,000 direct health care jobs.
- Nine Michigan counties have more than 10,000 direct health care jobs.

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“This study underscores the significant economic impact of health care in Michigan,” said Spencer Johnson, President of the Michigan Health & Hospital Association (MHA). “The health care services and programs we deliver to patients are clearly our most important functions. That we are among Michigan’s largest and most important employers is less often recognized.”

Michigan Osteopathic Association (MOA) Executive Director Dennis M. Paradis noted that in wages and salaries paid to Michigan citizens, health care is a \$25.4 billion industry.

“When you look at other industries outlined in the study, health care provides more jobs than agricultural, tourism and even automotive manufacturing — industries that also form the backbone of our state’s economy,” Paradis said. “By even taking a conservative look at the data, the health care industry is a critical part of our state’s economic structure — that’s 658,000 jobs for Michigan citizens who need quality medical care and employment.”

Michigan State Medical Society (MSMS) President John M. MacKeigan, MD, said that the stability of health care jobs provide financial security to local economies even when other industries are in downturns. Just as important, quality health care attracts business investments.

“Health care not only provides jobs in Michigan but also works to keep Michigan’s workforce healthier,” Dr. MacKeigan said. “Quality, accessible health care is a key to attracting and retaining skilled workers and to maintaining Michigan’s reputation as an excellent place to do business.”

IMPLAN<sup>®</sup> was founded in 1993 by two former University of Minnesota researchers and is an outgrowth of their work at the university starting in 1984. IMPLAN<sup>®</sup> is an economic impact assessment modeling system. IMPLAN<sup>®</sup> allows users to build economic models to estimate the impacts of economic activities and changes in their states, counties and local communities. IMPLAN<sup>®</sup> data files are compiled from many sources, but mostly from federal government sources. Currently, there are more than 1,500 active users of IMPLAN<sup>®</sup> databases and software in the United States and internationally.

IMPLAN<sup>®</sup> provided Michigan health care employment data to the Partnership for Michigan’s Health, an organization made up of the MHA, MSMS and MOA. The partnership is working to improve Michigan’s health status, to reform the state’s Medicaid system, and to keep health care accessible and affordable for all citizens.

**Editor’s Note:**

- For a complete copy of the study, please visit [www.economicimpact.org](http://www.economicimpact.org)

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## Health Care Employment By Counties & Regions

Here are the top 10 Michigan counties in terms of total direct health care jobs:

County	Direct Health Care Jobs	Wages, Salaries and Benefits
1. Wayne County	80,723	\$3.5 billion
2. Oakland County	64,217	\$2.8 billion
3. Kent County	31,701	\$1.3 billion
4. Macomb County	25,608	\$1.1 billion
5. Washtenaw County	23,777	\$1.1 billion
6. Genesee County	20,997	\$982 million
7. Ingham County	15,819	\$689 million
8. Kalamazoo County	13,264	\$629 million
9. Saginaw County	13,229	\$558 million
10. Ottawa County	7,883	\$263 million

Health care is a major employer in all Michigan geographic regions:

Region	Direct Jobs	Indirect and Induced Jobs	Total Jobs	Direct Jobs Wages, Salaries and Benefits	Indirect/Induced Wages, Salaries and Benefits	Total Wages, Salaries and Benefits
E. Central Michigan	34,645	15,693	50,338	\$1.32 billion	\$384 million	\$1.71 billion
Southwest Michigan	35,148	17,378	52,526	\$1.47 billion	\$474 million	\$1.94 billion
N. Central Michigan	22,863	10,259	33,122	\$923 million	\$252 million	\$1.17 billion
Mid-Michigan	44,057	22,937	66,994	\$1.91 billion	\$640 million	\$2.55 billion
Upper Peninsula	14,812	5,537	20,349	\$567 million	\$115 million	\$682 million
Southeast Michigan	208,845	107,317	316,162	\$9.1 billion	\$3.91 billion	\$13.01 billion
W. Central Michigan	65,573	31,924	97,497	\$2.51 billion	\$906 million	\$3.41 billion

**Source:** Minnesota IMPLAN® Group, Inc.

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