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## **Study: Health Care Continues to Create Good Jobs in Michigan**

*Largest Private-Sector Employer Accounts for 21,262 Jobs in Upper Peninsula*

**LANSING, Mich.** — Health care is Michigan's largest private-sector employer, providing about 515,700 direct jobs and about 278,500 related jobs that pump nearly \$36.7 billion a year in wages, salaries and benefits into the economy, concludes a study released today by the Partnership for Michigan's Health.

Michigan health care workers and their employers also pay about \$12 billion annually in taxes, shows the study, titled "The Economic Impact of Health Care in Michigan."

The study, now in its fourth edition, quantifies the substantial economic impact of health care in the state. The study presents an analysis of data compiled by the Minnesota IMPLAN<sup>®</sup> Group, Inc., and includes data and information from the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, the U.S. Bureau of Labor, and the U.S. Census Bureau. Key findings include:

- **With nearly 515,700 direct jobs, health care is Michigan's largest single private-sector employer.** Total direct health care employment exceeds Michigan's agriculture, education and automotive manufacturing sectors. Michigan's direct health care workers earn about \$26.3 billion a year in wages, salaries and benefits.
- Nearly 278,500 Michigan citizens work in jobs that are indirectly<sup>1</sup> related to health care or induced<sup>2</sup> by the health care sector. Michigan's indirect and induced health care workers earn about \$10.3 billion a year in wages, salaries and benefits.
- Direct, indirect and induced health care jobs total almost 794,200 in Michigan. Wages, salaries and benefits for direct, indirect and induced health care jobs total \$36.7 billion annually.
- **21,262 Upper Peninsula citizens work in direct, indirect and induced health care jobs. Wages, salaries and benefits for these jobs total \$892 million.**
- 57 Michigan counties have more than 1,000 direct health care jobs.
- 21 Michigan counties have more than 5,000 direct health care jobs.

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<sup>1</sup> Indirect jobs are those that are created to support a larger employer or industry (for example, a laundry that cleans the linens for a hospital).

<sup>2</sup> Induced jobs are those created by the spending of people who work in the indirect jobs (for example, a restaurant waiter who serves the laundry workers).

- 16 Michigan counties have more than 10,000 direct health care jobs.

Experts agree that Michigan’s economic recovery and prosperity are dependent on the state’s workforce changing to fill the “knowledge jobs” that will continue to generate significant employment opportunities well into the future. Knowledge jobs demand workers with higher levels of education and skills — precisely the types of jobs being created by Michigan health care employers.

“Health care is Michigan’s most vital employer,” said Spencer Johnson, president of the Michigan Health & Hospital Association (MHA). “Health care jobs are good jobs that pay high wages and require people with higher skill sets. These are the exact types of jobs Michigan must keep and create to regain our state’s economic prosperity.”

“The health care sector continues to be a shining light in Michigan’s transitioning economy,” said Craig Magnatta, DO, president of the Michigan Osteopathic Association (MOA). “Health care jobs are helping to put Michigan back on the path to prosperity — and unlike jobs in many other sectors — health care jobs tend to be stable and generally are not exported to other states or continents.”

Michigan State Medical Society (MSMS) President Michael A. Sandler, MD, noted that health care jobs are increasingly being created in private-sector life sciences and bio-tech businesses that turn research into products that improve our quality of life.

“Health care jobs will always be about protecting wellness and health and saving lives,” Sandler said. “But increasingly in Michigan, they are also about research that leads to the development of new products and technologies that can be produced.”

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 a modeling system that allows users to estimate the impacts of economic activities and changes in their states, counties and local communities. Currently, there are more than 1,500 active users of IMPLAN<sup>®</sup> databases and software in the United States and internationally.

The Partnership for Michigan’s Health consists of the MHA, MSMS and MOA and works 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 & Taxes Paid By Michigan Counties & Regions

The top 10 Michigan counties in terms of total direct health care jobs:

County	Direct Health Care Jobs	Wages, Salaries & Benefits
1. Wayne	95,364	\$5.3 billion
2. Oakland	86,907	\$4.6 billion
3. Kent	39,766	\$2.1 billion
4. Washtenaw	36,199	\$1.9 billion
5. Macomb	31,778	\$1.6 billion
6. Genesee	23,603	\$1.3 billion
7. Ingham	17,612	\$1 billion
8. Kalamazoo	17,318	\$955 million
9. Saginaw	15,398	\$722 million
10. Grand Traverse	8,995	\$447 million

Health care is a major employer in all Michigan geographic regions. Upper Peninsula totals are in **bold** below and include the counties of Alger, Baraga, Chippewa, Delta, Dickinson, Gogebic, Houghton, Iron, Keweenaw, Luce, Mackinac, Marquette, Menominee, Ontonagon and Schoolcraft.

Region	Direct Jobs	Indirect & Induced Jobs	Total Jobs	Wages & Salaries Direct	Wages & Salaries Total
E. Central Michigan	39,894	18,286	58,179	\$1. 8 billion	\$2.3 billion
Southwest Michigan	42,551	20,949	63,500	\$2.1 billion	\$2.8 billion
N. Central Michigan	21,339	10,137	31,476	\$1 billion	\$1.3 billion
Mid-Michigan	48,703	25,238	73,941	\$2.6 billion	\$3.4 billion
<b>Upper Peninsula</b>	<b>15,166</b>	<b>6,096</b>	<b>21,262</b>	<b>\$731 million</b>	<b>\$892 million</b>
Southeast Michigan	266,108	129,139	395,247	\$14 billion	\$19 billion
W. Central Michigan	78,853	41,471	120,324	\$3.8 billion	\$5.2 billion

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## Taxes Paid

Michigan health care employers and the employees who hold the 794,200 direct, indirect and induced health care jobs pay about \$12 billion annually in taxes. Taxes paid include Social Security, income, motor vehicle, sales, real property, personal property, federal and state corporate, and more.

In 60 Michigan counties, health care workers and their employers pay more than \$10 million in taxes. In 17 Michigan counties, health care workers and their employers pay more than \$100 million in taxes. The top 10 Michigan counties in terms of taxes from Michigan health care jobs and employers are:

County	Taxes Paid by Health Care Employees/Employers
1. Wayne	\$2.16 billion
2. Oakland	\$1.95 billion
3. Kent	\$849 million
4. Washtenaw	\$709 million
5. Macomb	\$648 million
6. Genesee	\$524 million
7. Kalamazoo	\$390 million
8. Ingham	\$356 million
9. Saginaw	\$287 million
10. Muskegon	\$188 million

Source: Minnesota IMPLAN® Group, Inc.

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