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HOSPITALS DRIVE MARYLAND'S ECONOMY \$30 BILLION BOLSTERS THE STATE'S FINANCIAL HEALTH

Maryland's hospitals contribute nearly \$30 billion annually to the state's economy, more than 8 percent of the state's gross domestic product, according to a [recent economic analysis](#) from the American Hospital Association.

In Maryland, hospitals spend nearly \$14 billion to care for patients and communities; the "ripple effect" of that spending translates to a \$30 billion overall impact on the state's economy that supports more than 106,000 hospital jobs and an additional 120,000 non-hospital jobs. That makes hospitals one of the largest non-public sources of employment, with hospital workers alone contributing an estimated \$250 million annually in state income taxes.

As the foundations of their local economies, hospitals last year spent nearly \$1.6 billion to directly improve the health of their communities. These are efforts that invest in and strengthen Maryland's counties, cities and towns to improve the economic and physical well-being of the communities that hospitals serve. Some examples:



- In **Montgomery County**, establishing a behavioral health wellness program for low-income seniors coping with depression, substance use disorders, and psychosis, among other ailments
- In **Anne Arundel County**, establishing community clinics for primary and dental care, regardless of insurance status
- In **Baltimore City**, operating a housing program that serves the severely mentally ill population, with the goal to have residents obtain independent housing
- In **Calvert County**, administering a worksite wellness program that provides health risk assessments, biometrics, cholesterol/glucose testing and access to low-cost gym memberships
- In **Prince George's County**, working to increase the high school graduation rate by identifying the learning needs of high school students through operating an internship program and partnering with the county's Junior Achievement Financial Center
- In **Frederick County**, providing prenatal care for underinsured or uninsured maternity patients
- In **Baltimore County**, partnering with Villa Maria and St. Vincent Centers to provide care for at-risk children between ages 5 and 14
- In **Washington County**, engaging in a workforce development initiative to recruit physicians and expand primary care practices in high-need communities