# Illinois Hospitals and Health Systems **Crucial for Community Health and Economic Stability**







**493k** Jobs Bolstering Working Families



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### **Powerful Economic Drivers**

In addition to serving as **centers of healing and hope**, Illinois hospitals are also **powerful drivers of economic activity** in their communities—even in difficult times.

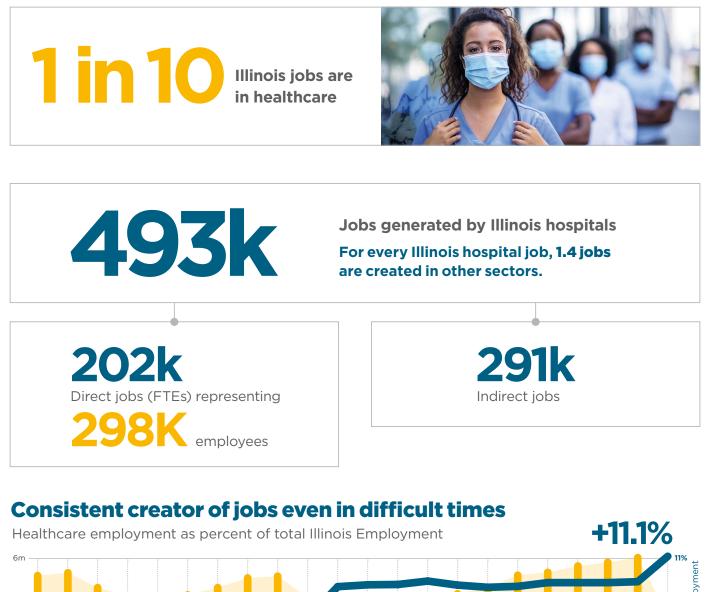
The Illinois Health and Hospital Association has modeled<sup>1</sup> the full economic value of hospitals and health systems in the state of Illinois.

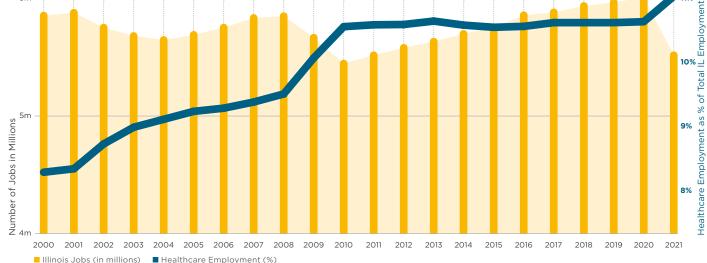
#### **State Economic Impact**



<sup>1</sup> Estimates of the Illinois hospitals' economic benefits were based on the Regional Input-Output Modeling System II (RIMS-II) developed by the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA). The Final Demand multipliers, obtained from BEA RIMS-II, were applied to 2020/2021 Medicare cost report data of hospital jobs and spending to obtain the "ripple" effect of jobs and spending throughout the economy.

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Source: Illinois Department of Employment Security, Current Employment Statistics Program, January 2000 - January 2021

### The Strength of Local Communities Depends on the Strength of Local Hospitals

It is **CRUCIAL** that Illinois has strong and adequately funded healthcare providers. Just as lives depend on our hospitals, our hospitals depend on the support of government and the public.

## Impacts of COVID-19



#### **On Communities**

After two years, it is abundantly clear that COVID-19 has presented the most significant challenge in healthcare in over a century, affecting communities throughout Illinois. The pandemic exposed health disparities and strained hospitals and the healthcare heroes who work tirelessly to care for their communities.

#### **On Healthcare**

Strengthening the healthcare workforce is a key focus for hospitals and health systems, which provide essential, good-paying jobs and are committed to providing staff with the support and resources they need. Hospitals have also embraced the important role of community health workers to expand access to care and advance health equity within and beyond the four walls of the hospital.

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