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Georgia Hospitals Generate \$145 Billion in Statewide Economic Impact

ATLANTA – The Georgia Hospital Association (GHA) today released its latest [economic impact report](#), showing that Georgia hospitals generate \$145 billion in economic activity across the state. The report, compiled using independent third-party modeling and based on 2024 data, reflects an \$8 billion, or 5.8%, increase over the previous year.

Beyond providing high-quality care and critical health services to millions of Georgians each year, hospitals are among the state's most important economic engines. For every dollar spent by a hospital, \$2.11 is generated in state and local economic activity. Hospitals also create and support over 590,000 full- and part-time jobs statewide and throughout a wide range of industries.

"Georgia hospitals are essential to both the health and economic vitality of our state," said GHA President and CEO Caylee Noggle. "This report highlights the tremendous impact hospitals have far beyond their walls – creating jobs, supporting local businesses, strengthening communities, and generating economic opportunity in every corner of Georgia. A strong hospital is not only essential to a healthy community, but it's also an important part of a healthy local economy."

GHA's economic impact report highlights the broad reach of Georgia hospitals, including jobs and wages supported, tax contributions, and expenditures.

"Every day, Georgia hospitals make a difference in the lives of the people and communities they serve," said Vicki Lewis, GHA Board Chair and Coffee Regional Medical Center President and CEO. "In addition to providing exceptional, high-quality care, hospitals are major employers, community partners, and economic anchors. Their impact extends throughout their communities, helping create the foundation for a healthier, stronger, and more vibrant Georgia."

About the data

GHA partners with IMPLAN®, a nationally recognized economic impact analysis software, to develop the economic impact figures. Public data from the Georgia Department of Community Health Annual Hospital Questionnaire and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Cost Report were used in the IMPLAN® modeling. For more information, visit [IMPLAN.com](https://www.implan.com).

About GHA

Founded in 1929, GHA serves more than 150 Georgia hospitals and works to shape a healthier Georgia by serving as the leading advocate and supporter for all Georgia hospitals and health systems. For more information, call 770-249-4500 or visit gha.org.