

Brooks Memorial Hospital Impacts Community & Economy

Local hospitals have an impact on more than just healthcare. Less often recognized is the hospital's contribution to the local economy, including the people it employs, the impact of its spending, and the effect of hospital employees' spending and the taxes they pay. Brooks Memorial Hospital is critical to the economic viability of our community. Hospitals are a major source of employment and purchaser of goods and services, as well as providing health care that allows people to be productive citizens. Brooks Memorial Hospital is proud to provide care to our community. Our doors are open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. Every year we serve thousands of individuals and keep our community healthy, strong, and vibrant. This record of service is and always will be our most valuable contribution to the community.

Hospitals strengthen the infrastructures of local communities. Communities rely on their local hospitals and health systems to provide high-quality health care, bring life into the world, care for the aged, ensure safety when an emergency or disaster strikes, educate people about the impact of lifestyles on their health and well-being, and provide comfort at the end of life.

A recent report prepared by the Healthcare Association of New York State (HANYS), highlights the significant role that hospitals in New York State, including Brooks, play in their communities. This report demonstrates the direct involvement of Brooks Memorial Hospital on the local economy and the "ripple" effect of the dollars the health care sector brings into the community and the jobs it helps create. In addition, it illustrates the benefit the hospital provides for a safe, stable, and healthy community.

Brooks Memorial Hospital is an Economic Anchor in Our Community

In addition to enhancing the health and well-being of the communities we serve, Brooks Memorial Hospital contributes significantly to the area's economic health. As illustrated by the chart below, in 2006, Brooks Memorial Hospital had an estimated total annual economic impact of \$65,952,000.

Brooks Memorial Hospital

Direct and Indirect Impact on the Community

Jobs	720
Economic Impact	
Payroll	\$37,247,000
Supply Purchases	\$25,211,000
Capital Spending	\$3,494,000
Total Impact	\$65,952,000
Taxes	
Income Taxes	
State	\$1,183,000
Sales Taxes	
State	\$638,000
Local	\$734,000
Total Taxes	\$2,555,000

Brooks Memorial Hospital is a Major Employer

In 2006 Brooks Memorial Hospital employed 380 people, with a total payroll of \$17,878,000. Hospital payroll expenditures serve as an important economic stimulus, creating and supporting jobs throughout the local and state economies.

Dollars earned by Brooks Memorial Hospital employees and spent on groceries, clothing, mortgage payments, rent, etc. In 2006 this combined spending generated approximately \$37,247,000 in economic activity for the local economy. The employees of Brooks Memorial Hospital and the jobs supported indirectly by the facility paid \$1,183,000 in state and local income taxes in 2004.

Furthermore, the employees of Brooks Memorial Hospital and the jobs supported indirectly by the facility paid \$734,000 in local sales tax and \$638,000 in state sales tax.

Brooks Memorial Hospital Purchasing

Brooks Memorial Hospital spent about \$12,101,000 in 2006 on the goods and services it needed to provide health care—for example, medical supplies, electricity for its buildings, and food for patients. Funds spent to buy goods and services flow from the hospital to vendors and businesses and then ripple throughout the economy. In total, dollars spent by Brooks Memorial Hospital in 2006 generated approximately \$25,211,000 for the local economy.

Brooks Memorial Hospital Capital Spending

In 2006, Brooks Memorial Hospital spent \$1,677,000 on buildings and equipment. Capital spending by Brooks Memorial Hospital generates approximately \$3,494,000 for the local economy per year.

Brooks Memorial Hospital Cares for Our Community

In 2007, Brooks provided many vital health services to the community, including:

- 2631 Inpatient admissions
- 16,712 Emergency room visits
- 82,020 Outpatient visits and procedures
- 522 Babies delivered
- 5,642 Surgeries
- 8,602 Dialysis treatments
- 273,848 Lab tests
- 450 Sleep studies
- 1,220 Cardiac Rehab visits
- 25,484 Radiology procedures
- 5,195 Radiation Therapy visits
- 25,868 Physical Therapy treatments

Hospitals are critical to New York's quality of life and to keeping communities healthy and vibrant. Brooks Memorial Hospital is a major contributor to both the local and state economies and to keeping families healthy and secure by providing needed health care services.

The data contained in this report provide strong evidence that the economic benefit of our hospital on the local and state economies is significant. To continue to attract jobs to and maintain families in New York State, it is critical that the state have high-quality health care providers and services. We urge our legislators, members of Congress, and community leaders to recognize that our hospital is instrumental to supporting the state and local economy and that steps need to be taken to continue to invest in our state's health care system.