



IOWA HOSPITAL  
ASSOCIATION®

**20** : MISSION  
**26** : ESSENTIAL

Ensuring access to high-quality, affordable care

# WHO WE ARE

Iowa hospitals are essential to the health and economic well-being of the state and the communities they serve.



**121**

hospitals in 90 counties



Ranked **4<sup>th</sup>** by U.S. News and World Report for health care affordability



**\$22.9B**

contributed to Iowa's economy; 11.3% of the state's gross domestic product

**\$1.1B**

provided in annual community benefits

**\$6B**

in wages and benefits paid to hospital employees



**76K**

people employed in Iowa hospitals

**142K**

jobs supported by Iowa hospitals

**1 in 20**

nonfarm-employed Iowans work for hospitals

# WHO WE SERVE

Iowa hospitals provide patients with continuous, safe, high-quality care.



**\$346M**  
in charity care provided in 2025



**35K**  
babies delivered



**269K**

inpatient admissions

**14M**

outpatient visits

**1.3M**

patients treated in emergency departments

**OTHER**  
(E.G. VETERANS)

3%

**SELF-PAY**

3%

**OTHER COMMERCIAL**

13%

**MEDICAID**

15%

**WELLMARK BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD**

22%

**MEDICARE/MEDICARE ADVANTAGE**

44%

**2025 Iowa hospital inpatient and outpatient payer mix**

# OUR CHALLENGES: WORKFORCE AND INFLATION

Iowa hospitals continue to face financial and workforce challenges.

## Open positions in Iowa hospitals

*\*as of July 2025*



**2,470** + **965**  
full-time    part-time

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**3,435** total

## Open hospital-based nursing positions that require a license

*\*as of July 2025*



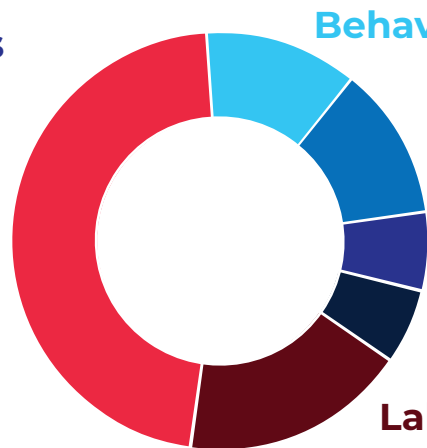
**760** + **235**  
full-time    part-time

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**995** total

## Critical Areas of Workforce Shortages

**Registered Nurses**



**Behavioral Health**

**Radiology Techs**

**Physicians**

**Respiratory Therapists**

**Laboratory Techs**

Between 2023 and 2025, expenses **increased by \$2.3B** due to increased costs and inflation

SUPPLIES INCREASED BY **\$163M**

**13%**

PAYROLL AND BENEFITS INCREASED BY **\$800M**

**15%**

PHARMACEUTICALS INCREASED BY **\$500M**

**42%**

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