

Via Christi Health economic impact by the numbers



ECONOMIC IMPACT

8,000

Via Christi jobs in Kansas¹

\$424 million

Total wages and salaries of Via Christi jobs²

\$65,315

Average associate salary

\$15.7 million

State taxes withheld in 2015

COMMUNITY BENEFIT

\$77.8 million

Amount of community benefit Via Christi provided in FY2016,³ including \$44.5 million in charity care.

\$7.9 million

Unpaid costs for KanCare services Via Christi provides — more than 50 percent of our net operating income.

\$40 million

Amount per year in Medicare reimbursement cuts Via Christi has absorbed since 2013 (June 2012-June 2015), resulting in:

650 jobs cut

\$52 million lost wages

KANSAS HEALTHCARE

365,000+

Kansans work in healthcare

For every \$1 million spent in healthcare, an additional \$500,000 is generated within the Kansas economy

For each job created in healthcare, an additional 0.6 jobs are created or supported due to business and household spending⁴

1. Active associates as of Sept. 2016. 2. Total payroll for FY2016, not including benefits. 3. June 30, 2014-July 1, 2015. 4. January 2016 study on impact of healthcare on Kansas economy.

Via Christi Health

key challenges

Our history

Via Christi Health was founded in the late 1800s as a healing ministry in Wichita and Pittsburg by our two founding congregations, the Sisters of the Sorrowful Mother and the Congregation of St. Joseph.

- Today, Via Christi, which is Latin for “the way of Christ,” is the largest health system in Kansas, providing care for patients and their families through hospitals, senior villages, outpatient clinics, at-home care and physician services.
- Our Mission calls us to serve as a healing presence to everyone who needs our services, with special concern for those who are vulnerable and struggling financially.
- Sponsored by Ascension, the largest Catholic and nonprofit health system in the nation, Via Christi is the largest provider of healthcare services in Kansas, and employs more than 8,000 Kansans, primarily in the Wichita, Manhattan and Pittsburg areas.

Our economic impact

Via Christi is the third largest employer in the Wichita area, behind Spirit Aerosystems and Textron Aviation, and has a large presence in Derby, Newton, Pittsburg, Manhattan and Hays. In the 2016 fiscal year, Via Christi had:

- Total revenue: \$1.07 billion (with multiplier that means economic impact throughout Kansas was approximately \$1.5 billion)
- Recurring operating income: \$15.2 million
- Operating margin: 1.4 percent
- Margin needed for long-term sustainability: at least 4+ percent

Our challenge

Although Via Christi is a nonprofit health system, we must have sufficient net income — an operating margin of more than 4 percent — to be sustainable.

- If Via Christi is forced to reduce access to care to Kansans to achieve this, we will make the state’s economic and financial challenges significantly worse.
- The continued opposition of some state leaders to expanding our KanCare program through the Bridge to a Healthy Kansas legislation is jeopardizing our ability to provide high-quality care to all who need our services.
- It also hurts the Kansas economy as we continue to reduce our workforce and reduce spending.