

## Hospitals: California's Economic Engines

### The Issue

Hospitals' contribution to their communities extends far beyond their role as health care institutions. They also serve as economic engines, providing stability and growth vital to the financial health of the communities they serve.

Among the top sources of private-sector jobs, California's 454 hospitals employ nearly 500,000 people, and by extension support more than 1.1 million total jobs statewide.

Last year, California's hospitals spent \$128 billion on goods and services from other businesses throughout California. Those goods and services, in turn, created additional economic value for California communities, supporting millions of jobs, and \$286 billion in total state economic activity.

This activity is critical to communities striving to grow and prosper.

### What's Needed

Hospitals provide vital high-quality health care services to millions of Californians each year and support a healthy, productive workforce. But there's room to improve their contribution to the state's economic well-being. Opportunities include:

- Investing in our workforce, with physician and nurse training programs
- Building public/private health projects, partnering with local businesses, government, and NGOs
- Adopting supplier diversity programs in support of minority-owned businesses and communities providing competitive products and services
- Allowing health care professionals to practice to the full extent of their training

454 *hospitals*



 **497,000**  
EMPLOYEES

**1,170,000**  
*total jobs supported*



 **\$128** BILLION  
PURCHASES FROM OTHER BUSINESSES

*TOTAL  
STATE  
ECONOMIC  
ACTIVITY* **\$286** BILLION

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