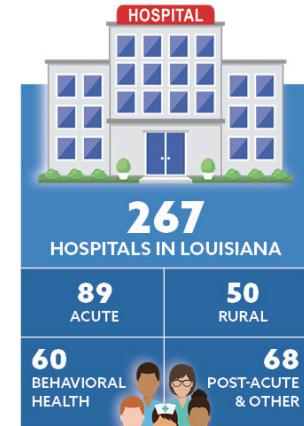


## Overview of Hospitals in Louisiana & Key State Policy Issues



Louisiana hospitals provide critical, life-saving medical services to their communities and are significant economic drivers statewide.



**101,906**  
HOSPITAL EMPLOYEES  
**\$6.6 BILLION**  
IN PAYROLL



Rural hospitals are cornerstones of their communities and are typically one of the largest employers in their area.

More than  
**38,000**  
people are employed  
in healthcare and  
social assistance in  
rural Louisiana.

## WORKFORCE SHORTAGES

### Bridging the Healthcare Workforce Gap

#### JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Louisiana has more than  
**9,000**

nursing and allied health  
job openings at hospitals,  
nursing homes, and clinics.

Today there is a growing demand  
for high-paying healthcare jobs in  
communities across Louisiana.

#### NURSING SCHOOL APPLICATION

Louisiana turns away  
**800**  
qualified nursing school  
applicants annually.



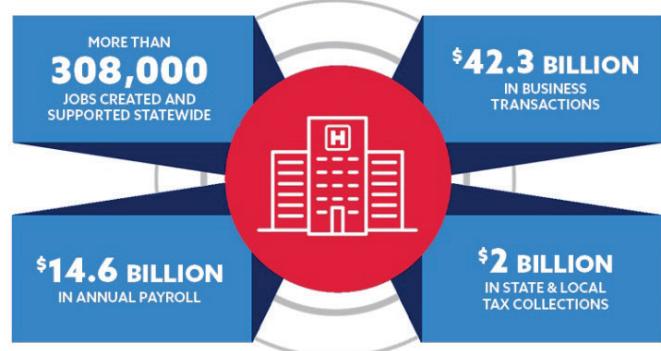
#### INCREASE NURSE EDUCATORS

The shortage of licensed faculty directly  
impacts the capacity of nursing schools to  
admit and adequately prepare a sufficient  
number of future nurses.



#### ECONOMIC IMPACT

The overall economic impact of Louisiana hospitals produces a ripple effect that reaches far beyond hospitals to local communities and throughout the state.



## WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS

### Let's Continue Making Smart Investments

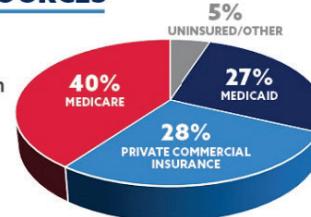
Addressing Louisiana's workforce shortage requires a comprehensive and sustained effort from state officials, educational institutions, hospitals, and community partners.

#### ONGOING INITIATIVES TO COMBAT SHORTAGES

- Loan Repayment
- Nurse Faculty Stipends
- Grants for Healthcare Training

#### HOSPITAL REVENUE SOURCES

Hospitals receive revenue from private insurance companies; federal insurance programs, such as Medicare; federal and state insurance programs, such as Medicaid; and self-payment by individuals.



Sources: Louisiana Workforce Commission; Hospitals and the Louisiana Economy, 2023; LHA Hospital Benchmarking Report, 2023; AHA Consumer Poll, 2023; and Louisiana Medicaid Annual Report, 2020/21

## Medicaid In Louisiana

The Louisiana Medicaid Program, a partnership between the state and the federal government, provides coverage of healthcare services for approximately 1.9 million people in Louisiana. Given the substantial number of enrollees, ensuring stable and consistent funding of the Medicaid Program is critical to maintaining a robust and resilient healthcare delivery system in Louisiana.

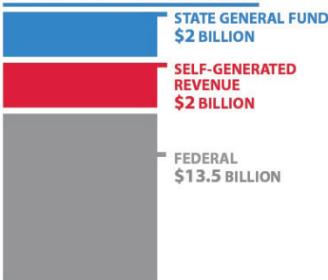
TOTAL ENROLLMENT  
**1.9 MILLION**  
OR  
**40%**  
OF THE STATE  
POPULATION



### BY CATEGORY: % SPENDING & ENROLLMENT

% of State Spending		% of Enrollment
14.5	EXPANSION ADULTS	31.9
24.1	TRADITIONAL ADULTS	11.2
11.6	ELDERLY	6.3
19.0	CHILDREN	39.0
30.8	PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES	11.6

### FUNDING: STATE VS. FEDERAL



## Healthcare Regulatory & Administrative Burden

In recent years, health insurance companies participating in Louisiana's health insurance markets have imposed unnecessary administrative burdens on medical providers, which can cause patient care delays, increase healthcare costs, and overburden clinicians.

### Patient Poll:

**83%** of patients say healthcare providers should be making their treatment decisions, not their insurance company.

**86%** of patients think health insurance companies need to be more transparent.

### UNACCEPTABLE PATIENT CARE DELAYS:

- ✗ Pose a Danger to Patients
- ✗ Increase Healthcare Costs
- ✗ Overburden Clinicians

