
Rural Health Works

Aitkin County/Riverwood Healthcare Center and Related Health Sectors

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Executive Summary on the Economic Impact of the Health Care Sector

Aitkin County health care is:

- 640 health care jobs
- 8.8% of jobs in Aitkin County
- \$19.5 million in payroll and benefits
- 95% of estimated revenue capture rate

These health jobs fuel the local economy through:

- 223 additional jobs
- \$35 million in total non-pay expenditures
- \$58.6 million in total economic impact

- One job created in the health care sector of Aitkin County leads to the creation of another 0.35 jobs in other sectors of the county's economy.
- One dollar of income earned in the health care sector of Aitkin County leads to another \$0.22 of income earned in other sectors of the county's economy.
- One dollar spent in the health care sector of Aitkin County leads to another \$0.37 spent in other sectors of the county's economy.
- The overall job creation due to health care (directly and indirectly) in Aitkin County is estimated at 862 jobs, which accounts for 11.8% of the county's total employment.
- The overall spending due to health care (directly and indirectly) in Aitkin County is estimated at \$58.6 million.

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