

Spending Local

Hospitals **spend about \$1.4 billion per year on goods and services** needed to provide health care. Examples include medical supplies, electricity for buildings, and food for patients. Funds spent to buy goods and services flow from the hospitals to vendors and businesses and then ripple throughout the economy. Hospital **spending generates \$2.8 billion** for the local economy.



In 2014, hospitals in our state spent \$135 million improving their buildings and equipment. This capital spending generates \$263 million for the local economy each year.

Economic Engine

Hospitals are a key ingredient to Rhode Island's quality of life and to keeping our community healthy and vibrant. Our hospitals are a major contributor to the state's economy and to keeping families healthy and secure by providing needed health care services.

**“Our industry is vital to the state’s economy and health.
Hospitals support one in ten jobs in Rhode Island.
We’re an economic engine that is providing Rhode Islanders
with well-paying jobs and supporting local business.
State leaders must make the appropriate investments
to secure our role in the state’s economy.”**

Michael R. Souza, president, Hospital Association of Rhode Island