

University Health: Caring for Our Community, Powering Our Economy

For more than 100 years, University Health has been dedicated to saving lives, improving health and earning trust – one patient at a time. As one of Texas’ largest public health systems and the region’s only academic medical center, University Health is one of the nation’s most advanced health institutions – serving patients with the most advanced and high-quality care, creating new discoveries to advance the practice of medicine, and training the next generation of health care professionals.

University Health is also the only locally owned health system in Bexar County, with an operating budget of \$4.1 billion for 2026 and, over the past five years, investing more than \$1.7 billion in constructing new facilities to expand access to care.

Currently, less than 15 percent of University Health’s total revenue comes from local property taxes, and, importantly, every dollar saved goes directly back into funding its mission.

With more than 12,000 employees and 2,000 physicians working in more than 35 locations across the community, University Health is a major driver of our local economy.

Investing in the Future

- University Health opened a state-of-the-art Women’s & Children’s Hospital in December of 2023.
- University Health’s new multi-specialty health centers and locations for its Institute for Public Health, Vida and Wheatley, opened this Fall in historically underserved areas of the community.
- Two five-story community hospitals, Palo Alto and Retama, are on track to open in 2027 on the far South Side across from Texas A&M, and on the far North East Side at Loop 1604 and I-35 North. More than 70% of the total construction budgets for each hospital are anticipated to be spent with local businesses.

According to a 2025 study by the Perryman Group, the economic benefits of these new locations total \$5.7 billion in total construction activity and about 26,200 local jobs, giving an overall boost to the local economy of \$2.8 billion. (including the ripple-effect of University Health’s construction-related expenditures).

In the Fall of 2025, University Health purchased a closed hospital and medical office campus on 41 acres in the South Texas Medical Center for \$71 million. After another \$20 million investment in renovations and new equipment, University Health Babcock Specialty Hospital will open on this strategic site in 2026.

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Sustaining Jobs and Growth

According to the Perryman Study, University Health's mission – to provide preventive, primary, urgent, emergency, specialty, surgical and hospital care – generates more than \$6.7 billion in annual expenditures, boosting the local economy by \$3.6 billion each year, and supporting over 35,600 jobs across Bexar County (including multiplier effects).

University Health is the primary partner of the Long School of Medicine at UT Health San Antonio, and its hospital and clinics serve as the major teaching facilities for its graduate medical education programs. Included in this impact are resident physician salaries and more than \$650 million in payments to UT Health San Antonio for medical care and other professional services provided by its faculty physicians.

Caring for Everyone

As a proud public health system and admired safety net provider, University Health is here to improve the health of the community, caring for patients with all types of health coverage as well as those without access to affordable health insurance.

University Health's mix of patient payer types is roughly 25 percent commercial insurance, 25 percent Medicaid, 25 percent Medicare, and 25 percent uninsured or self-funded. Unlike many public health systems, thousands of patients, who have the option to choose any health provider, choose University Health because of its strong and growing reputation for clinical excellence and compassion.

In 2024, University Health provided about \$364 million in uncompensated care — health care for people unable to pay. This care not only saved lives and restored health, but also contributed \$1.2 billion in local business activity, adding \$621 million to the overall local economy and supporting nearly 6,200 jobs.

University Health is growing at an unprecedented pace, strategically opening clinics and hospitals in areas where care is needed most — ensuring that every resident has access to quality care. And as they grow, they are recruiting physicians, nurses, pharmacists, technicians and many other health care workers. These are stable positions, with excellent benefits, including scholarships and continuing education opportunities.

“We are 100% committed to this community,” said University Health president and CEO Edward Banos. “We are humbled by the donors who support our mission, proud of our low staff turnover rates, honored by the trust our patients place in our team and take seriously our responsibility to contribute to the economic success of this community.”

From world-class trauma and transplant services to diabetes research and the most advanced maternity and neonatal care, University Health stands as a cornerstone of both community well-being and economic vitality, on track to provide more than 1.1 million patient care visits in 2025 and directly boost the economy through \$12.4 billion in local expenditures.