

## Health Care and Social Assistance

Houston is home to the largest medical complex in the world and employs over 360,000 health care workers.

**Employment:** Health care and social assistance employed 360,742 people in '17, almost one in eight Houston workers, according to the Texas Workforce Commission. Ambulatory health care accounts for 43.4 percent of the sector employment, hospitals for 32.9 percent and social assistance, nursing and residential care for 23.8 percent. Average annual wage for the entire industry was \$54,100 in '17.

According to the Texas Medical Board, 17,986 physicians are licensed in the Houston region, 80.8 percent of which are in Harris County alone. Houston is home to a concentration of anesthesiologists, nurse anesthetists, cardiovascular technologists and technicians, respiratory therapy technicians, and occupational health and safety specialists/technicians larger than the national average.

**Establishments:** Houston's 19,688 health care and social assistance establishments included 12,917 ambulatory health care providers, 5,908 social assistance establishments, 676 nursing and residential care facilities and 187 hospitals in '17.

**Top Employers:** CHI St. Luke's, HCA, Harris Health System, Houston Methodist, MD Anderson Cancer Center, Memorial Hermann Healthcare System, Michael E. DeBakey Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Texas Children's Hospital and UTMB Health.

### Texas Medical Center

Houston's Texas Medical Center is the world's largest medical complex by multiple measures: number of hospitals, number of physicians, square footage and patient volume. The Texas Medical Center's 61 member institutions have been consistently recognized as some of the best hospitals and universities in the nation by U.S. News and World Report.

### TMC by the numbers:

- \$3 billion in construction projects underway
- 50 million developed square feet
- 10 million patient visits per year
- 750,000 ER visits per year
- 180,000 + surgeries
- 106,000 + employees
- 13,600 + total heart surgeries
- 8th largest business district in the U.S. with 1,345 total acres and \$25 billion in GDP

### Some prominent members include:

Baylor College of Medicine, CHI St. Luke's Health, Harris Health System, Houston Methodist Hospital, Memorial Hermann, Michael E. DeBakey Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Rice University, Texas A&M University Health Science Center, Texas Children's Hospital, Texas Heart Institute, The University of Texas Health Science Center, The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, UTMB Health and the University of Houston.

The Texas Medical Center is working to develop **five institutes** that foster collaboration across all member institutions:

- **Clinical Research:** To be the world leader in clinical research by more efficiently translating research discoveries into breakthrough therapies and cures.
- **Genomics:** To create the world's premier clinical genomics program.
- **Health Policy:** To develop the most effective policy solutions to improve the health of diverse populations in Houston and Texas that will serve as models for the world.
- **Innovation:** To become the global leader in health and life sciences innovation. The TMC Innovation Institute houses TMCx, an accelerator that advances the development of health and medical technology companies, and TMCx+, an incubator for health startups.
- **Regenerative Medicine:** To lead the world in discovering, developing and delivering curative regenerative therapies.

In April '18, TMC announced the creation of TMC<sup>3</sup>, a multi-institutional 30-acre research campus that brings together the best institutions in clinical care, research and industry. The campus is projected to be complete in '22, create nearly 30,000 jobs and bring \$5.2 billion to Houston's economy.