Alabama Hospitals
The Facts About Finances

ALABAMA HOSPITALS ARE VITAL TO THE STATE’S ECONOMY

They are invested in the health care delivery system and in maintaining access to care for every Alabamian.

Alabama Hospitals have a $20.4 Billion economic impact every year.

Hospitals provide 186,000 direct and indirect jobs

Negative Margins

The following information comes from Medicare Cost Reports, the reports used to submit financial information to Medicare and Medicaid. The data is from FY2019, the latest available.

⇒ Median operating margin — negative 5.5%
⇒ Median total margin — positive 1.1%
⇒ 44% of all hospitals had negative total margins
⇒ 70% were operating in the red

Rural Hospitals FY2019

⇒ Median operating margin — negative 10.4%
⇒ Median total margin — negative 2.6%
⇒ 82% were operating in the red

Since 2011 — Fourteen Hospitals have closed
Eight of these hospital closures were rural