

# ACTION ALERT



## Jobs and Economy

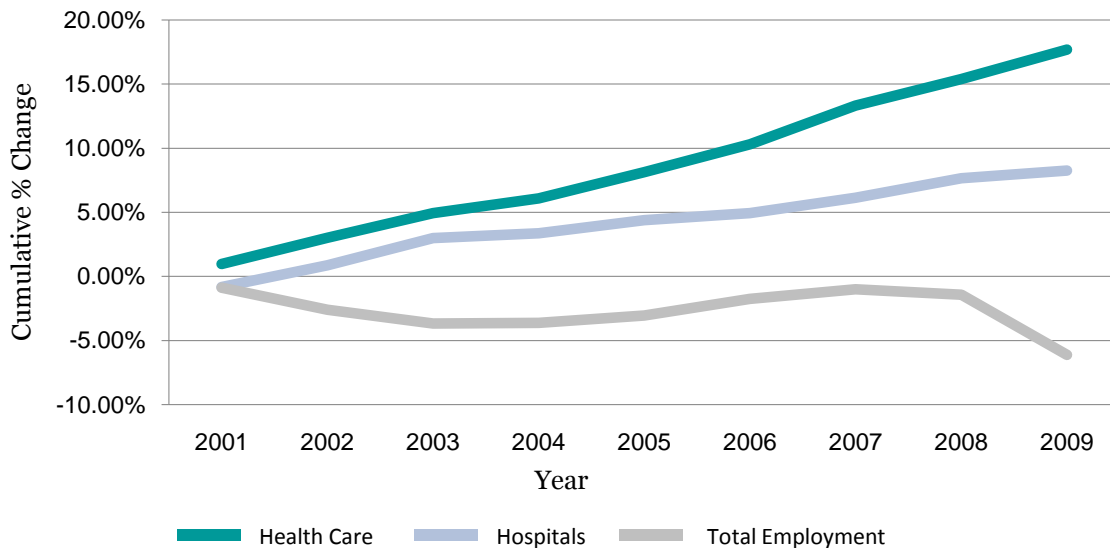
# Protect Illinois Hospitals

Illinois Hospitals: Economic Engines for Communities and the State

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As major employers, hospitals provide more than **425,000 direct and indirect jobs** to Illinoisans and generate **an economic impact of more than \$75 billion annually**. Ensuring that hospitals have the resources they need supports hospitals in their vital role as major economic engines and employers in their communities. Hospitals are one of the few sectors in the economy that is creating jobs and stimulating the local and state economies.

## Illinois Health Care Employment



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis

- Since the economic downturn began in early 2008, Illinois has lost more than 340,000 jobs, including nearly 25,000 in July, but health care/social assistance has added nearly 40,000 jobs, more than any other sector.
- The health care sector is projected to add nearly 18,000 jobs in Illinois between 2010 and 2012, more than any other sector. In fact, health care is projected to account for 29% of all new jobs in Illinois between 2010 and 2012.
- In the longer term, health employment in Illinois is projected to increase by 19% by 2018, adding more than 112,000 new jobs. More than 20% of all jobs created during the decade are expected to be in the health care field.
- In two-thirds of Illinois counties, health care/social services employ 15% or more of all employees. In almost one-third of Illinois counties, health care/social services employ more than 20% of all employees.
- Health care is the 6th highest contributor to Illinois GDP – 6.8% of state economic activity.
- More than 9% of personal income earned by Illinoisans came from health care employers in 2009.