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# FY 2021 Community Benefit Report

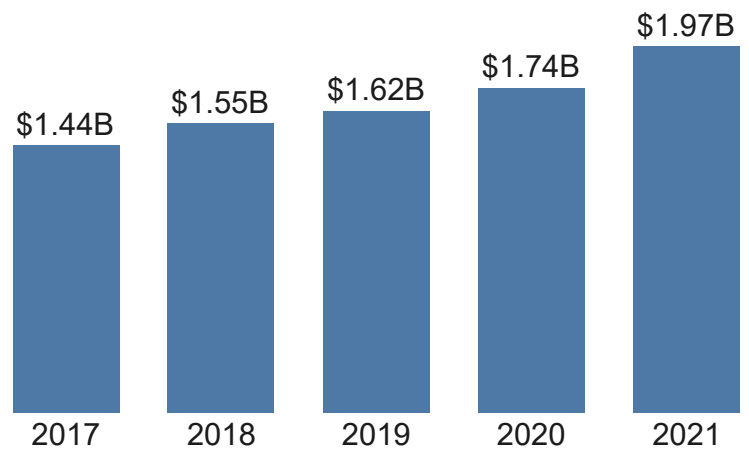
## Oregon Acute Care Hospitals

This is a summary analysis of fiscal year 2021 hospital community benefit to accompany [Apprise's interactive dashboard](#)

Oregon hospitals increased their total community benefit spending to **\$1.97 billion in FY 2021**, which was \$225 million, or 12.9% more than FY 2020. This higher spending occurred even as the COVID-19 pandemic and multiple other negative factors continued to play havoc with hospital finances.

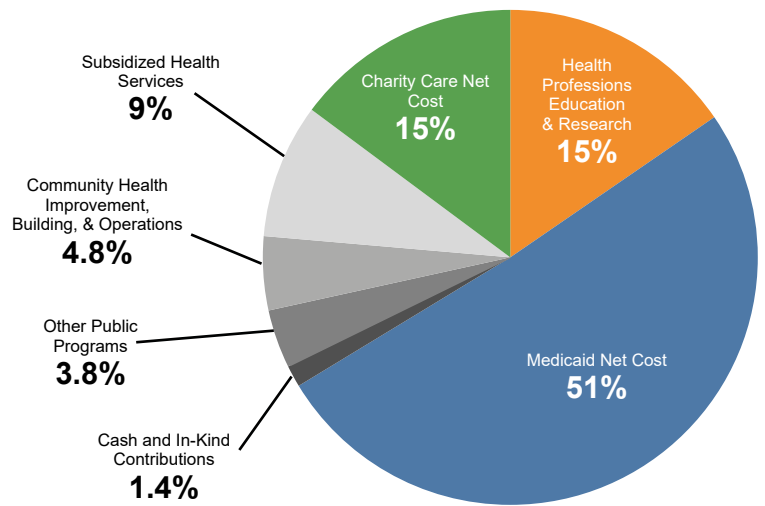
Overall, community benefit spending was 12.7% of hospitals' total operating expenses. Since 2017, community benefit has increased by 37%.

### Total Community Benefit over Time



Community benefit spending is reported in ten different categories. The largest is **Medicaid underpayment (net cost)**, about \$1 billion, or slightly over half (51%) of the total. This large share reflects the fundamental fact that hospitals do not receive enough payment from Oregon's Medicaid program to cover the cost of care to patients. Next in spending is **charity care**, \$292 million (15%) of the total. This is a 48% increase in discounted and free care to patients since FY 2017. Another key spending area is **health professions and research** combined, \$304 million (15%) of the total.

### Breakdown of 2021 Total Community Benefit



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## HOSPITALS PROVIDED OVER \$1.5 BILLION IN CARE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE COMMUNITY WHICH WERE NOT REIMBURSED

*About 78 percent of community benefit spending can be attributed to unreimbursed care costs provided by hospitals. The remaining 22 percent reflects direct spendings made by hospitals to strengthen their communities.*

In addition to the \$1 billion in **unreimbursed Medicaid care**, a 16.1 percent increase from FY 2020, hospital provided \$292 million in **charity care** to provide discounted or free care to patients, an increase of 4.5 percent.

Hospitals also expanded spending in **subsidized health services** by 22.2 percent to \$173 million, and in **other public programs** by 26.6 percent to \$75 million. These programs reflect hospital contributions to address gaps in government programs where payments to hospitals are also low.

Hospitals provided another \$426 million on a variety of activities to improve their communities' health and well-being. This included:

- \$79 million in **community health improvements, community building activities, and community operations** to provide health services such as vaccine clinics, preventative screenings, and education activities at no cost to the community;
- \$28 million in **cash and in-kind contribution**, providing donation to support to program and partnership endeavors managed by the community; and
- \$304 million to support **professional education** (to train doctors, nurses, and other health professionals) **and research**.

*Starting in FY 2022, hospitals are expected to meet minimum spending floor and reporting requirements on social determinants of health (SDOH)*

For further details and comparisons of Oregon's hospital community benefit spendings, please visit our [interactive dashboard](#).