An important element of Greater Baltimore’s economic success is the strength of its healthcare institutions. Indeed, Baltimore is a world leader in nearly every aspect of the healthcare industry, from education and research to patient care and health insurance management. The Region's world-renowned hospitals and medical schools are also catalysts for tremendous growth in the life sciences like the commercialization of medical technologies, vaccines, and other products. Taken together, the healthcare industry supports over 100,000 jobs across Greater Baltimore, and will serve as a pivotal piece of the Region's innovation economy for decades to come.

Healthcare in Greater Baltimore: Leading the World, For Generations

When it comes to medicine, Greater Baltimore is a region of “firsts”. The Region is home to the world's first Dental College and first Shock Trauma center, both at University of Maryland Baltimore. Johns Hopkins was the first to welcome female students and professors, the first to develop CPR, Residency, Rounds, and surgical gloves, and a pioneer in numerous medical fields.

Empowering the Next Generation of Healthcare Practitioners

Greater Baltimore provides a constant supply of well-trained graduates in the medical sciences to the Region and to the world. Led by two world-renowned medical schools, the Region's medical education infrastructure has grown to include opportunities for aspiring healthcare professionals with a diverse range of academic backgrounds.
Providing Excellent Care to Patients from Around the World

Seven of the top nine Maryland hospitals are in Greater Baltimore, including Johns Hopkins Hospital (#3 nationally) and UM Medical Center (#35 nationally for Cancer care). In Baltimore City, Baltimore County, and Carroll County, LifeBridge Health leads several dynamic healthcare institutions, while MedStar Health, based in Howard County, operates four leading hospitals in the Region. Greater Baltimore's hospital network is constantly growing, as seen by recent investments in Anne Arundel County and Harford County. In addition, the Region is home to several high-quality facilities for the care of aging or disabled populations.

A Vibrant Network of Insurance Providers

Greater Baltimore is home to the regional headquarters of CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield, Maryland's leading insurer, as well as the national headquarters for the Federal Government's Center for Medicaid & Medicare Services. Together with other leading providers, these agencies provide over 10,000 well-paid jobs in Greater Baltimore.

Poised to Lead the Future of Healthcare

**Life Science R&D**

Maryland ranks #1 in density of research development funding in the life sciences, and #2 in density of science and health PhD holders. This, combined with State support and dozens of incubators and BioParks, creates a vibrant ecosystem for Life Science R&D.

**Health IT**

With University of Maryland's #1 program in nursing informatics, the State’s #1 ranking for STEM graduates, and CareFirst and LifeBridge's partnership on a yearly Innovation Challenge and health IT innovation center to be established in Baltimore, the Region will continue to be a leader in Health IT Innovation.

Largest Healthcare Employers in Greater Baltimore