

HEALTH CARE ADVANTAGES

Nashville is widely recognized as a health care industry capital and global health care industry leader. With a reputation for nurturing dynamic, innovative health care companies, the Nashville region has a rich tradition of entrepreneurship and strong industry management talent. Nashville has helped shape the nation's health care landscape for the past four decades and continues to improve the delivery of patient care across the globe.

The health care industry contributes an overall economic benefit of nearly \$30 billion and more than 200,000 jobs to the local economy annually.

More than 250 health care companies are located in Middle Tennessee, making it the region's largest industry. Sixteen publicly traded health care companies are headquartered in the region, with combined employment

of nearly 400,000 and \$70 billion in global revenue. The industry has also developed one of the most robust network of service providers who specialize in health care industry support in the nation – including legal, accounting, venture capital, and real estate services. The health care industry is also the region's largest and fastest-growing employer, directly employing 110,000.

LEADING HEALTH CARE COMPANIES

Source: Nashville Business Journal & ReferenceUSA, 2012

COMPANY	LOCATION	# OF EMPLOYEES	LOCALLY	
Vanderbilt University Medical Center	Nashville	21,398		
HCA Inc.	Nashville	7,000		
St. Thomas Health Services	Nashville	6,500		
Community Health Systems	Franklin	2,153		
National HealthCare Corp.	Murfreesboro	2,060	Why is Nashville the Silicon Valley	
Emdeon	Nashville	1,000	of health care? I might ask you, why	
HealthSpring Inc. (Cigna)	Franklin	1,000	wouldn't it be? I don't think there's	
Healthways	Franklin	900	any other choice. It has the right	
MedSolutions	Franklin	550	people at the right time at the right	
Healthcare Management Systems	Franklin	500	place to solve the needs of health	
DaVita	Brentwood	450	care in our ever-changing world."	
LifePoint Hospitals	Brentwood	400	vare in our ever onanging worth.	
Windsor Health Group	Franklin	300	Dr. Thomas F. Frist, Jr.	
HealthStream Inc	Nashville	300	Co-Founder and	
M*Modal	Franklin	275	Chairman Emeritus, HCA	
Healthcare Realty Trust	Nashville	229		
American Home Patient	Brentwood	220		
Brookdale Senior Living	Brentwood	200		
Vanguard Health Systems	Nashville	200		
AmSurg	Nashville	200		

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ADVANTAGES OF DOING BUSINESS IN MIDDLE TENNESSEE

FAVORABLE GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION

Nashville is centrally located, allowing businesses to reach U.S. and international locations with ease and affordability.

SKILLED WORKFORCE

The area is home to more than 100,000 students who attend the region's 21 higher education institutions, with 60 percent choosing to stay in the area.

LOW COST OF DOING BUSINESS

Tennessee has one of the nation's lowest overall tax burdens. The U.S. Chamber of Commerce's Enterprising States report named Tennessee the top state for low business taxes and regulations.

HIGH QUALITY OF LIFE

Nashville's celebrated arts and music scene is part of the fabric of our community. The city routinely places at the top of livability rankings.

DIVERSE MIX OF INDUSTRIES

Five major industries drive Middle Tennessee's economy: health care, corporate operations, advanced manufacturing, supply chain management, and music and entertainment.

HEALTH CARE AVERAGE WAGES

Source: US Department of Labor, 2012

OCCUPATION	MEDIAN HOURLY WAGE	MEAN HOURLY WAGE	ANNUAL MEAN WAGE
File clerk	\$12.80	\$14.08	\$29,280
Health educators	\$17.82	\$19.53	\$40,610
Healthcare practitioners and technical occupations	\$24.83	\$31.33	\$65,160
Healthcare social workers	\$20.76	\$21.28	\$44,260
Home health aids	\$9.32	\$9.40	\$19,550
LPN	\$18.32	\$18.81	\$39,120
Medical assistants	\$14.25	\$14.73	\$30,650
Medical and clinical laboratory technicians	\$15.46	\$16.27	\$33,850
Medical and health services managers	\$39.40	\$45.15	\$93,900
Occupational health and safety specialists	\$28.60	\$28.93	\$60,180
Purchasing managers	\$35.13	\$37.25	\$77,470
Receptionists and information clerks	\$12.28	\$12.64	\$26,290
Registered nurse	\$28.88	\$30.99	\$64,460
Surgical technologists	\$18.61	\$19.87	\$41,330

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