



Investing in a Healthier Central Ohio
2024 Hospital Community Benefit Report

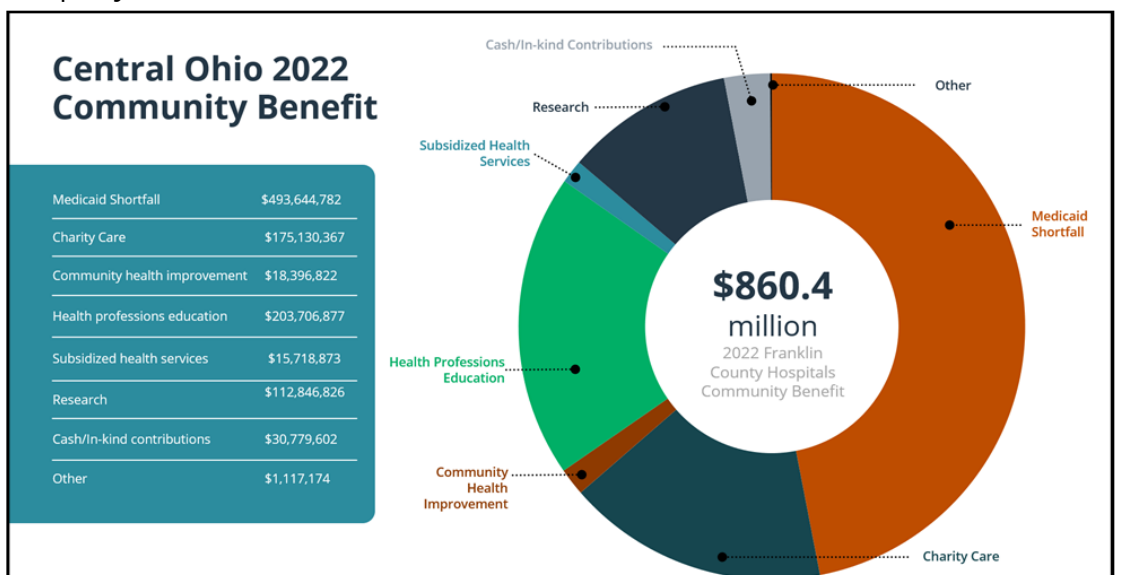
Hospitals Provide \$860.4 million in Benefit to the Central Ohio Community

Hospital Uncompensated Care increases 93% since Ohio expanded Medicaid in 2014

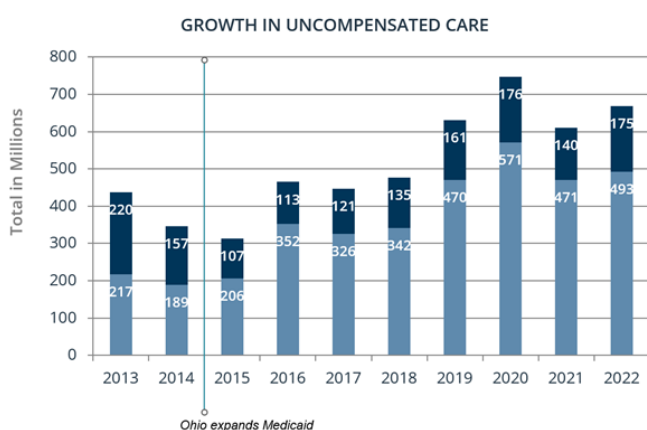
In 2022, central Ohio's hospitals provided more than \$860 million to our community in uncompensated care as well as health provider education, research and initiatives to address our community's most critical health care needs.

Central Ohio's nonprofit hospitals are recognized as tax exempt by the Internal Revenue Service as a result of the substantial amount of benefit they provide to our community. Instead of paying income or property tax, **central Ohio hospitals reinvest their earnings** to care for individuals without insurance and supplement shortfalls in coverage for Medicaid patients. Our community hospitals also educate health professionals, conduct life-saving medical research, develop innovative medical technologies, and work closely with other community partners to identify unmet health needs and address them.

Since the State of Ohio expanded Medicaid eligibility in 2014, Franklin County hospitals have seen a **93.1% increase in total uncompensated care**, which is the sum of free care provided to the uninsured and shortfalls in reimbursement from the Medicaid program. While hospitals have incurred greater losses as a result of the expansion of Medicaid, the community as a whole has benefited from an increase in preventive screenings and the early diagnosis and treatment of chronic health conditions and diseases. The result: our community's most vulnerable residents have access to preventable health care, improved health outcomes, and more financial security.



A Closer Look at Uncompensated Care



Franklin County hospitals have provided more than **\$4 billion** in uncompensated care over the last 10 years.

