

The Kansas Metro Business & Healthcare Coalition provides a space where businesses and healthcare organizations can discuss our shared needs for high quality healthcare in Kansas. The KMBHC has presented several reports detailing where are Kansans working to compare the size and scope of other industries. Our research was prepared by Patricia Bradley at the Wichita State University Center for Economic Development and Business Research.

First, your consideration of expanding Medicaid is important because it directly impacts an industry with nearly 180,000 Kansas workers.

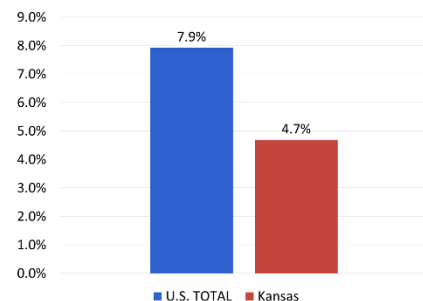
**2017 Kansas Annual Average Employment**

<b>Health care and social assistance</b>	<b>178,045</b>	<b>15.8%</b>
Manufacturing	161,517	14.3%
Retail trade	147,539	13.1%
Accommodation and food services	111,547	9.9%
Administrative services	79,054	7.0%
Professional services	73,371	6.5%
Construction	60,238	5.3%
Wholesale trade	59,575	5.3%
Finance	59,003	5.2%
Transportation	49,845	4.4%

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, QCEW

Second, health care is also an urban concern. Health Care and social services sector makes up 23.55% of every Johnson County worker and 18% of every Sedgwick County worker. If the Kansas health care market place had grown at the national rate, we would have another 5,500 jobs in 2017 according to this study.

**HCSA Employment Growth 2014-2017**



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, QCEW

Finally, Kansas companies need talent and in order to attract and retain that talent, Kansas needs to be in a competitive position in offering healthcare. KMBHC has nine of the largest local chambers who share information and concerns and human talent needs are always top of mind.

Our business members agree Kansas doesn't work without access to meaningful health care. Increasing the number of insured Kansans, even through Medicaid, and reducing the uncompensated care numbers will undoubtedly relieve pressure on the fully insured commercial market. Sharing risk is an idea that has allowed businesses to succeed and prosper and by increasing the number of insureds, even via a government insurance program, will benefit the commercial health insurance market and Kansas businesses.