

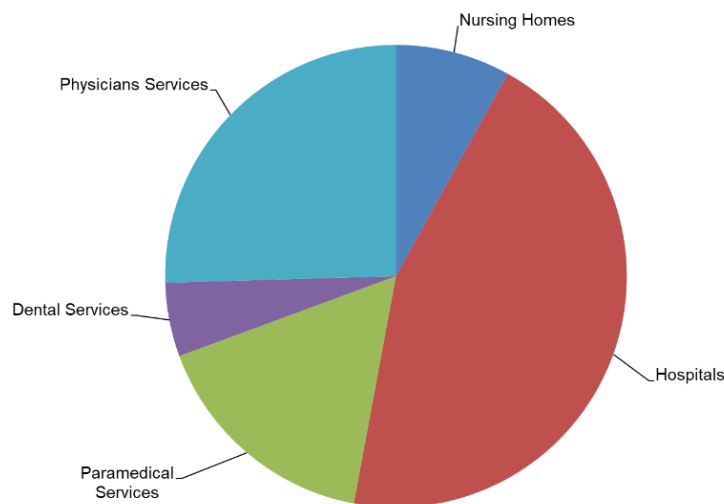
Research Notes



Consumption of Health Care Services by Category
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Hospitals Account for 45% of all Consumption Expenditures on Health Care Services in the Silver State



- Health care remains a very prominent topic of discussion in the nation as a whole. Americans spend more on health care now than in years past. Using Regional Economic Modeling Inc. (REMI) information, this Research Note breaks down health care services consumption into five distinct categories: dental services, hospitals, nursing homes, paramedical services, and physicians' services.
- In 2017, total health care consumption in the Silver State was nearly \$14.4 billion (2009 \$). This accounts for about 15% of total consumption in the economy.
- The largest share of this consumption was accounted for by hospitals at \$6.4 billion, or 45% of the total. Physicians' services accounted for about a quarter of all spending, while paramedical services (services administered by auxiliary medical personnel such as nurses' aides, lab techs, EMS personnel, etc.) account for another 15%.
- One notable item missing from this analysis is consumption related to pharmaceuticals, which totals close to \$5 billion in real terms. Technically, this is not a health care "service." Instead, it is classified as a "good," and will be the subject of a future *Note*.