Seven surprising facts about OHSU’s Economic Impact

OHSU’s goal is to improve the health and well-being of all Oregonians. By doing this, we also invigorate Portland’s and Oregon’s economy.

1. OHSU has a total economic impact of nearly $4 billion in Oregon. The total jobs that OHSU creates — at OHSU and in the community — number almost 35,000.

2. More than half of OHSU’s economic impact is unique to OHSU. In other words, because OHSU provides highly specialized health services and research, no health system or university could step in to provide this same stimulus to Oregon.

3. For every General Fund dollar spent on OHSU, Oregon receives $100 economic impact in return.

4. OHSU’s budget has more than doubled in the last 10 years (from $882 million to $1.8 billion). That growth was kindled by public and private investment in OHSU’s research and by five times as many patients choosing OHSU to provide their care.

5. OHSU is completely tied to Portland and to Oregon. Any revenue we generate is cycled back into more services and more impact to the local economy.

6. Most students who attend OHSU programs probably wouldn’t be in Oregon without OHSU. We operate the region’s only dental school, Oregon’s only medical school for MDs, graduate-level nursing programs and one of only two physician assistant programs. OHSU shares the state’s only pharmacy program with Oregon State.

7. Our health services, research, education and community outreach programs offer unique giving opportunities, drawing increasing amounts of philanthropic contributions that stay in the state and benefit Oregonians.

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