

Health Care

Health care and social services employment represents 16 percent of all private sector employment in Southeast Alaska. In the private sector alone, there are nearly 3,600 employees in this industry regionally with a payroll of \$139 million.

The largest health care provider in the region is the Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium (SEARHC). SEARHC is a non-profit tribal consortium that provides health and wellness services to Native Alaskans and their families. SEARHC is also Southeast Alaska's largest private employer with a regional staff of nearly 800 in 18 communities around Southeast Alaska, including a Juneau staff of nearly 200 employees.

The Bartlett Regional Hospital is the region's next largest health care provider and offers a full range of medical services. The hospital has a staff of 407 full-time-equivalent employees and 55 inpatient beds. In 2009, Bartlett delivered 396 babies, discharged 2,240 patients after treatment, performed 4,040 surgeries, and treated 13,600 patients in the emergency room. The Bartlett Regional Hospital is considered part of City Government in employment statistics. The third largest health care provider in the region is the Ketchikan General Hospital with nearly 400 employees.

Private Southeast Health Care and Social Assistance Employment and Earnings, 2008 and 2009

	2009	2008	Change 2008-2009
Annual average Employment	3,576	3,489	2%
Annual average Wages	\$38,800	\$37,195	4%
Total Payroll	\$139 million	\$130 million	7%

Source: ADOL.

Health Care Outlook

According to the Alaska Department of Labor, the aging of Southeast Alaska's baby boomers is resulting in growth of health care services, as older people require more health care. As the state and region continue to age, the scale of the local and regional health care industries must grow to meet increasing demand.

Regional Health Care Facilities

In Southeast's 44 communities, there is a general acute-care facility located in 5; Juneau, Ketchikan, Sitka, Petersburg, and Wrangell. Residents not living in one of these communities must

travel by boat or plane to access secondary or advanced health care services. Small clinics and some private providers can be found in a few of the moderately-sized communities, but volunteer EMS is all that's available in the smaller of the region's communities. The major health care facilities in the region are as follows.

Hospitals -

- Ketchikan General Hospital - 46 beds
- Sitka Community Hospital - 13 beds
- SEARHC Hospital (Sitka) - 64 beds
- Bartlett Memorial Hospital (Juneau) – 55 in-patient/16 out-patient beds.

Medical Centers (resident doctors) -

- Petersburg Medical Center (14 beds)
- Wrangell Medical Center (8 beds)
- Craig Clinic (outpatient)
- Haines Clinic (outpatient)

Many other Southeast Alaska communities have local outpatient clinics that are generally staffed by a nurse practitioner or a physician's assistant, but no resident doctor. The following table shows community population compared to the medical services that are available in the region.

Community Population Size and Medical Facilities

Community	Clinics/Hospitals
Angoon	Angoon Health Center
Coffman Cove	Seaview Medical Center in Craig
Craig	Craig Medical Clinic & Craig/POW Public Health Center
Cube Cove	n/a
Edna Bay	n/a
Elfin Cove	n/a
Excursion Inlet	n/a
Game Creek	Hoonah Medical Clinic in Hoonah
Gustavus	Gustavus Community Clinic
Haines	SEARHC Haines Health Center & Haines Public Health Center
Hobart Bay	n/a
Hollis	Craig Family Medical Clinic or Seaview Medical Center in Craig & Alcia Roberts Medical Center in Klawock
Hoonah	Hoonah Medical Clinic
Hydaburg	Hydaburg Clinic
Hyder	Stewart Health Clinic, Stewart, BC, Canada
Juneau	Bartlett Regional Hospital, SEARHC Medical/Dental Clinic & Juneau Public Health Center
Kake	Kake Health Center
Kasaan	Kasaan Clinic
Ketchikan	Ketchikan General Hospital, Ketchikan Indian Community Tribal Health Clinic

Community	Clinics/Hospitals
	& U.S. Coast Guard Ketchikan Dispensary
Klawock	Alicia Roberts Medical Center
Klukwan	Klukwan Clinic
Kupreanof	Petersburg Medical Center in Petersburg
Lutak	Haines Medical Clinic in Haines
Metlakatla	Annette Island Family Medical Clinic
Meyers Chuck	n/a
Naukati Bay	n/a
Pelican	Pelican Health Center
Petersburg	Petersburg Medical Center, Petersburg Public Health Center
Point Baker	n/a
Port Alexander	n/a
Port Protection	n/a
Saxman	Ketchikan General Hospital in Ketchikan
Sitka	Mt. Edgecumbe/SEARHC Hospital, Sitka Community Hospital & U.S. Coast Guard Air Station
Skagway	Dahl Memorial Clinic
Tenakee Springs	Tenakee Springs Health Clinic
Thorne Bay	Thorne Bay Health Center
Whale Pass	Seaview Medical Center in Craig
Wrangell	Wrangell Medical Center & Stikine Family Clinic
Yakutat	Yakutat Community Health Center

Source: AKDCED