

The Big Picture

4.3 trillion dollars were spent on healthcare in the U.S. in 2021



More than **6,000 hospitals** in the U.S.



More than **34 million** admissions



Nearly **1 million** staffed beds

About **17 million people** employed in the healthcare industry, comprising **12% of the U.S. workforce**



Contributions of Faith:



1 in every 6 hospitals in the U.S. is religiously affiliated



1 in 7 patients in the U.S. is admitted into a Catholic hospital



73% of all substance use addiction recovery programs are faith-based



In 2014, religiously affiliated hospitals totaled **\$161 billion dollars** in operating revenues



Adventist Health System is the **largest Protestant health care system** in the U.S. (50 hospitals in 9 states and 6.7 million patients each year)



Church-owned hospitals have some of the **best performance scores** of America's top 100 hospitals



For young people, spirituality, including belief in a higher power, is the **single most powerful protection against depression and suffering**



People who attend religious services at least once a week are **significantly less likely to die from "deaths of despair,"** including deaths related to suicide, drug overdose, and, alcohol poisoning

The Religion Factor

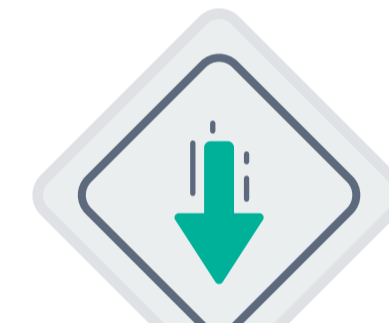
Religion is associated with significant improvements in health outcomes:



Healthier bodies



Disease **prevention**



Lower risk of many health issues



Religious people are **less likely to be admitted to hospitals and have shorter hospital stays**



Heart patients are **far less likely** to die following surgery if they are religious.



Non-religious elderly people have a **stroke rate** double that of religious people



Religious people with serious medical conditions such as cancer, neurological disorders and heart disease are able to reduce stress levels, which in turn **promotes healing**



Support for Patients with Terminal Illness:

Nearly half of 344,000 U.S. congregations have groups that support people with terminal illness



Support for Patients with HIV/AIDS:

There are 26,000 faith-based programs supporting persons with HIV/AIDS

Did You Know?



The founding of the Red Cross and the Red Crescent are rooted in the Christian and Islamic faiths.

Modern hospice care was **driven largely by religious groups** to help the dying with their physical and spiritual needs

If you took away all faith-based hospital beds, you'd need **200 U.S. Mercy or U.S. Comfort ships** to replace them

