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Founded in California in 1945, Kaiser Permanente is a nonprofit health plan and provider of care for 9.4 million Californians. We are the largest private employer in the state and a leading voice with health care policy decision-makers. We believe it is important to provide our perspective on complex policy debates and engage the public in these critical issues.

Key issues

Total health



Medi-Cal



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Our care

Kaiser Permanente's presence throughout California positively impacts the lives of many more people than just our members, physicians, and employees. Through our care, hospitals and medical buildings, community investment, and market-leading compensation, we are a major contributor to the world's fifth-largest economy. Key statistics include:



\$1.9 billion

invested in charitable and
community health efforts, including
support for California's homeless
population¹



**Largest private
employer**

in California³



36

Hospitals²



505

Medical office buildings⁴



481,000

Direct and indirect jobs⁵



\$103 billion

Plus in economic output⁶

In California, our more than 17,701 physicians and 170,223 employees, including more than 130,500 proud union members, are working together to provide extraordinary care to our patients and members.

Kaiser Permanente's award-winning integrated model of care and coverage allows our physicians to coordinate care with our hospitals, specialists, and other services, so they are all working together to keep patients healthy and provide the best care when it's needed. With health care, pharmacy, vision, lab, and other services provided together seamlessly our model ensures convenience and affordability. It's why we're among the highest-ranked health plans in California.

¹Kaiser Permanente, 2022

²As of December 31, 2022

³Capitol Matrix Consulting, 2020

⁴As of December 31, 2022

⁵Capitol Matrix Consulting, 2020

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