

# **Sussex County: Today and Tomorrow Healthcare Perspectives**

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# Sussex County - Today



## 2020 Census

Delaware's largest-growing county

- 237,378 residents (20.4% increase)
- Increasing diversity index but still below other counties
- Highest housing unit growth rate (30.8% increase)

# Sussex County - Tomorrow



## 2025 Projections Delaware's largest-growing county

- Projected 262,000 residents based on continued rate of increase
- Increasing diversity index and will march other counties
- Highest housing unit growth rate (30.8% increase) **????**

# Sussex County - Today

## Major Industrial Sectors in Sussex County

Sector	# of Jobs	Average Salary
Professional and business services	1406	\$46,307
Education and Healthcare	12,371	\$55,323
Trade, transportation, and utilities	1,736	\$36,367
Manufacturing	10,524	\$46,425
Leisure and Hospitality	14,898	\$21,729

# Healthcare - Economy

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Year	Healthcare as % of National GDP
2020	18%
2019	17.8%
2018	17.7%
2017	17.9%
2016	17.9%
2000	13.3%
1980	18.8%

- Healthcare sector is a significant component of the economy
- The continued growth of Sussex County will spur more healthcare growth
- The majority of this is in the area of healthcare services

# Healthcare - Economy

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## Northwest Arkansas Council

- Fastest growing region of Arkansas
- Outdoor recreation, retirement
- 15% growth in last decade
- Increasing diversity, greater senior population
- Focused on the establishment of a Healthcare Sector Transformation Division



- Reduce economic loss
- Increase economic gain
- Increase GME
- Expand healthcare-related research
- \$3.43 B impact in 20 years

# Healthcare - Equity

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Healthcare Equity is not the same as Healthcare Equality



- Race
- Ethnicity
- Age
- Ability
- Sex Gender identity or expression
- Sexual orientation
- Socioeconomic Status
- Geographical location

# Healthcare - Equity

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## Social Determinants of Health

Economic Stability  
Education Access and Quality  
Health Care Access and Quality  
Neighborhood and Built Environments  
Social and Community Context



\*Healthy people 2030



# Healthcare - Education

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- Education Access and Quality is a Social Determinant of Health
- Education is an economic driver for region
- Education will advance Equity Goals
- Education will increase Quality of Health Care



# Sussex County – Opportunities for Tomorrow

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- Grow and Diversify our Economy
  - Strategic Focus on healthcare as an economic engine
  - Increase the different sub-sectors of healthcare in Sussex County
  - Increase educational and research initiatives
- Increase Healthcare Equity
  - Recruitment of workers
  - Address social determinants of health
- Grow and develop Educational Partnerships
  - Multi-institutional
  - Develop continuums

# Beebe Healthcare and Sussex County

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- Beebe Healthcare is the local, nonprofit independent community health system for Sussex County
- As Sussex County Grows and Evolves, Beebe Healthcare will grow and evolve with it.
- Beebe Healthcare is committed to providing care for everyone who LIVES, WORKS, and VISITS Sussex County

# Beebe Healthcare – Opportunities for Tomorrow

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- Partner and Lead efforts to grow and diversify the Sussex County Economy through healthcare focus
- Increase efforts at leading efforts improving Equity of Care and Social Determinants of Health
- Partner and expand on educational opportunities
  - Medical Education
  - Nursing Education
  - Other healthcare fields
- Continue growing evolving to be a great independent community health system

**Questions?**

**Thank you!**

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