



Community and
Economic Benefit
FISCAL YEAR 2024



LETTER FROM THE CHANCELLOR

At WashU, our impact extends far beyond our campus boundaries. While we're recognized globally for academic and research excellence, we are equally committed to the city we call home. St. Louis isn't just where we're located; it's an integral part of our identity and mission.

Our university sees tremendous opportunity in both our hometown and home state. We believe that by combining our intellectual resources, innovative spirit, and our role as a vital economic driver regionally and across Missouri, we can create meaningful change. Our work is about more than institutional achievements; it's about partnering with local organizations, supporting emerging talent, and addressing critical challenges facing our region.

We are dedicated to being not just an anchor institution, but an active collaborator. Through targeted initiatives in educational access, health equity, and economic opportunity, we're working to advance progress for all in our city, region, and state. Our success is intrinsically linked to the success of our community.

WashU doesn't just study solutions—we create them, right here in St. Louis. We do it for our city, our region, and our world.

Andrew D. Martin



Chancellor,
Washington University





PEOPLE, PURCHASING & CONSTRUCTION

WashU is committed to the health and growth of our region and has long been a leading employer both in the region and the state. Tangible proof of this investment: the Jeffrey T. Fort Neuroscience Research Building, which was dedicated in January 2024. The \$616 million, 609,000-square-foot facility is one of the world's largest neuroscience buildings, providing WashU researchers state-of-the-art facilities so they can develop new diagnostic tools, drugs, and therapies to help people with brain and other neurological diseases.

“I see this building as the ultimate statement of our school, our university, our city, our state—that here in this place, in St Louis, at the Gateway to the West, the most important advances in understanding the brain will happen.”

— David H. Perlmutter, MD, executive vice chancellor for medical affairs and the George and Carol Bauer Dean of WashU Medicine



\$9.3 BILLION
in total university
economic impact



Support for
57,250
total jobs in the
region (direct
and indirect)



\$3.9 BILLION
in direct spending
(construction,
purchasing,
employee
compensation, and
student spending)



\$2.4 BILLION
in salaries



22,181
employees
(18,481 full time,
3,700 part time)



\$300.8 MILLION
in construction

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

WashU's School of Law recently established a Veterans Law Clinic. Through the clinic, law students can assist low- and moderate-income veterans in such matters as requesting upgrades of their discharge characterization and correction of military records. These updates can make veterans eligible for more benefits and support systems, including health care through the Department of Veterans Affairs.

“We believe that this is an incredible opportunity for students to make a real difference in the community with their legal skills.”

— Sarah Narkiewicz, associate dean for clinical education at WashU School of Law



\$5.4 MILLION
support for
community orgs and
neighborhoods



\$285.1 MILLION
local purchasing



\$210.1 MILLION
student spending
in the region



PK-12 EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

WashU is working to improve learning for PK-12 students across the region.

In neighboring University City, WashU’s Institute for School Partnership (ISP) is helping teachers at the Julia Goldstein Early Childhood Education Center weave rigorous high-quality math instruction into project-based learning. The partnership is part of ISP’s STEMpact District Immersion, an ambitious effort to improve math outcomes. And at University City High School, Rowhea Elmesky, associate professor of education, collaborated with educators and students to reduce suspensions and increase attendance and engagement. Her work was recognized by WashU’s St. Louis Confluence Collaborative, which supports research and partnerships that strengthen the region.

“Purposeful and intentional engagement with the community around us, paired with innovative and exceptional academic research, can create real, tangible change in people’s lives.”

— Provost Beverly Wendland



Educators supported by ISP:
5,056 educators from **344** schools across **67** districts, charter networks, and **19** private schools



\$6.4 MILLION
 total spent on PK-12



189,000 students engaged and served by ISP programs

EDUCATIONAL ACCESS

WashU is making good on its promise to support more students from small towns and rural communities. In recent years, WashU has increased visits to rural schools, helped launch the STARS (Small-Town And Rural Students) College Network, and created the free Rural Scholars Academy for talented high school sophomores. WashU also is more affordable for rural families. The WashU Pledge covers the full cost of a WashU education for low-income students from Missouri and Southern Illinois. And this year, WashU implemented its no-loan policy, which enables students to graduate debt-free. The result: a 53% increase in the number of enrollees from rural communities.

“Some people see rural students through a deficit lens because their schools aren’t always well resourced or have AP classes. What I see are students who have an incredible work ethic and really care about their community. That sounds like a WashU student to me.”

— Dacoda Scarlett, inaugural associate director of rural recruitment in the Office of Undergraduate Admissions



\$507.9 MILLION
 investment in financial aid



337
 WashU Pledge students enrolled



22%
 Pell-eligible undergraduate students



COMMUNITY HEALTH & SUPPORT

This year, Siteman Cancer Center—based at WashU Medicine and Barnes-Jewish Hospital—opened a new home for world-class outpatient cancer care. WashU Medicine physicians will diagnose and treat patients in the Gary C. Werths Building with the most advanced, lifesaving therapies available. Those patients will also have access to clinical trials led by WashU doctors. Siteman is the only National Cancer Institute-designated Comprehensive Cancer Center in Missouri and southern Illinois. In addition to delivering exceptional care, Siteman is consistently recognized for its innovative cancer prevention and community outreach efforts, with screenings and education provided to tens of thousands of people in our state each year.

“We want every patient who walks through our doors to experience a supportive, calming, and hopeful environment. This building was created with those goals in mind.”

— Timothy J. Eberlein, MD, director of Siteman Cancer Center, senior associate dean for cancer programs at WashU Medicine and BJC HealthCare

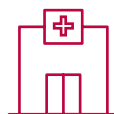
WashU Medicine



2,598,350
total patient visits
at all locations



\$252.8 MILLION
in uncompensated care



1,746,479
outpatient visits



851,871
inpatient visits

RESEARCH & INNOVATION

For the first time, annual research funding to WashU surpassed \$1 billion in FY 2024. The funding, from a variety of sources including federal grants, foundations, and donors, supports WashU investigators tackling the world’s greatest challenges. In federal FY24, WashU Medicine received \$948 million in funding, including \$683 million from the National Institutes of Health (NIH). WashU is No. 3 in the nation for NIH funding and, for the second consecutive year, WashU Medicine is No. 2 among all U.S. medical schools in the amount of funding it receives from NIH.

Also in FY24, the McKelvey School of Engineering received the largest grant in its history—\$26 million from the National Science Foundation to convert carbon dioxide into environmentally friendly chemicals and products. These research dollars boost Missouri’s economy, sparking job growth, new construction, and local spending. Data shows that every \$1 million in research funding creates 11 local jobs.



442
patents filed



\$1.023 BILLION in
external research funding



10 startups formed

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commitment to our region.



