



Critical Access Hospital Profile

Spotlight on: Hettinger, North Dakota



Quick Facts

Current Administrator:
Alyson Kornele

Chief Medical Officer:
Dr. Catherine Houle

Board Chair:
Jonathan Eaton

City Population: 1,226

County Population: 2,343

County Median Household Income: \$56,681

County Median Age: 45.6 years

Service Area Population: 20,000

Owned by: Non-Profit

Hospital Beds:

- 19 Private Rooms/Acute/Swing-bed/Out-Patient
- Three Beds for Intensive Care Unit (ICU)
- Three Beds for Birthing Unit (OB)
- Two Patient Rooms with Visual/Monitoring

Trauma Level: IV

Critical Access Hospital Designation: 2005

Economic Impact on the Community:

Jobs:

Primary - 222.2
Secondary - 42
Total - 313

Financial Impact:

Primary - \$15.9 million
Secondary - \$3.6 million
Total - \$19.5 million

Mission

The mission of West River Health Services (WRHS) is to provide comprehensive health and wellness services to the residents and visitors of the region. West River Health Services and its partners in healthcare are dedicated to excellence in practice, innovation in service, compassion for the people we serve, and respect for one another.

County: Adams
Address: 1000 Highway 12
 Hettinger, ND 58369-7530
Phone: 701.567.4561
Web: www.wrhs.com

Providing access to quality medicine in a rural environment has been the vision and goal of this medical system since its inception.

The corporate structure of the organization is comprised of three 501C3 (not for profit) corporations. WRHSF is the Foundation/ fundraising and Parent Corporation. WRHS is the healthcare services (hospital, clinic and other healthcare services) Corporation. Western Horizons Living Centers is the care center's (skilled and assisted living) Corporation. Each corporation has board members from across the geographic area served by the organization. It is the largest medical complex in Adams County and serves 20,000 people in 20,000 square miles.

Services

West River Health Services provides the following services directly

- 24 hour Emergency Room - Certified
- Staff in Trauma Care and Cardiac Life Support
- Acute Stroke Ready Hospital
- Basic Life Support Ambulance Service with ALS Capabilities
- Cardiac Rehab Service
- Cardiac Stress Testing Lab
- Chapel
- CLIA Laboratory
- Community Education
- Community Medical Clinics (*seven*)
- Counseling/therapy (*West River Health Services Behavioral Health*)
- Diabetes Education
- Family Medicine
- Food & Nutrition Services
- Geriatric Medicine
- Health Library
- Imaging Services (*MRI, CT Scanner, Mammography, Dexa Bone Density, Nuclear Medicine, Ultrasound,*
- *General X-Ray, and Flouroscopy*)
- Injection Therapy
- Intensive Care Unit (*ICU*)
- Internal Medicine
- IV Therapy
- Medsurg Unit
- Observation Care
- Obstetric (OB)
- Optometric Services (*West River Eye Center*)
- Palliative Care
- Pediatric Care
- Pediatric Medicine
- Pharmacy
- Podiatric Services
- Rehabilitation (*Physical, Occupational & Speech*)
- Respiratory Therapy Services
- Supporting Foundation (*West River Health Services Foundation*)
- Surgical Services (*Laparoscopic surgery for stomach & esophagus, endocrine, hernia, appendix &*

Staffing

Physicians:	15
Midlevels	13
RNs:	71
LPNs:	15
Total Employees:	296

Local Sponsors and Grant Funding Sources

- Homeland Security
- WRHS Foundation
- Center for Rural Health
- SHIP Grant (Small Hospital Improvement Program)
- North Dakota Department of Health

*Statistics reported are for the WRHS Corporation only

Sources

- 1 US Census Bureau; 2020 Profile of General and Housing Characteristics
- 2 US Census Bureau; 2020 State and County QuickFacts: Adams County, ND
- 3 Economic Impact 2020 Center for Rural Health Oklahoma State University and Center for Rural Health University of North Dakota



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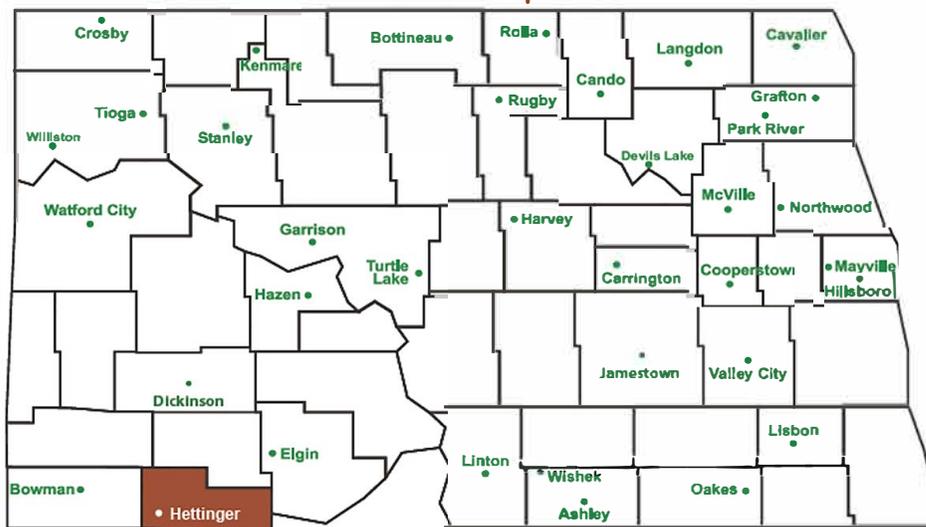
- gallbladder, Sentinel lymph node biopsy, Inpatient surgery, General surgery, Orthopedic surgery, Ophthalmology, Pain management, Podiatry, Ear, nose & throat (ENT)
- Gynecological/Cesarean

- Swing Bed
- Telemedicine
- Visiting Nurse
- Rehabilitation & Wellness Center
- WIC (Women, Infant & Children)

West River Health Services system provides the following services through contract or agreement

- Assisted Living Facility (*Western Horizons Assisted Living*)
- Visiting Specialists: Orthopaedic Surgeon, Ophthalmologist, Interventional Cardiologist, & Clinical Audiologist
- Skilled Nursing Facility (*Western Horizons Care Center*)

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Lifestyle

- Rural community located in southwestern North Dakota, three miles from South Dakota border
- Low unemployment, excellent school system
- Safe, family centered life style
- Home of Dakota Buttes Museum
- Plentiful upland & big game hunting, and outstanding fishing
- Mirror Lake offers camping, boating, fishing and water activities
- Community offers concert series, indoor pool, theatre, a fitness center, 9-hole grass green golf course, bowling alley, and various restaurants and shops

Just Down the Road

- Urban Shopping and Airports
- Shadehill Reservoir
- Bowman Haley Dam
- Theodore Roosevelt National Park
- Lake Sakakawea
- Black Hills of South Dakota