



Critical Access Hospital Profile

Spotlight on: Garrison, North Dakota

Garrison Memorial Hospital

Quick Facts

Administrator:
Dean Mattern

Chief of Medical Staff:
Dr. Vern Harchenko

Board Chair: Chuck Reichert

City Population:
1,209 (2006 estimate)

County Population:
8,543 (2006 estimate)

County Median Household Income:
\$39,218 (2004 estimate)

County Median Age:
44.1 years (2000 estimate)

Service Area Population:
3,500

Owned by: Nonprofit

Hospital Beds: 22

Skilled Nursing Facility Beds: 28

Trauma Level: IV

Critical Access Hospital Designation: 1999

Economic Impact on the Community*

Jobs:
Primary – 125
Secondary – 62
Total – 187

Financial Impact:
Primary – \$4.4 million
Secondary – \$2.2 million
Total – \$6.6 million

Mission:

Based on the Gospel values and our own heritage of healing, the mission of Garrison Memorial Hospital and Clinic is to use our community presence as a means of touching and caring for people in a Christ-like manner, and to always exhibit the hospitality as reflected in the Rule of St. Benedict: Let all be received as Christ.

The vision of Garrison Memorial Hospital and Clinic is to extend Christ's healing ministry through excellence of service and collaborative partnerships.

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Garrison Memorial Hospital (GMH) is a non-profit hospital located in Garrison, ND. GMH is governed by the St. Alexius Medical Center Board of Directors. We have 22 acute/swing beds on our second floor, 28 nursing facility beds on our third floor, and the Garrison Family Clinic (a Rural Health Clinic) is connected to the facility on the first floor.

Services:

Garrison Memorial Hospital provides the following services directly:

- Physical Therapy
- Swing Bed
- Respite Care
- Acute Care
- Emergency Care (Level IV Trauma Certified)
- Observation Care
- Adult Day Care
- Skilled Nursing Facility
- Radiology Services: Mammography, CT Scans (in house), EKG, Bone Densitometry (dexa scan)
- Cardiac Rehab
- 24 Hour Emergency Services
- Garrison Family Clinic
- Laboratory services
- BT WAN System (telemedicine)
- IV Therapy

Garrison Memorial Hospital provides the following services through contract or agreement:

- Occupational Therapy
- Speech Therapy
- MRI
- Hearing Services

* The impact of jobs and expenditures generated by the hospital within the community was estimated using payroll information and an economic multiplier of 1.5.

Staffing

Physicians:	2
Nurse Practitioners:.....	0
PAs:	2
RNs:.....	16
LPNs:.....	11
Total Employees:.....	160

Local Sponsors and Grant Funding Sources

- Blue Cross Blue Shield
- Center for Rural Health
 - SHIP Grant (Small Hospital Improvement Program)
 - Flex Grant (Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility Grant Program)

Sources

2006 City Population, U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates by North Dakota Place.
2006 County Population and 2004 County Household Income, U.S. Census Bureau, State & County QuickFacts.
Year 2000 County Age (North Dakota State Data Center).

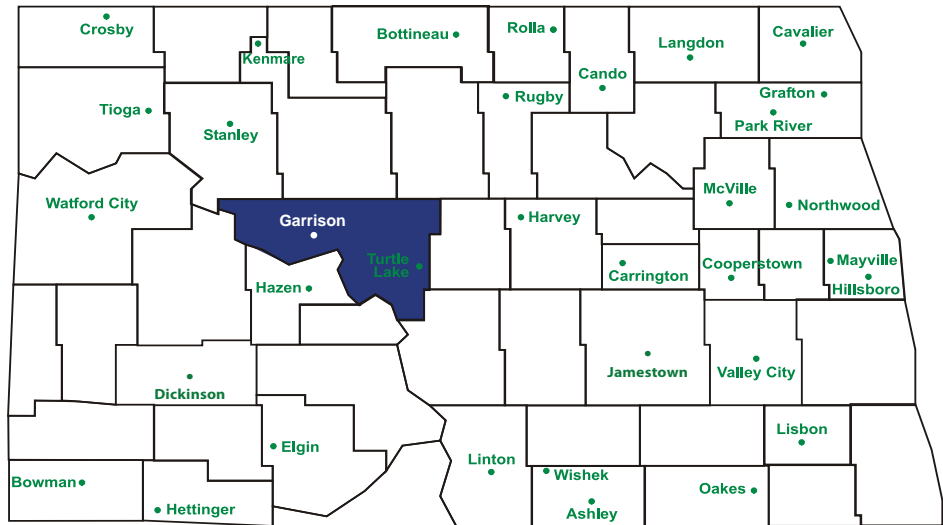


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<http://ruralhealth.und.edu>

North Dakota Critical Access Hospitals



History:

Construction of the hospital began on October 20, 1949 and the 40 bed facility opened its doors in February 1952, admitting its first patient on February 14.

Since that time, Garrison Memorial Hospital has seen numerous changes. In April of 1967, the convent and chapel with living quarters for the sisters were added to the hospital. January, 1974 saw the third floor of the hospital converted to an intermediate care facility housing 24 beds. An administrative addition was added in October of 1976 which would later have to be remodeled to meet life safety codes. Garrison Hospital assumed management of the Garrison Family Clinic (formerly Medical Arts Clinic) which was designated a Rural Health Clinic in November of 1992. The hospital had the distinction of becoming certified as a level IV Trauma Center in July of 1995. Garrison Memorial Hospital became a part of St. Alexius Medical Center in late 1996 after the Garrison Hospital Board voted to transfer all assets to St. Alexius. This transfer allowed St. Alexius to make capital improvements to Garrison Memorial Hospital. A two million dollar remodeling project to make the facility ADA compliant, as well as add a new emergency entrance was started in October of 1998 with a projected finish date of July 2001. The hospital applied and was approved for Critical Access Designation in December of 1999.

The staff and management of the Garrison Memorial Hospital remains dedicated to providing Garrison and the surrounding rural communities with access to quality health care. The community's health needs are our first priority.

Recreation:

Garrison is in west central North Dakota. The Garrison Public Schools operate in relatively new, completely up-to-date and well-equipped buildings with playgrounds, tennis courts and athletic fields. The program includes college preparation, vocational courses, music and others. In addition to a number of city parks and a nine-hole golf course, Fort Stevenson State Park is located three miles south of Garrison. Nearby Lake Sakakawea, the "Walleye Capital of the World," offers boating, fishing, swimming, water-skiing, camping and scuba diving. Garrison hosts an annual Dickens Village Festival for three weekends in December each year. The area also offers excellent hunting and cross-country skiing. Good, four-lane highway access to Minot or Bismarck, 45 and 70 miles respectively, offers shopping and entertainment of a larger city.