



# Critical Access Hospital Profile

## Spotlight on: McVille, North Dakota

# Nelson County Health System

### Quick Facts

**Administrator:**

Cathy Swenson

**Chief of Medical Staff:**

Erling Martinson, M.D.

**Board Chair:** Judy Twete**City Population:**

408 (2007 Estimate)

**County Population:**

3,166 (2008 Estimate)

**County Median Household Income:**

\$35,093 (2007 Estimate)

**County Median Age:**

47.2 (2000 Estimate)

**Service Area Population:**

Nelson County and half of Griggs County

**Owned by:** Non-profit**Hospital Beds:** 19**Skilled Nursing Facility Beds:** 39**Trauma Level:** V**Critical Access Hospital Designation:** 2000**Economic Impact on the Community\*****Employment:**

Direct – 62

Secondary – 27

Total – 89

**Financial:**

Direct – \$2.2 Million

Secondary – \$1.1 Million

Total – \$3.3 Million

**Mission Statement:**

To promote, educate, and serve as the philanthropic resource to improve the health status of the people served by the Nelson County Health System.

**County:** Nelson

**Address:** 200 North Main, PO Box 367  
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Nelson County Health System – Hospital is a 19 bed Primary Care Critical Access Hospital certified by Medicare and Medicaid. Offering 24 hour acute care, swing bed, emergency care, and respite services and staffed by a dedicated team of licensed and certified professional staff, including our physicians, nurse practitioner, nurses, technicians, and therapists.

**Services:**

Nelson County Health System provides the following services directly through the hospital:

- 24 hour ER Service
- Advance trauma life support
- Advanced cardiac life support
- Paramedic Transfers
- General acute medical inpatient care
- Inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation services
- Cardiac rehabilitation program
- General diagnostic services
- Swing bed care program
- Respite care program
- Diabetes education
- Respiratory therapy
- Sleep apnea studies
- Outpatient medical treatment
- Chiropractic care
- Podiatry
- Digital Radiology/EKG
- Mobile CAT Scan
- Digital mammography
- DexScan services (bone density test)
- Mobile ultrasound
- Speech therapy
- Occupational therapy
- Physical therapy

Nelson County Health System provides the following services through contract or agreement:

- Skilled Nursing Services
- Physical Services
- Occupational Therapy
- Speech Therapy
- Hospice
- Social Services
- Nurse Aid Services/Personal Care
- Home Oxygen Therapy
- Wellness/Foot Care
- Help Line

*\* 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: .....	1
PAs: .....	0
RNs: .....	11
LPNs: .....	6
Ancillary Personnel: .....	70
Total Employees: .....	90

## Local Sponsors and Grant Funding Sources

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

## Sources

2007 City Population, U.S. Population Division, U.S. Census Bureau. Annual estimates (Table 4) (July 2008)

2008 County Population and 2007 County Median Household income  
US Census Bureau: State and County QuickFacts.

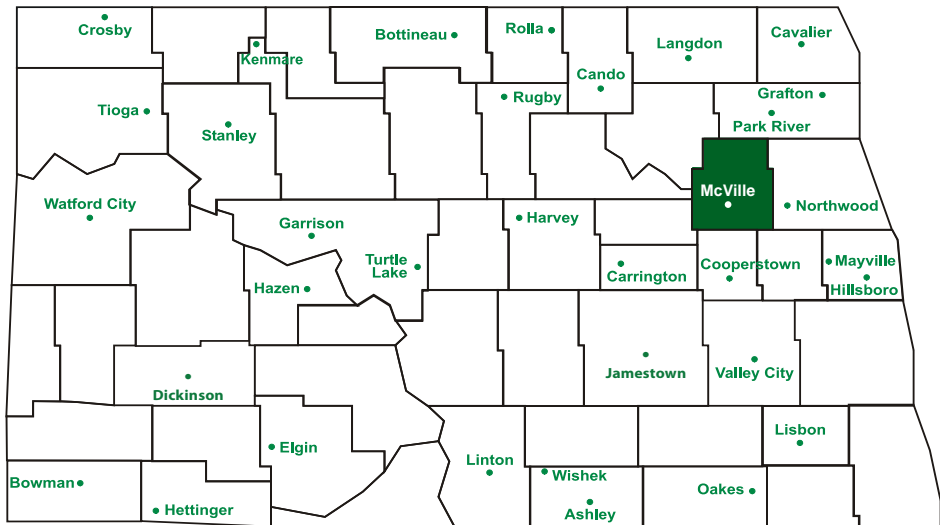
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North Dakota State Data Center. "The population Bulletin" Vol. 17 No. 6 June 2001.



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<http://ruralhealth.und.edu>

## North Dakota Critical Access Hospitals



## History:

Construction on the McVille Community Hospital began in 1916 and was dedicated on Tuesday, February 6, 1917. It was given the name "Community Hospital" because, according to Mr. E. C. Olsgaard, then president of the board, emphasized that the institution was not built by McVille alone nor for McVille alone but was given its name because it was built by the entire community and for a community as large as its service can reach. Dr. A. O. Arneson began practicing as a physician in McVille in 1906. He continued until his death in 1942. Following Dr. Arneson's death, Dr. Muus began his practice. In 1957 a 6 bed addition was constructed onto the hospital. It was modernized in 1974, the original unit razed, and a replacement built. Nelson County Health Center Care Center was dedicated on July 3, 1963 and was originally designed to serve the area as a Rehabilitation Center. In April of 1966, the Center was purchased by Friendship Homes Inc., and began to serve as a skilled nursing home. The City of McVille purchased the Center on January 1, 1998. It is a 39 bed facility offering skilled nursing care, rehabilitation, hospice, and respite care. The clinic facility in McVille was completed in 1968 and Dr. Dale Iverson was welcomed to the community as physician in 1970. Currently it is staffed by two physicians and a nurse practitioner. There is a satellite clinic in Lakota that is staffed three days a week. In 1972, the name was changed from Community Hospital at McVille to Community Hospital in Nelson County and an effort was made to better serve the health needs of the entire area. In 1974, the assets of the hospital were deeded to the city of McVille in order to better enable the financing of the building project. Since that time, the debt has been retired and the hospital has been deeded back to the organization. The name was later changed to Nelson County Health System.

In 2000, the hospital was designated as a 20-bed Critical Access Hospital with a Swing Bed program. This allowed cost-based reimbursement and improved efficiencies. The McVille Medical Clinic and Lakota Health Center both became Rural Health Clinics. In a time of changing health care and financing in rural areas, changes continue to be made in services provided by NCHS.

## Recreation:

McVille has a number of recreational facilities. We offer an excellent nine hole grass green municipal golf course, bowling lanes, lighted baseball field, paved running track and football field. The McVille Dam facility located east of town offers swimming, fishing, camping, and small horsepower boating. Our newly paved, well lighted streets, top ranked schools, churches, clinic, hospital and nursing home, and a brand new restaurant all contribute to our better way of life. McVille owns its own cable TV system with a local "McVille Channel" to keep you up to date on what is happening around the area. The profits from this locally owned system are used for City improvements! The region abounds in outdoor activities – including hunting, fishing, and snowmobiling. An Assisted Living project is planned for Summer 2009.