



Critical Access Hospital Profile Spotlight on: Williston, North Dakota

CHI St Alexius Health Williston Medical Center

Interim Administrator:
David Jones

Chief of Medical Staff:
Andrew McCay, MD

City Population:
27,706 (2023 Estimate)*

County Population:
38,109 (2023 Estimate)*

County Median Household Income:
\$86,139 (2022 Estimate)*

County Median Age:
31.9 (2022 Estimate)*

Service Area Population:
50,000

Owned by:
CommonSpirit Health
(Non-profit)

Hospital Beds:
25 beds

Trauma Level: IV

Critical Access Hospital Designation: 2008

Mission

As Common Spirit Health, we make the healing presence of God known in our world by improving the health of the people we serve, especially those who are vulnerable, while we advance social justice for all.

County: Williams

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Core Values

- Compassion: Care with listening, empathy and love. Accompany and comfort those in need of healing.
- Inclusion: Celebrate each person's gifts and voice. Respect the dignity of all.
- Integrity: Inspire trust through honesty. Demonstrate courage in the face of inequity.
- Excellence: Serve with fullest passion, creativity, and stewardship. Exceed expectations of others and ourselves.
- Collaboration: Commit to the power of working together. Build and nurture meaningful relationships.

Vision

A healthier future for all—inspired by faith, driven by innovation, and powered by our humanity.

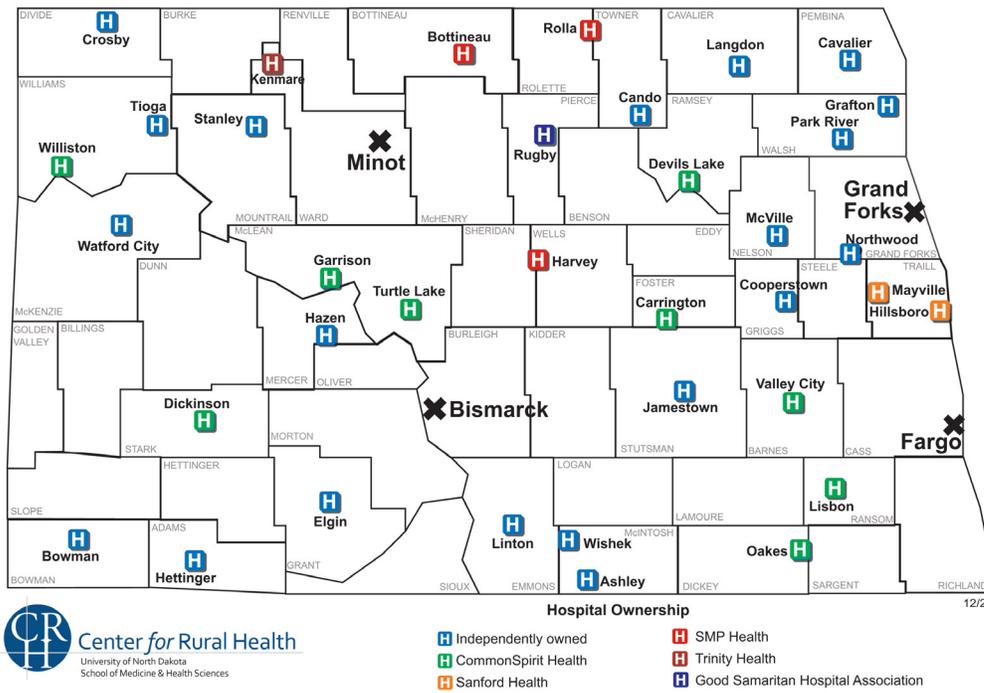
Services

CHI St. Alexius Health Williston Medical Center provides the following services directly:

- Acne treatment
- Allergy, flu and pneumonia shots
- Anesthesiology
- Blood pressure checks
- Cancer treatment
- Cardiac rehab
- Clinic
- Emergency room
- Gynecology
- Hemodialysis
- Home health/hospice
- Hospital (acute care)
- Mole/wart/skin lesion removal
- Nutrition counseling
- Obstetrics
- Oncology
- Orthopedics
- Neurology
- Pediatrics
- Pharmacy
- Prenatal care
- Physicals: annuals, D.O.T., sports, and insurance
- Pulmonary Rehab
- Sports medicine
- Surgical services—biopsies, inpatient, outpatient
- Screening/therapy services
- Radiology services
- Laboratory services
- Rehabilitation services
- Occupational therapy
- Sleep studies
- Pulmonary function tests

*Source: US Census Bureau;
American Factfinder; Community
Facts

North Dakota Critical Access Hospitals



History

The 1918 Flu Pandemic overwhelmed local healthcare resources and underscored the need for a community hospital. Dr. E.J. Hagan, Sr. and Fr. E.P. O'Neil, pastor of St. Joseph's Church, and Mr. W.S. Davidson, Sr., a local banker, were already dreaming and praying about creating a hospital with dedicated staff and consistent services. By 1920, they had persuaded many of Williston's citizens of this need.

The Sisters of Mercy agreed to the plan and four of their number travelled from Devils Lake to organize the ministry in Williston. On September 12, 1920, four Sisters of Mercy: Sr. Mary Camillus O'Brien (the Superior), and Sisters Mary Matilda Lansing, Patricia Gorman, and Aloysius Fitzpatrick arrived by train to start their new adventure. The community secured the La Due Court apartment building, recently completed in 1917. The Sisters assumed the remainder of the debt and remodeled the building to make it practical as a hospital. The sisters purchased equipment, added an elevator, quickly allowing the twenty-bed Mercy Hospital to open on October 16, 1920!

By 1923, a formal nursing school began; and in 1929, a wing was added to the hospital, which provided an additional thirty beds. In 1953, a four story modern building was adjoined to the existing structure to stretch the overworked hospital's capacity to 86 beds. The ministry matured and grew at the original downtown location until 1973. By that time, Williston was again at a crossroads, needing more hospital capacity, more technology, more staff, and in general, one new modern hospital. The present facility opened in 1974 and by 1985, with subsequent renovations and additions, became a 150-bed hospital.

Changes in healthcare utilization and reimbursement prompted fewer patient admissions and shorter stays. This, coupled with a shortage of staff, encouraged MMC's board to seek Critical Access Hospital designation in 2008. Though a Critical Access Hospital, the medical center enjoys a very complete menu of outpatient services, providing a variety of services usually only available in much larger cities, including the Leonard P. Nelson family Cancer Center that includes state of the art imaging and technology. In 2016, Mercy Medical Center became St Alexius Health Williston Medical Center, and in 2018, Catholic Health Initiatives merged with Dignity Health to form CommonSpirit Health.

Recreation

Williston offers some of the most diverse hunting and fishing opportunities in the state. From upland game birds, and turkeys to waterfowl, and antelope to moose, one can find a variety of reasons to be in the countryside in the fall. Year-round, one can also find a number of lakes and rivers, and reservoirs nearby to fish for northern pike, walleye, sauger, perch, bass, catfish, trout, and even paddlefish—as well as a number of other species that are fun to catch, but rarely taken home.

Staff

Physicians: 18
 PAs: 2
 NPs: 12
 RNs: 109
 LPNs: 9
 Total Employees: 332

Local Sponsors and Grant Funding Source

Center for Rural Health,
 SHIP Grant (Small Hospital
 Improvement Program)

American Heart Association
 Stroke Grant

North Dakota State Stroke
 Registry Grant



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