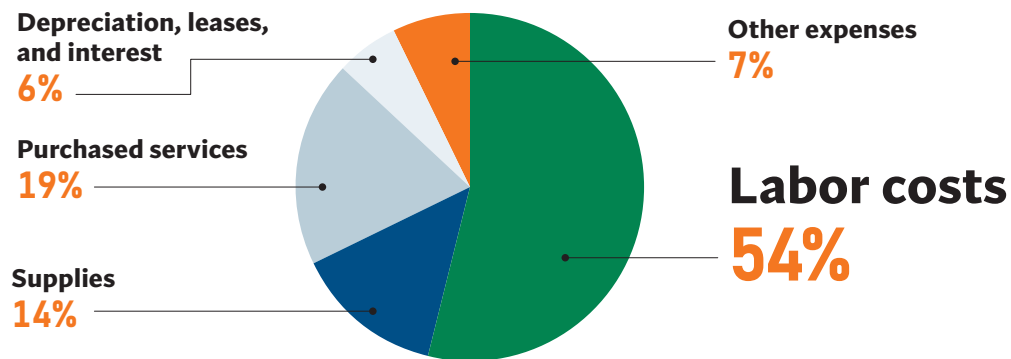


Office of Health Care Affordability Must Reduce Spending Growth Without Sacrificing Access to Quality Care

A closer look at what is driving health care costs

Health care costs are rising because of many factors: a lack of access to preventive and primary services, costly regulations, and government underfunding that shifts the burden onto working families. Hospitals do their best to hold costs in check, but many expenses are beyond their control.

More than 85% of hospital costs for patient care are for items they buy from others, beyond their ability to control. In California, hospital costs are composed of:



Hospitals are doing their part to control costs

Californians' front-line and safety-net health care providers are doing all they can to keep costs down.

10th lowest in the nation

- California's rank for per capita **total health care spending** when adjusted for cost of living
- California's rank for per capita **hospital expenditures** when adjusted for cost of living

WHAT'S NEEDED >

OHCA officials must balance spending growth reduction with investments necessary to improve access to care, address health disparities, and enhance services for unmet needs such as behavioral health care.