

Table 1. Number and rate of discharges from short-stay hospitals and of days of care, with average length of stay, by age: United States, selected years, 1970–2001

[Discharges of inpatients from non-Federal hospitals. Excludes newborn infants]

Age	1970	1980	1985	1990	1995	2000	2001
Number of discharges in thousands							
All ages	29,127	37,832	35,056	30,788	30,722	31,706	32,653
Under 15 years	3,873	3,672	2,972	2,412	2,405	2,383	2,560
15–44 years	12,664	15,635	13,966	11,799	10,593	9,969	10,343
45–64 years	6,693	8,660	7,610	6,244	6,168	6,958	7,224
65 years and over	5,897	9,864	10,508	10,333	11,556	12,396	12,525
65–74 years	3,163	4,943	5,011	4,689	4,832	4,678	4,692
75–84 years	2,099	3,611	3,969	3,949	4,590	5,119	5,209
85 years and over	635	1,310	1,528	1,694	2,134	2,599	2,624
Rate of discharges per 1,000 population ¹							
All ages	144.3	167.7	148.4	122.3	115.7	112.9	115.1
Under 15 years	66.8	71.6	57.7	43.1	40.4	39.5	42.4
15–44 years	154.6	150.1	125.0	99.3	87.8	81.0	83.8
45–64 years	159.6	194.8	170.8	135.5	118.5	111.4	112.1
65 years and over	293.3	383.7	369.8	334.1	347.7	353.5	354.9
65–74 years	253.2	315.8	297.3	261.6	260.0	254.6	256.2
75–84 years	339.5	463.9	446.4	395.7	415.6	412.5	414.3
85 years and over	443.7	576.4	572.9	560.6	592.5	606.4	595.9
Number of days of care in thousands							
All ages	226,445	274,508	226,217	197,422	164,627	155,857	159,365
Under 15 years	18,189	16,191	13,554	11,655	10,715	10,734	11,456
15–44 years	71,605	81,951	67,397	54,062	40,825	36,593	38,547
45–64 years	62,419	71,008	53,541	42,153	34,207	34,443	36,385
65 years and over	74,232	105,358	91,726	89,552	78,880	74,086	72,976
65–74 years	37,873	49,253	41,090	37,422	31,310	26,438	26,559
75–84 years	27,633	40,355	36,024	35,926	31,974	31,525	30,423
85 years and over	8,726	15,750	14,612	16,204	15,597	16,123	15,994
Rate of days of care per 1,000 population ¹							
All ages	1,121.6	1,216.7	957.7	784.0	620.2	554.8	561.9
Under 15 years	313.9	315.7	263.0	208.4	179.9	178.1	189.6
15–44 years	874.0	786.8	603.3	454.9	338.4	297.1	312.3
45–64 years	1,488.8	1,596.9	1,201.6	914.4	657.5	551.6	564.5
65 years and over	3,691.9	4,098.4	3,228.0	2,895.6	2,373.7	2,112.5	2,067.8
65–74 years	3,031.6	3,147.0	2,437.3	2,087.8	1,684.7	1,438.9	1,450.3
75–84 years	4,469.2	5,183.7	4,052.2	3,599.5	2,894.7	2,540.1	2,419.5
85 years and over	6,102.1	6,932.1	5,478.7	5,361.7	4,330.6	3,762.0	3,631.8
Average length of stay in days							
All ages	7.8	7.3	6.5	6.4	5.4	4.9	4.9
Under 15 years	4.7	4.4	4.6	4.8	4.5	4.5	4.5
15–44 years	5.7	5.2	4.8	4.6	3.9	3.7	3.7
45–64 years	9.3	8.2	7.0	6.8	5.5	5.0	5.0
65 years and over	12.6	10.7	8.7	8.7	6.8	6.0	5.8
65–74 years	12.0	10.0	8.2	8.0	6.5	5.7	5.7
75–84 years	13.2	11.2	9.1	9.1	7.0	6.2	5.8
85 years and over	13.7	12.0	9.6	9.6	7.3	6.2	6.1

¹Rates were calculated using the U.S. Census Bureau estimates of the civilian population. Rates for 1990 and 1995 were calculated using estimates adjusted for the net underenumeration in the 1990 census. Rates for 2000 and 2001 were calculated using estimates based on the 2000 census.