

Table 88. Hospice patients, according to age, sex, and diagnosis: United States, selected years 1992–2000

[Data are based on a survey of current hospice patients]

<i>Age, sex, and diagnosis</i>	1992	1994	1996	1998	2000
	Number of current patients				
Total hospice patients	52,100	60,783	59,363	79,837	105,496
	Current patients per 10,000 population				
Total	2.0	2.3	2.2	3.0	3.8
Age at time of survey:					
Under 65 years, crude	0.5	0.8	0.5	0.7	0.8
65 years and over, crude	13.1	12.9	13.9	18.2	24.9
65 years and over, age adjusted ¹	13.7	13.6	14.4	18.4	24.9
65–74 years	7.8	7.3	7.8	9.9	10.1
75–84 years	19.2	16.9	16.9	22.0	31.9
85 years and over	23.4	30.6	34.7	44.7	67.3
Sex:					
Male, total	1.9	2.1	2.0	2.6	3.3
Under 65 years, crude	0.5	0.9	0.5	0.7	0.8
65 years and over, crude	13.9	12.5	14.8	18.5	24.8
65 years and over, age adjusted ¹	16.0	14.4	16.1	20.3	26.9
65–74 years	6.3	7.0	10.4	10.2	13.0
75–84 years	25.8	18.2	18.5	25.2	32.6
85 years and over	28.8	34.8	33.9	49.2	69.9
Female, total	2.1	2.5	2.4	3.3	4.3
Under 65 years, crude	0.4	0.7	0.6	0.8	0.9
65 years and over, crude	12.6	13.2	13.2	18.0	25.0
65 years and over, age adjusted ¹	12.6	13.2	12.9	17.3	23.3
65–74 years	8.9	7.5	5.8	9.6	7.6
75–84 years	15.1	16.1	15.9	19.9	31.5
85 years and over	21.4	29.0	35.0	42.9	66.2
	Percent distribution				
Age at time of survey: ²					
Under 65 years	19.5	30.1	21.3	21.6	18.6
65 years and over	80.5	69.9	78.7	78.4	81.4
65–74 years	27.3	22.2	24.5	22.7	17.2
75–84 years	38.6	30.1	32.4	32.9	37.0
85 years and over	14.6	17.6	21.9	22.7	27.3
Sex:					
Male	46.1	44.7	44.9	42.7	42.6
Female	53.9	55.3	55.1	57.3	57.4
Primary admission diagnosis: ³					
Malignant neoplasms	65.7	57.2	58.3	55.5	51.9
Large intestine and rectum	9.0	8.0	4.0	6.4	4.9
Trachea, bronchus, and lung	21.1	12.5	15.8	13.0	12.3
Breast	3.9	4.8	6.2	4.9	4.8
Prostate	6.0	5.9	6.6	6.1	7.7
Diseases of heart	10.2	9.3	8.3	9.7	12.8
Diseases of the respiratory system	4.3	6.6	7.3	10.6	6.5
Other	19.8	27.0	26.1	24.3	28.8

¹Age adjusted by the direct method to the year 2000 standard population using the following three age groups: 65–74 years, 75–84 years, and 85 years and over. See Appendix II, Age adjustment.²Denominator excludes persons with unknown age.³Denominator excludes persons with unknown diagnosis.

NOTES: Current hospice patients are those who were on the rolls of the agency as of midnight on the day immediately before the date of the survey. Rates are based on the civilian population as of July 1. Population figures are adjusted for net underenumeration using the 1990 National Population Adjustment Matrix from the U.S. Bureau of the Census. Diagnostic categories are based on the *International Classification of Diseases, 9th Revision, Clinical Modification*. For a listing of the code numbers, see Appendix II, table IX.

SOURCE: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics, National Home and Hospice Care Survey.