

Table 90 (page 1 of 2). Discharges, days of care, and average length of stay in non-Federal short-stay hospitals, according to selected characteristics: United States, selected years 1980–2001

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<i>Characteristic</i>	1980 ¹	1985 ¹	1990	1997	1998	1999	2000 ²	2001 ³
Discharges per 1,000 population								
Total ⁴	173.4	151.4	125.2	116.1	117.9	117.8	113.3	115.3
Age								
Under 18 years	75.6	61.4	46.4	40.6	40.4	42.2	40.3	43.4
18–44 years	155.3	128.0	102.7	86.0	88.8	86.4	85.0	87.6
45–54 years	174.8	146.8	112.4	93.7	92.7	94.5	92.1	94.5
55–64 years	215.4	194.8	163.3	149.1	155.1	151.4	141.5	139.3
65 years and over	383.7	369.8	334.1	361.1	365.3	370.4	353.5	354.9
65–74 years	315.8	297.2	261.6	265.9	267.6	270.6	254.6	256.2
75 years and over	489.3	475.6	434.0	474.0	477.4	481.6	462.3	461.4
Sex ⁴								
Male	153.2	137.3	113.0	103.0	102.8	103.4	99.1	100.2
Female	195.0	167.3	139.0	130.0	133.3	132.2	127.8	130.9
Geographic region ⁴								
Northeast	162.0	142.6	133.2	125.5	127.3	129.0	---	---
Midwest	192.1	158.1	128.8	115.5	116.4	115.6	---	---
South	179.7	155.5	132.5	122.4	126.4	124.7	---	---
West	150.5	145.7	100.7	97.9	97.1	98.5	---	---
Days of care per 1,000 population								
Total ⁴	1,297.0	997.5	818.9	595.2	598.6	588.8	557.8	563.2
Age								
Under 18 years	341.4	281.2	226.3	169.8	182.4	185.5	179.0	192.7
18–44 years	818.6	619.2	467.7	317.4	328.3	316.9	309.5	323.6
45–54 years	1,314.9	967.8	699.7	460.8	452.9	451.0	437.5	455.9
55–64 years	1,889.4	1,436.9	1,172.3	821.4	836.1	795.1	729.0	732.4
65 years and over	4,098.3	3,228.0	2,895.6	2,285.6	2,264.2	2,256.8	2,112.5	2,067.8
65–74 years	3,147.0	2,437.3	2,087.8	1,599.3	1,596.1	1,578.1	1,438.9	1,450.3
75 years and over	5,578.8	4,381.3	4,009.1	3,099.6	3,030.8	3,012.9	2,853.7	2,734.0
Sex ⁴								
Male	1,239.7	973.3	805.8	573.8	576.7	565.4	536.0	535.7
Female	1,365.2	1,033.1	840.5	619.3	622.9	613.6	581.2	592.9
Geographic region ⁴								
Northeast	1,400.6	1,113.0	1,026.7	739.2	731.0	733.6	---	---
Midwest	1,484.8	1,078.6	830.6	556.3	552.5	532.6	---	---
South	1,262.3	957.7	820.4	629.5	643.9	622.1	---	---
West	956.9	824.7	575.5	445.3	450.4	461.4	---	---
Average length of stay in days								
Total ⁴	7.5	6.6	6.5	5.1	5.1	5.0	4.9	4.9
Age								
Under 18 years	4.5	4.6	4.9	4.2	4.5	4.4	4.4	4.4
18–44 years	5.3	4.8	4.6	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.6	3.7
45–54 years	7.5	6.6	6.2	4.9	4.9	4.8	4.8	4.8
55–64 years	8.8	7.4	7.2	5.5	5.4	5.3	5.2	5.3
65 years and over	10.7	8.7	8.7	6.3	6.2	6.1	6.0	5.8
65–74 years	10.0	8.2	8.0	6.0	6.0	5.8	5.7	5.7
75 years and over	11.4	9.2	9.2	6.5	6.3	6.3	6.2	5.9
Sex ⁴								
Male	8.1	7.1	7.1	5.6	5.6	5.5	5.4	5.3
Female	7.0	6.2	6.0	4.8	4.7	4.6	4.6	4.5

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Geographic region⁴	Average length of stay in days							
Northeast	8.6	7.8	7.7	5.9	5.7	5.7	---	---
Midwest	7.7	6.8	6.5	4.8	4.7	4.6	---	---
South	7.0	6.2	6.2	5.1	5.1	5.0	---	---
West	6.4	5.7	5.7	4.5	4.6	4.7	---	---

--- Data not available.

¹Comparisons of data from 1980–85 with data from later years should be made with caution as estimates of change may reflect improvements in the design rather than true changes in hospital use. See Appendix I, National Hospital Discharge Survey.

²The civilian population estimates used to compute rates for 2000 differ from those used in *Health, United States, 2002*. Rates for 2000 were computed using Census 2000 counts, while in the previous edition of *Health, United States*, rates for 2000 were computed using 1990-based postcensal estimates.

³Rates for 2001 were computed using 2000-based postcensal estimates.

⁴Estimates are age adjusted to the year 2000 standard population using six age groups: under 18 years, 18–44 years, 45–54 years, 55–64 years, 65–74 years, and 75 years and over. See Appendix II, Age adjustment.

NOTES: Rates are based on the civilian population as of July 1. Rates for 1990–99 use population estimates based on the 1990 census adjusted for net underenumeration using the 1990 National Population Adjustment Matrix from the U.S. Bureau of the Census. Rates for 1990–99 are not strictly comparable with rates for 2000 and 2001 because population estimates for 1990–99 have not been revised to reflect Census 2000. See Appendix I, National Hospital Discharge Survey. Estimates of hospital utilization from the National Health Interview Survey (NHIS) and the National Hospital Discharge Survey (NHDS) may differ because NHIS data are based on household interviews of the civilian noninstitutionalized population, whereas NHDS data are based on hospital discharge records of all persons. See Appendix II, Hospital utilization. Data for additional years are available (see Appendix III).

SOURCE: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics, National Hospital Discharge Survey.