

Table HospAdmis. Hospital admission, average length of stay, outpatient visits, and outpatient surgery, by type of ownership and size of hospital: United States, selected years 1980–2019

[Data are based on reporting by a census of hospitals]

| Type of ownership and size of hospital | 1980 | 1990 | 2000 | 2009 | 2010 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 |
|---|---------|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Admissions | | Number (thousands) | | | | | | |
| All hospitals | 38,892 | 33,774 | 34,891 | 37,480 | 36,915 | 36,510 | 36,354 | 36,242 |
| Federal | 2,044 | 1,759 | 1,034 | 1,047 | 911 | 884 | 826 | 848 |
| Nonfederal ¹ | 36,848 | 32,015 | 33,946 | 36,432 | 36,004 | 35,627 | 35,528 | 35,394 |
| Community ² | 36,143 | 31,181 | 33,089 | 35,527 | 35,149 | 34,306 | 34,251 | 34,078 |
| Nonprofit | 25,566 | 22,878 | 24,452 | 25,783 | 25,532 | 24,789 | 24,730 | 24,728 |
| For profit | 3,165 | 3,066 | 4,141 | 4,887 | 4,925 | 5,433 | 5,437 | 5,309 |
| State-local government | 7,413 | 5,236 | 4,496 | 4,857 | 4,693 | 4,084 | 4,084 | 4,041 |
| 6–24 beds | 159 | 95 | 141 | 197 | 199 | 286 | 300 | 328 |
| 25–49 beds | 1,254 | 870 | 995 | 1,217 | 1,169 | 1,153 | 1,132 | 1,133 |
| 50–99 beds | 3,700 | 2,474 | 2,355 | 2,256 | 2,173 | 2,009 | 1,952 | 1,928 |
| 100–199 beds | 7,162 | 5,833 | 6,735 | 6,337 | 6,125 | 5,832 | 5,682 | 5,549 |
| 200–299 beds | 6,596 | 6,333 | 6,702 | 6,684 | 6,569 | 5,901 | 6,059 | 5,813 |
| 300–399 beds | 5,358 | 5,091 | 5,135 | 5,762 | 5,835 | 5,423 | 5,238 | 5,413 |
| 400–499 beds | 4,401 | 3,644 | 3,617 | 4,049 | 3,869 | 3,703 | 3,641 | 3,394 |
| 500 beds or more | 7,513 | 6,840 | 7,410 | 9,026 | 9,210 | 9,998 | 10,247 | 10,520 |
| Average length of stay³ | | Number (days) | | | | | | |
| All hospitals | 10.0 | 9.1 | 6.8 | 6.2 | 6.2 | 6.1 | 6.1 | 6.2 |
| Federal | 16.8 | 14.9 | 12.8 | 10.8 | 11.8 | 10.9 | 11.7 | 11.2 |
| Nonfederal ¹ | 9.6 | 8.8 | 6.6 | 6.1 | 6.1 | 6.0 | 6.0 | 6.0 |
| Community ² | 7.6 | 7.2 | 5.8 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 5.4 |
| Nonprofit | 7.7 | 7.3 | 5.7 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.2 | 5.3 |
| For profit | 6.5 | 6.4 | 5.4 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.5 | 5.4 | 5.4 |
| State-local government | 7.3 | 7.7 | 6.7 | 6.2 | 6.2 | 6.4 | 6.4 | 6.5 |
| 6–24 beds | 5.3 | 5.4 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.6 | 4.6 | 4.2 |
| 25–49 beds | 5.8 | 6.1 | 5.1 | 5.2 | 5.2 | 5.7 | 5.6 | 5.6 |
| 50–99 beds | 6.7 | 7.2 | 6.5 | 6.4 | 6.4 | 6.6 | 6.6 | 6.5 |
| 100–199 beds | 7.0 | 7.1 | 5.7 | 5.4 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.3 |
| 200–299 beds | 7.4 | 6.9 | 5.7 | 5.1 | 5.1 | 5.0 | 4.9 | 5.0 |
| 300–399 beds | 7.6 | 7.0 | 5.5 | 5.2 | 5.1 | 5.0 | 5.1 | 5.1 |
| 400–499 beds | 7.9 | 7.3 | 5.6 | 5.4 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.3 |
| 500 beds or more | 8.7 | 8.1 | 6.3 | 5.7 | 5.7 | 5.8 | 5.8 | 5.8 |
| Outpatient visits⁴ | | Number (thousands) | | | | | | |
| All hospitals | 262,951 | 368,184 | 592,673 | 741,551 | 750,408 | 880,451 | 879,628 | 900,689 |
| Federal | 50,566 | 58,527 | 63,402 | 89,697 | 90,134 | 103,998 | 104,363 | 106,108 |
| Nonfederal ¹ | 212,385 | 309,657 | 531,972 | 651,854 | 660,274 | 776,453 | 775,265 | 794,581 |
| Community ² | 202,310 | 301,329 | 521,405 | 641,953 | 651,424 | 766,076 | 766,393 | 785,235 |
| Nonprofit | 142,156 | 221,073 | 393,168 | 485,935 | 494,178 | 581,848 | 580,598 | 595,360 |
| For profit | 9,696 | 20,110 | 43,378 | 47,281 | 48,201 | 63,203 | 62,224 | 60,101 |
| State-local government | 50,459 | 60,146 | 84,858 | 108,738 | 109,045 | 121,026 | 123,571 | 129,775 |
| 6–24 beds | 1,155 | 1,471 | 4,555 | 9,113 | 9,934 | 16,732 | 16,351 | 18,660 |
| 25–49 beds | 6,227 | 10,812 | 27,007 | 42,461 | 43,099 | 57,704 | 57,580 | 58,216 |
| 50–99 beds | 17,976 | 27,582 | 49,385 | 57,336 | 57,701 | 61,919 | 60,467 | 60,579 |
| 100–199 beds | 36,453 | 58,940 | 114,183 | 127,267 | 120,902 | 143,458 | 138,562 | 140,702 |
| 200–299 beds | 36,073 | 60,561 | 99,248 | 107,269 | 110,661 | 115,243 | 116,872 | 115,557 |
| 300–399 beds | 30,495 | 43,699 | 73,444 | 86,684 | 90,515 | 89,244 | 87,269 | 94,836 |
| 400–499 beds | 25,501 | 33,394 | 52,205 | 63,727 | 65,543 | 77,068 | 75,222 | 70,951 |
| 500 beds or more | 48,430 | 64,870 | 101,378 | 148,097 | 153,067 | 204,708 | 214,071 | 225,733 |
| Outpatient surgery | | Percent of total surgeries⁵ | | | | | | |
| Community hospitals ² | 16.3 | 50.5 | 62.7 | 63.2 | 63.6 | 67.6 | 68.0 | 68.4 |

¹Includes psychiatric hospitals, tuberculosis and other respiratory diseases hospitals, and long and short-term general and other special hospitals. See Sources and Definitions, Hospital.
²Nonfederal, short-term general and special hospitals whose facilities and services are available to the public. The types of facilities included in this category have changed over time. See Sources and Definitions, Hospital.
³Number of inpatient days divided by number of admissions. See Sources and Definitions, Average length of stay.
⁴Includes visits to the emergency department and outpatient department, referred visits (pharmacy, EKG, radiology), and outpatient surgery. See Sources and Definitions, Outpatient visit.
⁵Total surgeries is a measure of patients with at least one surgical procedure. People with multiple surgical procedures during the same outpatient visit or inpatient stay are counted only once. See Sources and Definitions, Outpatient surgery.
NOTES: Starting with 2017 data, the American Hospital Association (AHA) changed its methodology to include all general and special hospitals licensed by the appropriate state agency and accredited by one of the following: The Joint Commission, DNV GL Healthcare, Center for Improvement in Healthcare Quality, or Medicare. Because of the change in methodology, data may not be comparable across the two time periods. See Sources and Definitions, Hospital.
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