

Table 108. Hospital admissions, average length of stay, outpatient visits, and outpatient surgery by type of ownership and size of hospital: United States, selected years 1975–2009

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

Type of ownership and size of hospital	1975	1980	1990	1995	2000	2005	2007	2009
Admissions								
Number in thousands								
All hospitals	36,157	38,892	33,774	33,282	34,891	37,006	37,120	37,480
Federal	1,913	2,044	1,759	1,559	1,034	952	981	1,047
Nonfederal ¹	34,243	36,848	32,015	31,723	33,946	36,054	36,139	36,432
Community ²	33,435	36,143	31,181	30,945	33,089	35,239	35,346	35,527
Nonprofit	23,722	25,566	22,878	22,557	24,453	25,881	25,752	25,783
For profit	2,646	3,165	3,066	3,428	4,141	4,618	4,626	4,887
State-local government	7,067	7,413	5,236	4,961	4,496	4,740	4,967	4,857
6–24 beds	174	159	95	124	141	186	200	197
25–49 beds	1,431	1,254	870	944	995	1,173	1,170	1,217
50–99 beds	3,675	3,700	2,474	2,299	2,355	2,412	2,295	2,256
100–199 beds	7,017	7,162	5,833	6,288	6,735	6,678	6,341	6,337
200–299 beds	6,174	6,596	6,333	6,495	6,702	7,075	7,009	6,684
300–399 beds	4,739	5,358	5,091	4,693	5,135	6,025	5,637	5,762
400–499 beds	3,689	4,401	3,644	3,413	3,617	3,634	4,044	4,049
500 beds or more	6,537	7,513	6,840	6,690	7,410	8,054	8,650	9,026
Average length of stay ³								
Number of days								
All hospitals	11.4	10.0	9.1	7.8	6.8	6.5	6.3	6.2
Federal	20.3	16.8	14.9	13.1	12.8	11.6	11.5	10.8
Nonfederal ¹	10.8	9.6	8.8	7.5	6.6	6.3	6.2	6.1
Community ²	7.7	7.6	7.2	6.5	5.8	5.6	5.5	5.4
Nonprofit	7.8	7.7	7.3	6.4	5.7	5.5	5.4	5.3
For profit	6.6	6.5	6.4	5.8	5.4	5.3	5.2	5.3
State-local government	7.6	7.3	7.7	7.4	6.7	6.6	6.4	6.2
6–24 beds	5.6	5.3	5.4	5.5	4.3	4.2	4.0	4.3
25–49 beds	6.0	5.8	6.1	5.7	5.1	4.9	4.9	5.2
50–99 beds	6.8	6.7	7.2	7.0	6.5	6.4	6.3	6.4
100–199 beds	7.1	7.0	7.1	6.4	5.7	5.6	5.5	5.4
200–299 beds	7.5	7.4	6.9	6.2	5.7	5.3	5.2	5.1
300–399 beds	7.8	7.6	7.0	6.1	5.5	5.4	5.3	5.2
400–499 beds	8.1	7.9	7.3	6.3	5.6	5.5	5.3	5.4
500 beds or more	9.1	8.7	8.1	7.1	6.3	6.0	5.9	5.7
Outpatient visits ⁴								
Number in thousands								
All hospitals	254,844	262,951	368,184	483,195	592,673	673,689	693,510	741,551
Federal	51,957	50,566	58,527	59,934	63,402	80,018	82,187	89,697
Nonfederal ¹	202,887	212,385	309,657	423,261	531,972	593,671	611,323	651,854
Community ²	190,672	202,310	301,329	414,345	521,405	584,429	603,300	641,953
Nonprofit	131,435	142,156	221,073	303,851	393,168	441,653	455,825	485,935
For profit	7,713	9,696	20,110	31,940	43,378	46,016	43,943	47,281
State-local government	51,525	50,459	60,146	78,554	84,858	96,760	103,532	108,738
6–24 beds	915	1,155	1,471	3,644	4,555	7,970	7,698	9,113
25–49 beds	5,855	6,227	10,812	19,465	27,007	35,172	39,176	42,461
50–99 beds	16,303	17,976	27,582	38,597	49,385	53,382	54,312	57,336
100–199 beds	35,156	36,453	58,940	91,312	114,183	121,053	119,455	127,267
200–299 beds	32,772	36,073	60,561	84,080	99,248	107,332	106,535	107,269
300–399 beds	29,169	30,495	43,699	54,277	73,444	85,366	81,671	86,684
400–499 beds	22,127	25,501	33,394	44,284	52,205	56,023	60,604	63,727
500 beds or more	48,375	48,430	64,870	78,685	101,378	118,131	133,849	148,097
Outpatient surgery								
Percent of total surgeries ⁵								
Community hospitals ²	---	16.3	50.5	58.1	62.7	63.3	62.7	63.2

--- Data not available.

¹The category of nonfederal hospitals comprises psychiatric, tuberculosis and other respiratory diseases hospitals, and long-term and short-term general and other special hospitals. See [Appendix II, Hospital](#).

²Community hospitals are nonfederal short-term general and special hospitals whose facilities and services are available to the public. See [Appendix II, Hospital](#).

³Average length of stay is calculated as the number of inpatient days divided by the number of admissions. See [Appendix II, Average length of stay](#).

⁴Outpatient visits include visits to the emergency department, outpatient department, referred visits (pharmacy, EKG, radiology), and outpatient surgery. See [Appendix II, Outpatient visit](#).

⁵Total surgeries is a measure of patients with at least one surgical procedure. Persons with multiple surgical procedures during the same outpatient visit or inpatient stay are counted only once. See [Appendix II, Outpatient surgery](#).

SOURCE: American Hospital Association Annual Survey of Hospitals. Hospital Statistics, 1976, 1981, 1991–2011 editions. Chicago, IL. (Copyright 1976, 1981, 1991–2011: Used with the permission of Health Forum LLC, an affiliate of AHA.) See [Appendix I, American Hospital Association \(AHA\) Annual Survey of Hospitals](#).