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[Data are based on a sample of hospital records]

Age and first-listed diagnosis	Average length of stay ¹								
	Both sexes			Male			Female		
	1990	2000	2009–2010 ²	1990	2000	2009–2010 ²	1990	2000	2009–2010 ²
	Number of days								
All ages, crude ³	6.4	4.9	4.8	6.9	5.3	5.3	6.1	4.6	4.5
Under 18 years ³	4.9	4.4	4.4	5.0	4.8	4.5	4.7	4.1	4.3
Dehydration	3.0	2.2	2.1	2.9	2.2	2.0	3.0	2.1	2.2
Acute bronchitis and bronchiolitis	3.7	3.1	3.2	3.6	3.0	3.3	3.8	*3.3	3.0
Pneumonia	4.6	3.6	3.5	4.6	3.4	3.7	4.7	3.9	3.3
Asthma	2.9	2.2	2.5	2.8	2.1	2.3	3.1	2.3	2.8
Appendicitis	4.0	3.2	3.2	3.9	2.9	3.3	4.0	3.5	2.9
Injury	4.1	3.8	3.3	4.2	4.1	3.3	3.8	*3.2	3.2
Fracture	4.5	3.5	3.4	4.2	3.9	3.4	5.0	2.5	3.4
Complications of care and adverse effects	*5.3	*5.7	5.6	*6.0	*5.5	6.4	*4.5	*5.9	4.6
18–44 years ³	4.6	3.6	3.6	6.1	4.8	4.7	4.0	3.2	3.3
HIV/AIDS	*10.7	*8.8	7.9	*10.6	*9.4	8.5	*	*7.5	6.4
Cancer, all	7.8	6.3	6.3	8.4	7.9	7.9	7.5	5.4	5.4
Childbirth	...	...	...	...	...	...	2.8	2.5	2.7
Uterine fibroids	...	...	...	...	...	...	4.2	2.5	2.2
Diabetes	5.8	3.9	3.3	6.2	3.7	3.3	5.2	4.3	3.3
Alcohol and drug	9.0	*5.0	3.7	8.9	4.8	3.8	9.1	*5.3	3.3
Schizophrenia, mood disorders, delusional disorders, nonorganic psychoses	14.3	*7.9	7.1	13.8	*8.2	7.3	14.8	*7.6	6.9
Schizophrenia	15.4	*11.0	9.9	15.3	*10.6	9.4	15.6	*11.9	10.7
Mood disorders	14.3	*6.6	6.0	*13.2	*6.6	6.3	15.0	*6.5	5.8
Heart disease	5.4	3.6	4.0	5.4	3.5	3.6	5.4	3.7	4.7
Ischemic heart disease	4.6	3.0	3.2	4.8	2.8	3.3	4.1	3.6	3.1
Pneumonia	6.9	5.1	4.3	7.8	5.0	4.5	6.0	5.2	4.1
Asthma	4.4	2.9	3.4	3.8	2.5	2.3	4.6	3.1	3.9
Intervertebral disc disorders	4.4	2.3	2.5	4.2	2.2	2.2	4.7	2.3	2.7
Injury	5.1	4.3	4.2	5.0	4.5	4.6	5.3	4.1	3.6
Fracture	6.0	4.9	4.8	5.6	5.0	4.9	6.9	4.4	4.6
Poisoning and toxic effects	2.7	2.5	2.6	2.7	2.8	3.0	2.7	2.4	2.3
Complications of care and adverse effects	5.6	4.7	5.1	5.3	4.9	5.5	*5.9	4.6	4.8
45–64 years ³	6.7	5.0	5.0	6.7	5.1	5.2	6.8	4.8	4.9
HIV/AIDS	*	*	8.2	*	*	8.7	*	*	*7.0
Cancer, all	8.8	6.2	6.1	9.3	6.8	6.1	8.4	5.6	6.1
Colorectal cancer	13.3	7.4	7.6	*13.0	7.4	7.9	*13.6	7.4	7.2
Lung/bronchus/tracheal cancer	7.7	6.2	6.8	7.1	6.0	7.1	8.6	6.4	6.6
Breast cancer ⁴	...	...	...	...	...	...	4.3	2.0	2.4
Prostate cancer	...	...	...	7.3	3.2	1.7	...	...	...
Uterine fibroids	...	...	...	...	...	...	4.5	2.8	2.2
Diabetes	8.1	5.6	5.2	7.3	6.0	5.7	8.9	5.2	4.8
Alcohol and drug	8.5	4.8	4.6	8.6	4.6	4.8	8.3	*5.0	4.2
Schizophrenia, mood disorders, delusional disorders, nonorganic psychoses	14.6	9.1	8.1	13.7	*8.8	7.9	15.2	9.4	8.3
Schizophrenia	15.6	*11.9	10.8	14.2	*11.4	9.9	16.5	*12.5	11.7
Mood disorders	14.7	*7.9	6.9	13.4	*7.3	6.7	15.4	*8.3	7.1
Heart disease	5.9	3.9	4.2	5.8	3.8	4.0	6.1	4.1	4.6
Ischemic heart disease	5.7	3.7	3.9	5.7	3.6	3.7	5.8	3.8	4.3
Heart attack	7.5	4.8	4.8	7.5	4.7	4.6	7.6	5.0	5.3
Arrhythmias	4.6	2.9	3.3	4.6	2.8	3.3	4.6	2.9	3.3
Heart failure	7.0	4.9	5.0	6.9	5.2	4.7	7.3	4.7	5.4
Hypertension	3.9	2.2	2.2	*4.3	2.0	2.3	3.6	2.4	2.2
Stroke	10.3	5.3	5.2	10.0	5.2	5.2	10.7	5.5	5.3
Pneumonia	8.0	5.8	5.2	8.0	6.0	5.3	7.9	5.7	5.1
Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease	6.5	4.7	4.9	6.8	5.0	4.1	6.2	4.4	5.5
Asthma	5.2	3.9	4.1	5.3	*3.2	3.9	5.2	4.0	4.2
Osteoarthritis	7.4	3.9	3.3	7.1	3.6	3.1	7.5	4.1	3.4
Intervertebral disc disorders	5.2	2.8	3.3	5.0	2.6	*3.5	5.4	3.1	3.0
Injury	6.5	5.1	5.7	6.6	5.5	*6.4	6.4	4.6	4.8
Fracture	7.6	5.6	*7.1	7.2	6.4	*	7.9	4.9	5.4
Poisoning and toxic effects	4.9	3.0	3.3	*	*2.9	3.0	4.3	3.1	3.6
Internal organ injury	*8.3	7.6	5.8	*	8.3	5.9	*8.1	*	5.6
Complications of care and adverse effects	7.9	6.1	6.0	8.4	5.9	6.1	7.4	6.4	6.0

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Age and first-listed diagnosis	Average length of stay ¹								
	Both sexes			Male			Female		
	1990	2000	2009–2010 ²	1990	2000	2009–2010 ²	1990	2000	2009–2010 ²
	Number of days								
65–74 years ³	8.0	5.7	5.4	7.8	5.6	5.6	8.1	5.7	5.3
Septicemia	*15.9	8.6	9.3	*	8.5	9.7	14.4	8.8	9.0
Cancer, all	9.4	7.0	6.4	9.9	6.9	6.8	9.0	7.1	5.9
Colorectal cancer	12.9	9.1	7.0	11.3	9.2	7.4	14.5	9.0	6.5
Lung/bronchus/tracheal cancer	9.2	7.0	5.9	8.7	6.8	6.0	10.2	*7.1	5.7
Breast cancer ⁴	...	...	...	...	...	...	4.4	*	2.1
Prostate cancer	...	...	...	6.5	3.8	2.2	...	...	...
Diabetes	8.4	5.9	5.4	9.1	6.2	5.8	8.0	5.6	5.2
Schizophrenia, mood disorders, delusional disorders, nonorganic psychoses	16.6	11.7	12.8	17.4	*11.7	13.0	16.3	11.7	12.7
Dementia and Alzheimer's disease	*12.6	*9.3	8.5	*10.4	*9.6	*8.4	*14.0	*8.9	8.7
Heart disease	7.0	4.8	4.7	7.0	4.7	4.6	7.0	4.9	4.7
Ischemic heart disease	6.6	4.6	4.2	6.8	4.3	4.2	6.3	4.9	4.3
Heart attack	8.4	5.9	5.2	8.8	5.3	5.1	7.8	6.6	5.3
Arrhythmias	5.7	3.8	3.6	5.6	3.8	3.4	5.8	3.7	3.8
Heart failure	8.4	5.5	5.0	7.9	5.7	4.9	8.8	5.4	5.2
Hypertension	4.3	2.6	2.1	*4.6	*2.7	2.1	4.1	2.4	2.1
Stroke	8.4	4.7	5.1	8.3	4.5	4.7	8.5	4.8	5.7
Pneumonia	9.5	6.4	5.7	9.5	6.4	5.8	9.5	6.3	5.6
Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease	8.2	4.8	4.6	8.6	4.5	4.4	7.7	5.0	4.7
Gallstones	6.6	4.4	5.0	6.9	*5.2	4.9	6.5	3.9	5.1
Kidney disease	10.4	7.6	6.2	8.4	6.9	5.9	*12.4	8.2	6.6
Urinary tract infection	8.0	4.8	4.0	7.2	5.1	4.2	8.4	4.7	3.9
Hyperplasia of the prostate	...	...	...	4.5	2.8	2.0	...	...	...
Osteoarthritis	9.3	4.7	3.5	8.8	4.7	3.4	9.5	4.7	3.6
Injury	9.2	5.6	5.6	8.4	5.7	6.3	9.7	5.6	5.2
Fracture	11.1	5.9	5.8	10.2	6.4	7.2	11.5	5.7	5.2
Hip fracture	*15.5	7.1	6.7	*11.8	*7.9	*8.9	*16.7	6.7	5.7
Complications of care and adverse effects	7.8	6.4	5.8	7.3	6.1	6.0	8.5	6.8	5.6
75–84 years ³	9.1	6.2	5.7	8.7	6.2	5.8	9.4	6.1	5.7
Septicemia	12.1	7.9	8.6	12.9	7.4	9.0	11.5	8.4	8.3
Cancer, all	10.4	7.2	6.5	9.3	7.2	6.5	11.7	7.2	6.5
Colorectal cancer	12.9	9.0	8.1	12.5	*9.3	8.3	13.2	8.8	8.0
Lung/bronchus/tracheal cancer	9.5	6.5	6.2	9.6	6.2	6.1	*9.4	6.9	6.2
Breast cancer ⁴	...	...	...	...	...	...	5.7	*3.2	*2.6
Prostate cancer	...	...	...	6.6	*5.1	*4.7	...	...	...
Diabetes	12.5	6.0	5.9	11.7	6.4	6.5	13.1	5.6	5.5
Schizophrenia, mood disorders, delusional disorders, nonorganic psychoses	15.8	10.8	12.5	*15.7	*11.6	*11.8	15.8	10.4	12.8
Dementia and Alzheimer's disease	*15.3	8.2	8.7	*12.8	7.6	7.7	*	8.6	9.4
Heart disease	8.0	5.3	5.0	8.1	5.4	5.0	7.8	5.3	4.9
Ischemic heart disease	7.9	5.1	4.8	8.5	5.2	4.9	7.4	5.1	4.5
Heart attack	9.7	6.2	5.7	10.1	5.8	5.8	9.3	6.6	5.7
Arrhythmias	6.6	4.2	4.5	6.5	4.3	4.5	6.7	4.1	4.5
Heart failure	8.0	5.9	5.3	7.7	6.1	5.2	8.2	5.8	5.3
Hypertension	6.0	2.6	2.7	*	*2.1	2.0	*5.6	2.8	3.0
Stroke	10.4	5.9	5.4	10.0	5.7	5.5	10.6	6.0	5.3
Pneumonia	10.4	6.3	5.7	9.8	6.4	5.7	11.0	6.3	5.8
Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease	8.0	4.9	4.7	6.6	4.8	4.7	*10.1	4.9	4.7
Gallstones	8.5	5.3	5.6	8.0	5.6	6.2	8.8	5.1	5.1
Kidney disease	10.5	7.4	6.2	11.0	8.2	5.6	*10.1	6.6	6.7
Urinary tract infection	11.0	5.2	4.9	8.1	5.5	5.3	12.3	5.1	4.8
Hyperplasia of the prostate	...	...	...	6.0	3.1	*	...	...	...
Osteoarthritis	10.1	4.6	3.7	9.9	4.4	3.6	10.2	4.7	3.8
Injury	10.1	6.8	6.1	8.9	*8.2	7.1	10.4	6.3	5.5
Fracture	11.0	7.4	6.1	10.0	*	7.1	11.2	6.7	5.7
Hip fracture	12.1	7.7	6.2	10.4	7.8	6.9	12.5	7.6	5.9
Complications of care and adverse effects	12.5	7.1	6.2	14.0	8.1	6.5	11.2	6.0	5.9

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Age and first-listed diagnosis	Average length of stay ¹								
	Both sexes			Male			Female		
	1990	2000	2009–2010 ²	1990	2000	2009–2010 ²	1990	2000	2009–2010 ²
	Number of days								
85 years and over ³	9.6	6.2	5.6	9.4	6.1	5.7	9.6	6.2	5.6
Septicemia	12.6	6.9	7.9	*11.8	6.7	8.6	12.9	6.9	7.4
Cancer, all	12.1	7.5	6.7	13.4	8.6	5.9	11.3	6.8	7.5
Colorectal cancer	22.4	*10.1	9.7	*	*	8.4	*21.1	8.2	10.5
Lung/bronchus/tracheal cancer	*	*8.0	5.0	*	*5.9	3.8	*	*	6.6
Breast cancer ⁴	...	...	...	...	...	...	*5.3	*	2.5
Prostate cancer	...	...	...	*7.5	*	5.3	...	...	...
Diabetes	9.1	5.5	5.2	*	*	5.8	9.2	4.9	4.9
Schizophrenia, mood disorders, delusional disorders, nonorganic psychoses	*	*10.5	*10.6	*	*	*8.4	*	*10.8	*12.2
Dementia and Alzheimer's disease	11.4	7.9	6.8	*	*8.8	7.3	*11.0	*7.6	6.5
Heart disease	8.1	5.2	4.9	7.8	5.1	5.2	8.2	5.3	4.8
Ischemic heart disease	7.5	5.4	4.9	6.8	5.4	4.9	7.9	5.4	4.8
Heart attack	9.8	6.7	5.7	8.9	6.4	5.9	10.3	6.9	5.6
Arrhythmias	8.3	4.4	4.3	*9.6	4.3	4.4	7.7	4.4	4.2
Heart failure	8.6	5.3	5.2	8.0	4.9	5.7	8.8	5.5	4.9
Hypertension	*	*4.2	2.9	*	*	2.8	*	*	2.9
Stroke	9.6	5.3	*7.4	9.6	5.6	5.5	9.5	5.1	*8.4
Pneumonia	10.9	7.0	5.9	11.1	6.1	5.3	10.7	7.5	6.3
Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease	*9.0	5.7	4.6	*7.8	5.5	4.5	*	5.7	4.6
Gallstones	10.3	5.8	5.5	*9.3	*5.6	6.4	10.7	*5.9	5.1
Kidney disease	*12.6	8.5	5.7	*	*9.0	5.3	*13.8	*8.2	5.9
Urinary tract infection	10.2	5.6	4.5	9.3	5.7	4.8	10.7	5.5	4.4
Hyperplasia of the prostate	...	...	...	6.6	*3.7	3.2	...	...	...
Osteoarthritis	10.5	4.7	3.9	*	*	3.7	*9.6	4.4	4.0
Injury	10.5	5.9	5.2	11.0	6.4	5.7	10.3	5.8	5.0
Fracture	11.1	6.1	5.3	11.2	6.4	5.8	11.1	6.0	5.2
Hip fracture	12.7	6.5	5.8	12.6	6.8	5.8	12.7	6.5	5.8
Complications of care and adverse effects	*11.7	*8.2	5.9	*10.7	*6.4	6.3	*12.3	*9.1	5.5

* Estimates are considered unreliable. Data preceded by an asterisk have a relative standard error (RSE) of 20%–30%. Data not shown have an RSE greater than 30%.

... Category not applicable.

¹Average length of stay is calculated by dividing days of care by number of discharges. See [Appendix II, Average length of stay; Days of care](#).

²Starting with 2008 data, the sample of nonfederal short-stay hospitals was cut in half. This smaller sample size has increased standard errors. Therefore, caution should be exercised in interpreting trends in these data. See [Appendix I, National Hospital Discharge Survey \(NHDS\)](#).

³Includes discharges with first-listed diagnoses not shown in table.

⁴Shown for females only.

NOTES: Excludes newborn infants. Diagnostic categories are based on the *International Classification of Diseases, 9th Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD–9-CM)*. See [Appendix II, Diagnosis; Human immunodeficiency virus \(HIV\) disease; International Classification of Diseases, 9th Revision, Clinical Modification \(ICD–9-CM\); Table X](#) for ICD–9-CM codes. Rates are based on the civilian population as of July 1. Starting with *Health, United States, 2003*, rates for 2000 and beyond are based on the 2000 census. Rates for 1990–1999 use population estimates based on the 1990 census adjusted for net underenumeration using the 1990 National Population Adjustment Matrix from the U.S. Census Bureau. Rates for 1990–1999 are not strictly comparable with rates for 2000 and beyond because population estimates for 1990–1999 have not been revised to reflect the 2000 census. See [Appendix I, National Hospital Discharge Survey \(NHDS\); Population Census and Population Estimates](#). Additional data and diagnosis categories are available from: <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/hdi.htm>. Data for additional years are available. See [Appendix III](#).

SOURCE: CDC/NCHS, National Hospital Discharge Survey. See [Appendix I, National Hospital Discharge Survey \(NHDS\)](#).