

Table 91. Hospital admissions, average length of stay, outpatient visits, and outpatient surgery, by type of ownership and size of hospital: United States, selected years 1975–2012

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

Type of ownership and size of hospital	1975	1980	1990	2000	2005	2010	2011	2012
Admissions								
Number, in thousands								
All hospitals	36,157	38,892	33,774	34,891	37,006	36,915	36,565	36,156
Federal	1,913	2,044	1,759	1,034	952	911	892	901
Nonfederal ¹	34,243	36,848	32,015	33,946	36,054	36,004	35,673	35,256
Community ²	33,435	36,143	31,181	33,089	35,239	35,149	34,843	34,422
Nonprofit	23,722	25,566	22,878	24,453	25,881	25,532	25,185	24,751
For profit	2,646	3,165	3,066	4,141	4,618	4,925	5,060	5,224
State-local government	7,067	7,413	5,236	4,496	4,740	4,693	4,598	4,447
6–24 beds	174	159	95	141	186	199	197	197
25–49 beds	1,431	1,254	870	995	1,173	1,169	1,173	1,128
50–99 beds	3,675	3,700	2,474	2,355	2,412	2,173	2,104	2,017
100–199 beds	7,017	7,162	5,833	6,735	6,678	6,125	6,022	5,920
200–299 beds	6,174	6,596	6,333	6,702	7,075	6,569	6,464	6,298
300–399 beds	4,739	5,358	5,091	5,135	6,025	5,835	5,851	5,660
400–499 beds	3,689	4,401	3,644	3,617	3,634	3,869	3,863	3,966
500 beds or more	6,537	7,513	6,840	7,410	8,054	9,210	9,169	9,235
Average length of stay ³								
Number of days								
All hospitals	11.4	10.0	9.1	6.8	6.5	6.2	6.1	6.1
Federal	20.3	16.8	14.9	12.8	11.6	11.8	10.8	9.9
Nonfederal ¹	10.8	9.6	8.8	6.6	6.3	6.1	6.0	6.0
Community ²	7.7	7.6	7.2	5.8	5.6	5.4	5.4	5.4
Nonprofit	7.8	7.7	7.3	5.7	5.5	5.3	5.2	5.2
For profit	6.6	6.5	6.4	5.4	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.3
State-local government	7.6	7.3	7.7	6.7	6.6	6.2	6.2	6.3
6–24 beds	5.6	5.3	5.4	4.3	4.2	4.3	4.5	4.4
25–49 beds	6.0	5.8	6.1	5.1	4.9	5.2	5.2	5.3
50–99 beds	6.8	6.7	7.2	6.5	6.4	6.4	6.5	6.8
100–199 beds	7.1	7.0	7.1	5.7	5.6	5.3	5.2	5.2
200–299 beds	7.5	7.4	6.9	5.7	5.3	5.1	5.1	5.1
300–399 beds	7.8	7.6	7.0	5.5	5.4	5.1	5.1	5.1
400–499 beds	8.1	7.9	7.3	5.6	5.5	5.3	5.3	5.2
500 beds or more	9.1	8.7	8.1	6.3	6.0	5.7	5.7	5.7
Outpatient visits ⁴								
Number, in thousands								
All hospitals	254,844	262,951	368,184	592,673	673,689	750,408	754,454	777,961
Federal	51,957	50,566	58,527	63,402	80,018	90,134	87,975	92,891
Nonfederal ¹	202,887	212,385	309,657	531,972	593,671	660,274	666,479	685,070
Community ²	190,672	202,310	301,329	521,405	584,429	651,424	656,079	674,971
Nonprofit	131,435	142,156	221,073	393,168	441,653	494,178	496,643	512,237
For profit	7,713	9,696	20,110	43,378	46,016	48,201	50,013	53,854
State-local government	51,525	50,459	60,146	84,858	96,760	109,045	109,423	108,880
6–24 beds	915	1,155	1,471	4,555	7,970	9,934	10,531	10,628
25–49 beds	5,855	6,227	10,812	27,007	35,172	43,099	45,098	46,693
50–99 beds	16,303	17,976	27,582	49,385	53,382	57,701	56,126	56,800
100–199 beds	35,156	36,453	58,940	114,183	121,053	120,902	120,555	123,765
200–299 beds	32,772	36,073	60,561	99,248	107,332	110,661	109,901	111,664
300–399 beds	29,169	30,495	43,699	73,444	85,366	90,515	95,282	93,787
400–499 beds	22,127	25,501	33,394	52,205	56,023	65,543	66,428	72,413
500 beds or more	48,375	48,430	64,870	101,378	118,131	153,067	152,158	159,222
Outpatient surgery								
Percent of total surgeries ⁵								
Community hospitals ²	---	16.3	50.5	62.7	63.3	63.6	64.2	64.5

--- 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. The types of facilities included in the community hospitals category have changed over time. See Appendix II, Hospital.

³Average length of stay is 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.

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