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Fast Facts on US Hospitals

The American Hospital Association conducts an annual survey of hospitals in the United States. The data below, from the 2016 AHA Annual Survey, are a sample of what you will find in [AHA Hospital Statistics, 2018](#) edition. The definitive source for aggregate hospital data and trend analysis, AHA Hospital Statistics includes current and historical data on utilization, personnel, revenue, expenses, managed care contracts, community health indicators, physician models, and much more.

AHA Hospital Statistics is published annually by Health Forum, an affiliate of the American Hospital Association. Additional details on AHA Hospital Statistics, including order information, are available at <http://www.aha.org/products-services/aha-hospital-statistics.shtml>

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Total Number of All U.S. Registered¹ Hospitals	5,534
Number of U.S. Community ² Hospitals	4,840
Number of Nongovernment Not-for-Profit Community Hospitals	2,849
Number of Investor-Owned (For-Profit) Community Hospitals	1,035
Number of State and Local Government Community Hospitals	956
Number of Federal Government Hospitals	209
Number of Nonfederal Psychiatric Hospitals	397
Other ³ Hospitals	88
Total Staffed Beds in All U.S. Registered¹ Hospitals	894,574
Staffed Beds in Community ² Hospitals	780,272
Total Admissions in All U.S. Registered¹ Hospitals	35,158,934

Admissions in Community ² Hospitals	33,424,253
Total Expenses for All U.S. Registered¹ Hospitals	\$991,531,841,000
Expenses for Community ² Hospitals	\$902,891,035,000
Number of Rural Community² Hospitals	1,825
Number of Urban Community² Hospitals	3,015
Number of Community Hospitals in a System⁴	3,231
Number of Community Hospitals in a Network⁵	1,689

¹Registered hospitals are those hospitals that meet AHA's criteria for registration as a hospital facility. Registered hospitals include AHA member hospitals as well as nonmember hospitals. For a complete listing of the criteria used for registration, please see [Registration Requirements for Hospitals](#).

²Community hospitals are defined as all nonfederal, short-term general, and other special hospitals. Other special hospitals include obstetrics and gynecology; eye, ear, nose, and throat; rehabilitation; orthopedic; and other individually described specialty services. Community hospitals include academic medical centers or other teaching hospitals if they are nonfederal short-term hospitals. Excluded are hospitals not accessible by the general public, such as prison hospitals or college infirmaries.

³Other hospitals include nonfederal long term care hospitals and hospital units within an institution such as a prison hospital or school infirmary. Long term care hospitals may be defined by different methods; here they include other hospitals with an average length of stay of 30 or more days.

⁴System is defined by AHA as either a multihospital or a diversified single hospital system. A multihospital system is two or more hospitals owned, leased, sponsored, or contract managed by a central organization. Single, freestanding hospitals may be categorized as a system by bringing into membership three or more, and at least 25 percent, of their owned or leased non-hospital preacute or postacute health care organizations. System affiliation does not preclude network participation.

⁵Network is a group of hospitals, physicians, other providers, insurers and/or community agencies that work together to coordinate and deliver a broad spectrum of services to their community. Network participation does not preclude system affiliation.

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