

The COVID-19 Snapshot is the American Hospital Association's look at what America's hospitals and front-line workers are facing as they provide care during the public health emergency. America's hospitals and health systems continue to face historic challenges, including unprecedented financial pressures. It is vitally important that hospitals and health systems receive further support and resources to ensure that they can continue to deliver critical care for patients and communities.

## BY THE NUMBERS: COVID-19 IN THE U.S.

(As of Jan. 13)

**130,383**  
current COVID-19 hospitalizations  
**▼** (1,987 decrease over the last 7 days)  
Source: [covidtracking.com/data/national](https://covidtracking.com/data/national)

**17.3%**  
year-over-year increase in total hospital expenses per adjusted discharge  
Source: Kaufman Hall National Hospital Flash Report: December 2020

**12.3%**  
7-day average positivity rate  
Source: [coronavirus.jhu.edu/testing/individual-states](https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/testing/individual-states)

**23,079,163**  
total COVID-19 cases in the U.S.  
**▲** (1,722,497 increase over the last 7 days)  
Source: [coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html](https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html)

**384,794**  
total COVID-19 deaths in the U.S.  
**▲** (23,713 increase over the last 7 days)  
Source: [coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html](https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html)

### States with the highest inpatient bed utilization (all patients):

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| 1. RI – <b>86.72%</b> | 4. SC – <b>81.57%</b> |
| 2. GA – <b>84.99%</b> | 5. DC – <b>80.19%</b> |
| 3. MD – <b>82.91%</b> |                       |
- Source: [protect-public.hhs.gov/pages/hospital-capacity](https://protect-public.hhs.gov/pages/hospital-capacity)

## FROM THE FRONT LINES

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The virus is spreading significantly across Georgia and many of our hospitals are operating above 100% capacity. In order to accommodate the increasing number of patients, we must act swiftly to address the serious staffing shortage we are facing as a nation.

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## IN THE NEWS

**U.S. Sets COVID-19 Death Record as Researchers Point to Asymptomatic Cases as a Major Source of Infections**  
– Washington Post –

**‘We’re Still Fighting This Fight’ Frontline Workers Witness Sobering Reality of COVID-19 as Hospitalizations Surge**  
– WCNC Charlotte –

**‘It’s What We Feared:’ Hospitals from Georgia to California Face Surging COVID-19 Cases, Staff Shortages and Rising Deaths**  
– USA Today –

**Central NC Hospitals Brace for Winter Surge of COVID-19 Cases**  
– WCNT 9, Greenville –

**Plano Hospital Sets Up Emergency Room Overflow Area in Lobby Amid COVID-19 Surge**  
– The Dallas Morning News –

**U.S. Sets COVID-19 Death Record for Second Week, Cases Surge**  
– Reuters –