

Fast Facts on U.S. Hospitals, 2024

The American Hospital Association conducts an annual survey of hospitals in the United States. The data below, from the 2022 AHA Annual Survey, are a sample of what you will find in AHA Hospital Statistics, 2024 edition. The definitive source for aggregate hospital data and trend analysis, AHA Hospital Statistics includes current and historical data on utilization, personnel, indicators, and much more. The AHA has also created Fast Facts Infographics to provide visualizations for this data.

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2023 PDF Infographics

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Γotal Number of All U.S. Hospitals	6,120
Number of U.S. Community ¹ Hospitals	5,129
Number of Nongovernment Not-for-Profit Community Hospitals	2,987
Number of Investor-Owned (For-Profit) Community Hospitals	1,219
Number of State and Local Government Community Hospitals	92:
Number of Federal Government Hospitals	20
Number of Nonfederal Psychiatric Hospitals	65
Other ² Hospitals	12.

Total Staffed Beds in All U.S. Hospitals	916,752
Staffed Beds in Community Hospitals	784,112
Total Admissions in All U.S. Hospitals	33,679,935
Admissions in Community ¹ Hospitals	31,555,807
Number of Rural Community Hospitals	1,810
Number of Urban Community Hospitals	3,319
Number of Community Hospitals in a System 10	3,510

- 1. **Community 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; long term acute-care; 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.
- 2. **Other 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.
- 3. System 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 pre-acute or post-acute health care organizations.

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