

Number, rate and average length of stay for discharges from short-stay hospitals by age, region, and sex: United States, 2009

[Discharges of inpatients from short-stay nonfederal hospitals. Excludes newborn infants]

Selected characteristic	Both sexes		Male		Female	
	Number	Standard error	Number	Standard error	Number	Standard error
	Number in thousands					
Total	36,120	3,772	14,721	1,540	21,398	2,247
Age						
Under 15 years	2,018	479	1,139	267	879	213
15-44 years	10,480	1,133	2,776	307	7,704	846
45-64 years	9,686	993	4,781	485	4,906	514
65 years and over	13,935	1,440	6,026	624	7,909	823
Region						
Northeast	8,085	1,567	3,487	691	4,597	885
Midwest	8,004	1,780	3,229	756	4,775	1,028
South	13,273	2,315	5,236	918	8,037	1,404
West	6,758	1,737	2,769	665	3,989	1,077
	Rate per 10,000 population \1					
Total	1,181.2	123.3	978.8	102.4	1,377.2	144.6
Age						
Under 15 years	326.1	77.4	359.9	84.4	290.8	70.6
15-44 years	838.3	90.7	439.0	48.6	1,247.2	136.9
45-64 years	1,221.3	125.2	1,235.4	125.3	1,207.8	126.5
65 years and over	3,521.5	363.8	3,581.7	371.0	3,476.9	361.7
Region						
Northeast	1,464.1	283.8	1,297.1	257.1	1,622.6	312.5
Midwest	1,199.6	266.8	983.7	230.2	1,408.7	303.2
South	1,178.4	205.5	949.7	166.6	1,397.8	244.1
West	949.0	244.0	778.6	186.9	1,119.0	302.1

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Average length of stay in days						
Total	4.9	0.13	5.3	0.15	4.6	0.13
Age						
Under 15 years	4.5	0.35	4.4	0.30	4.8	0.46
15-44 years	3.7	0.12	4.8	0.23	3.3	0.08
45-64 years	5.1	0.14	5.2	0.16	4.9	0.14
65 years and over	5.7	0.17	5.7	0.18	5.6	0.19
Region						
Northeast	5.6	0.38	6.1	0.41	5.3	0.38
Midwest	4.4	0.13	4.7	0.15	4.1	0.12
South	4.9	0.13	5.4	0.15	4.6	0.13
West	4.4	0.32	4.7	0.30	4.3	0.34

\1 Rates were calculated using U.S. Census Bureau 2000-based postcensal estimates of the civilian population as of July 1, 2009.