

Table 166. Hospital Use Rates by Type of Hospital: 1980 to 2005

Type of hospital	1980	1990	1995	2000	2002	2003	2004	2005
Community hospitals: ¹								
Admissions per 1,000 population ²	159	125	116	117	120	120	119	119
Admissions per bed.	37	34	35	40	42	43	43	44
Average length of stay (days) ³	7.6	7.2	6.5	5.8	5.7	5.7	5.6	5.6
Outpatient visits per admission	5.6	9.7	13.4	15.8	16.1	16.2	16.3	16.5
Outpatient visits per 1,000 population ²	890	1,207	1,556	1,852	1,932	1,937	1,946	1,976
Surgical operations (million ⁴)	18.8	21.9	23.2	26.1	27.6	27.1	27.4	27.5
Number per admission	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8
Nonfederal psychiatric:								
Admissions per 1,000 population ²	2.5	2.9	2.7	2.4	2.5	2.6	2.7	2.5
Days in hospital per 1,000 population ²	295	190	122	93	92	91	88	89

¹ Short term (average length of stay less than 30 days) general and special (e.g., obstetrics and gynecology; eye, ear, nose and throat; rehabilitation etc. except psychiatric, tuberculosis, alcoholism and chemical dependency). Excludes hospital units of institutions. ² Based on U.S. Census Bureau estimated resident population as of July 1. Estimates reflect revisions based on the 2000 census of population. ³ Number of inpatient days divided by number of admissions. ⁴ 18.8 represents 18,800,000.

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