

Health Care Indicators

Employment and Price Indicators for the Health Care Industry through 4th Quarter 2005

This report presents highlights from statistics on health care utilization, prices, expenses, employment, and work hours, as well as national economic activity, with brief analysis of these economic indicators. These statistics provide an indication of changes occurring in the health care sector and within the general economy. All chart data are produced by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), unless otherwise noted. *Please note that all percent changes are calculated from the same quarter of the previous year, unless otherwise noted.*

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The Effects of Hurricane Katrina on the *Health Care Indicators*

The effects of Hurricane Katrina and its aftermath are minimally visible in the data presented in the *Health Care Indicators* for Quarter 4, 2005. The Office of the Actuary continues to investigate the effects of Hurricane Katrina on its other products, including the National Health Expenditure Accounts and State Health Expenditure Accounts. For a complete discussion on the hurricane’s effects by the producers of our source data, please visit the Bureau of Labor Statistics website at www.bls.gov and the Bureau of Economic Analysis website at www.bea.gov.

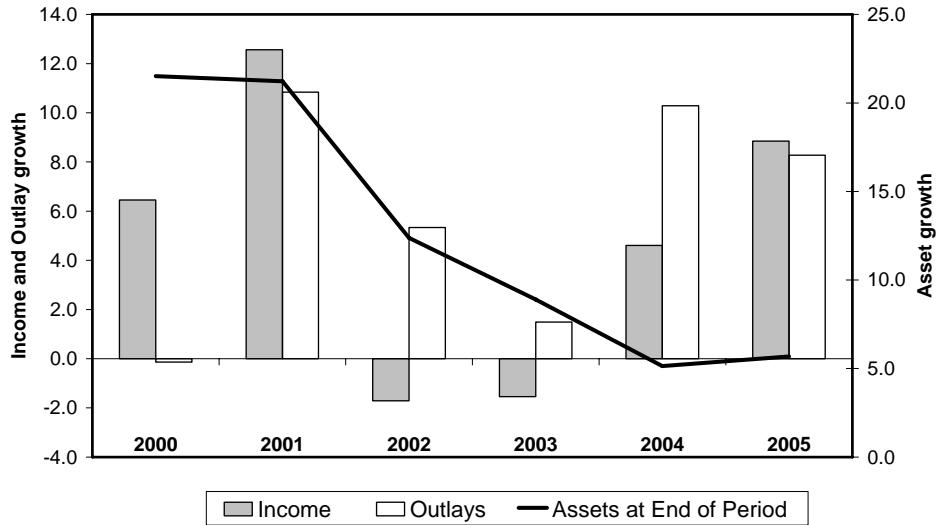
Data Changes to the *Health Care Indicators*

BLS Data Changes

1. Adoption of the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) at BLS.
 - With the release of March 2006 data, BLS’ Employment Cost Indexes (ECI) will publish industry categories based on the 2002 NAICS and classify jobs into occupational categories according to the 2000 Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) manual. Broad categories, such as civilian workers and private industry workers, are comparable for both the old and new classification systems; however, some detailed occupational and industry classification may not be comparable. For more detailed information on NAICS and SOC, see the BLS websites: <http://www.bls.gov/bls/naics.htm> and <http://www.bls.gov/soc/home.htm>. A schedule of BLS’ implementation of the NAICS is available at www.bls.gov/bls/naics_implementation.htm.

Medicare Trust Fund Operations

**Medicare Hospital Insurance (HI) Trust Fund, Percent Change in
Income, Outlays, and Assets from the Same Period of the Previous
Year: CY 2000-2005**



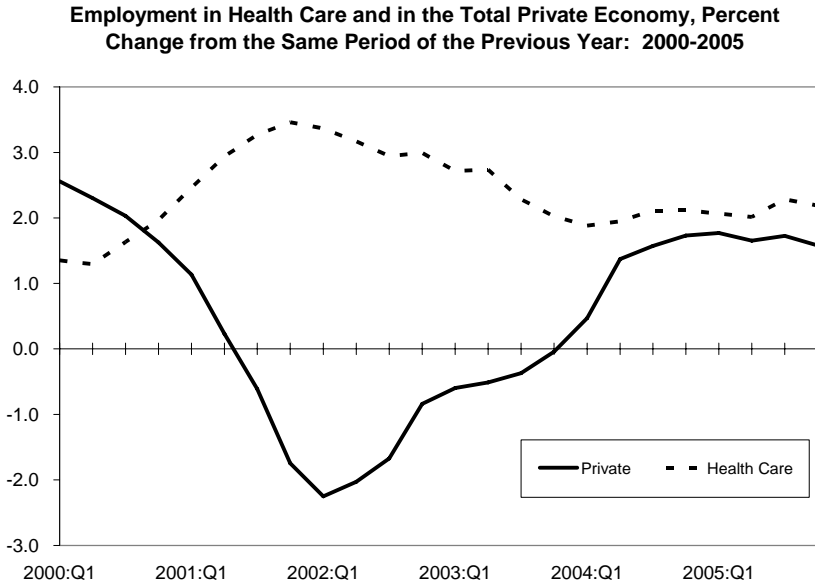
SOURCE: U.S. Treasury, *Monthly Treasury Statement*, Washington, D.C., January 2000-December 2005.

Medicare Hospital Insurance (HI, or Part A) trust fund income rose 5.6 percent in the fourth quarter of 2005 when compared to the same period in 2004 (Table 1). Growth in HI outlays declined 2.2 percent in the fourth quarter of 2005. On a calendar year basis, HI trust fund income rose 8.8 percent, virtually doubling income growth in 2004, which stood at 4.6 percent. Outlay growth, on the other hand, decelerated 2 percentage points in 2005, slowing to 8.9 percent growth in 2005. At the end of 2005, HI Trust Fund assets were \$287,062,000.

According to the 2006 Annual Report of the Board of Trustees, expenditures of Medicare's Hospital Insurance (HI) Trust Fund are projected to exceed taxes and other dedicated revenues in 2006. The Trustees project that growing deficits will exhaust HI trust fund reserves in 2018, under current financing arrangements. In addition, the Trustees state that, over time, the Medicare Supplementary Medical Insurance (SMI) Trust Fund will require substantial increases in both general revenue financing and beneficiary premium charges.

Health Care Industries

Employment

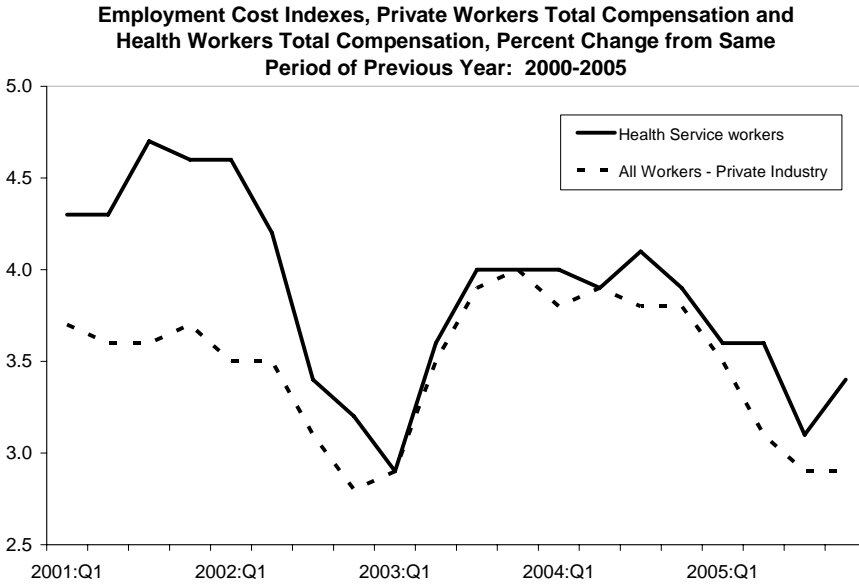


Health care services added 276,000 jobs to payrolls since the fourth quarter 2004, a growth of 2.3 percent. Health care employment growth outpaced the growth in total private employment, which was 1.7 percent for the same time period. The industries reporting the fastest employment growth over the year

within the health care sector were continuing care retirement centers (8.0%), outpatient care centers (5.0%), and home health care services (4.6%). However, within health care employment, private hospitals added 73,000 jobs – and hence contributed the largest number of total jobs.

While the number of jobs in the health services sector continues to rise, the growth rate has stabilized to a slower rate over the past three years. Despite this slower pace, increases in health services employment continue to exceed those in the rest of the total private economy. It is interesting to note the strong negative correlation between growth in total private employment and growth in health care employment; that is, as total private employment falls, health care employment tends to rise.

Hours and Earnings

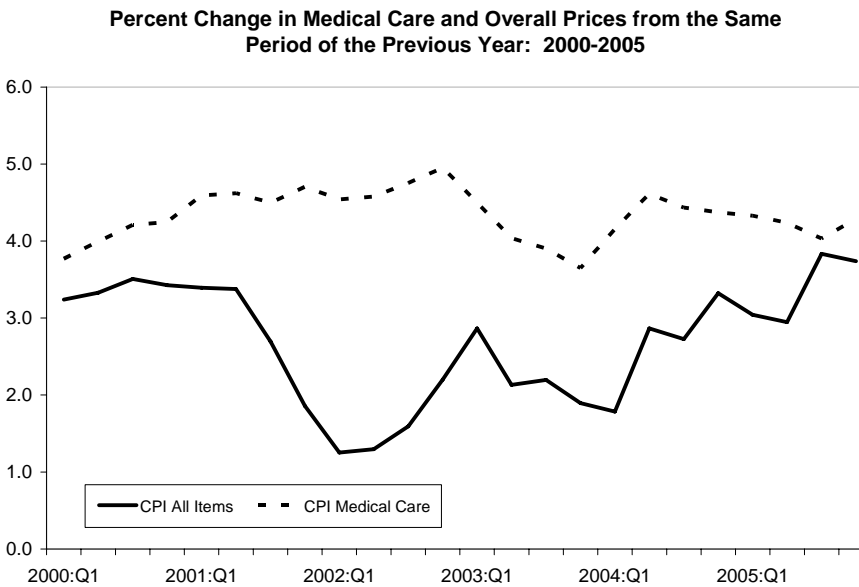


Total compensation growth in private health service workers and in total private workers trend very similarly; however, compensation for health service workers slightly outpaced growth for the total private economy since mid-2003.

In the fourth quarter of 2005, health care workers earned \$18.00 per hour on average, \$1.90 more than all

private sector employees. Within the health care industry, the highest paid workers were in the private hospital industry (earning on average \$21.30 per hour) while the lowest paid workers were in the nursing and residential care facilities (earning on average \$12.37 per hour). In 2005, average weekly hours for the private health care workers (33.3 hours) were very similar to the average weekly hours for the total private sector (33.8 hours).

Medical Care Services Prices



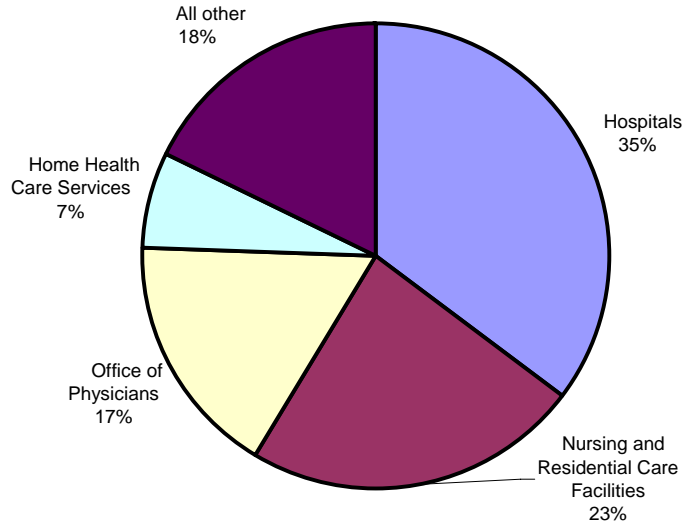
The CPI for medical care increased 4.3 percent in the fourth quarter of 2005, which is also the average price increase from 2001-2005. Medical care prices have historically grown faster than the prices for all items and that trend continues. Medical care *service* prices rose 4.6 percent in 2005:Q4 with prices for hospital and dental

services contributing most to the overall growth (Table 7). Medical care *commodity* prices rose 3.2 percent in 2005:Q4, with prices for prescription drugs rising 4.1 percent.

Health Care Industry 2005 and forward at a glance

In 2005, health care provided 12.3 million private sector jobs, approximately 11 percent of total private employment. Employment in hospitals accounted for 35.3 percent, nursing and residential care facilities 23.2 percent, physicians 17.1 percent, and home health 6.6 percent of total private health care employment.

Employment in Health Care by Industry Segment 2005

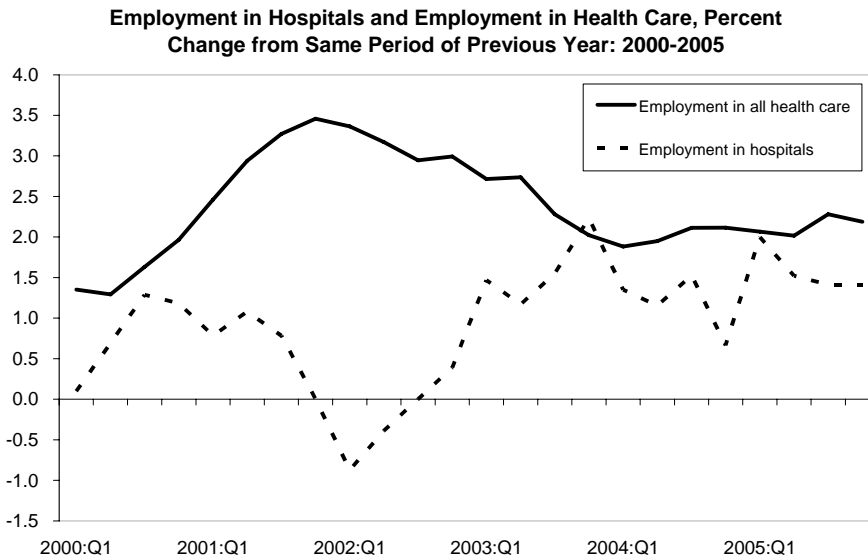


According to the 2006-2007 Career Guide to Industries published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, 8 out of 20 occupations projected to grow the fastest are in the health care sector, with home health occupations expected to be the fastest growing industry from 2004-2014. Employment in the health care industry is projected to increase 27 percent through 2014, compared with 14 percent for all industries combined. The only health service industry expected to grow at a slower rate than all industries is public and private hospitals. The slower growth outlook for this industry is likely due in part to the shift from inpatient to outpatient services.

Employment in health care by industry segment projected change, 2004-14	
<i>Source: BLS: 2006-2007 Career Guide to Industries</i>	
All industries	14.0%
Health Services	27.3%
Hospitals, public and private	13.1%
Nursing and residential care facilities	27.8%
Offices of physicians	37.0%
Home health care services	69.5%
Offices of dentists	31.7%
Offices of other health practitioners	42.7%
Outpatient care centers	44.2%
Other ambulatory health care services	37.7%
Medical and diagnostic laboratories	27.1%

Hospitals

Employment & Earnings



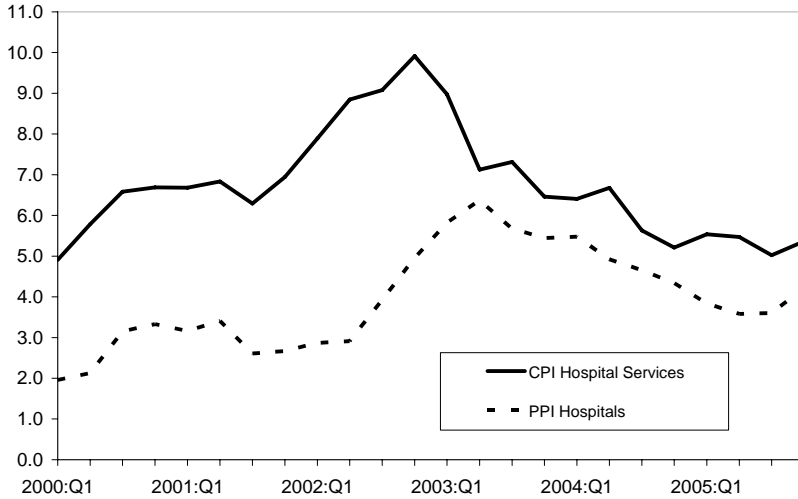
In the fourth quarter of 2005, hospital employment grew 1.7 percent over the same period in 2004, bringing total growth in 2005 to 1.3 percent. Hospital employment growth tracks similarly but grew more slowly in comparison to the overall health care employment trend, which grew between 2.0 and 2.3 percent in

each quarter of 2005, resulting in an annual growth rate for 2005 of 2.1 percent.

Hourly earnings for hospital workers grew 4.8 percent in 2005:Q4, exceeding hourly earnings growth for the overall health care industry by 0.8 percentage points. For 2005, earnings growth accelerated slightly to 4.9 percent from 4.8 percent in 2004 and continues to outpace earnings growth in the overall health care sector, which has held steady at 3.8 percent growth in 2004 and 2005.

Prices

Consumer Price Index and Producer Price Index for Hospital Services, Percent Change from Same Period of Previous Year: 2000-2005



Hospital prices, as measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI), grew 5.4 percent in quarter four 2005 relative to the same period in 2004. Prices have generally decelerated since a peak in 2002, but this deceleration appears to have moderated, as growth has fluctuated between 5.0 and 5.6 percent since the third

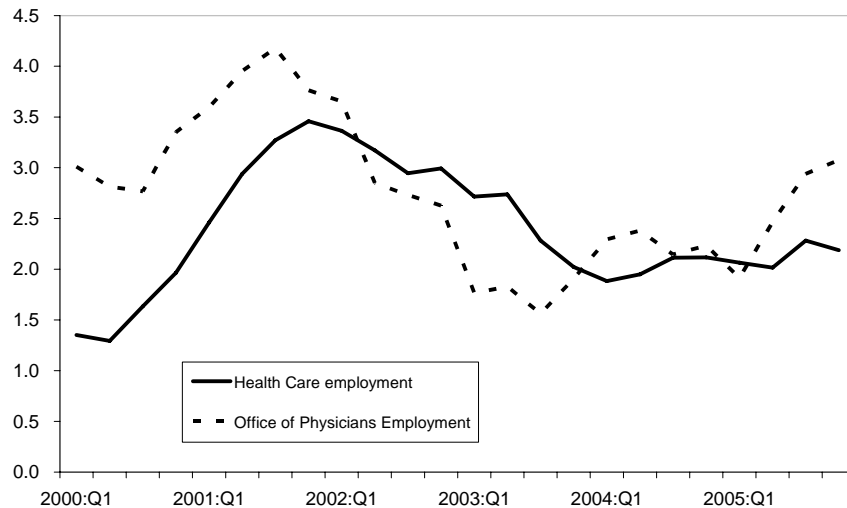
quarter of 2004. The Producer Price Index (PPI) for hospitals shows a similar generally decelerating growth trend overall, with growth reaching 4.3 percent in 2005:Q4.. Growth in prices typically accelerate in the fourth calendar year quarter (first federal fiscal year quarter) as they did in 2005, due to the fact that Medicare payment updates take effect in that quarter.

Physicians

Employment & Earnings

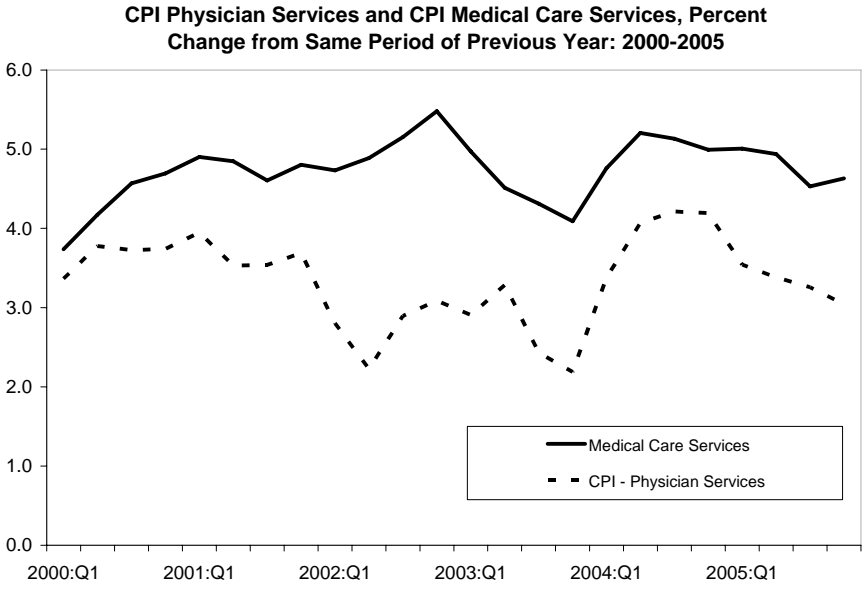
Employment in Office of Physicians grew 3.1 percent in the 2005:Q4, adding 1,753,000 jobs to payrolls since the 2004:Q4. Since the beginning of 2005 the rate of growth in physician employment has accelerated relative to the growth in all health care industries. The average hourly earnings for employees working in office of physicians were \$19.35 in 2005:Q4, a 3.9 percent increase from the prior year. The recent acceleration of employment and wages in this industry is likely a result of increased demand for

Employment in Health Care and in Office of Physicians, Percent Change from Same Period of Previous Year: 2000-2005



services as the population ages, as well as changing the mix of health services as more move from the inpatient to the outpatient setting.

Prices

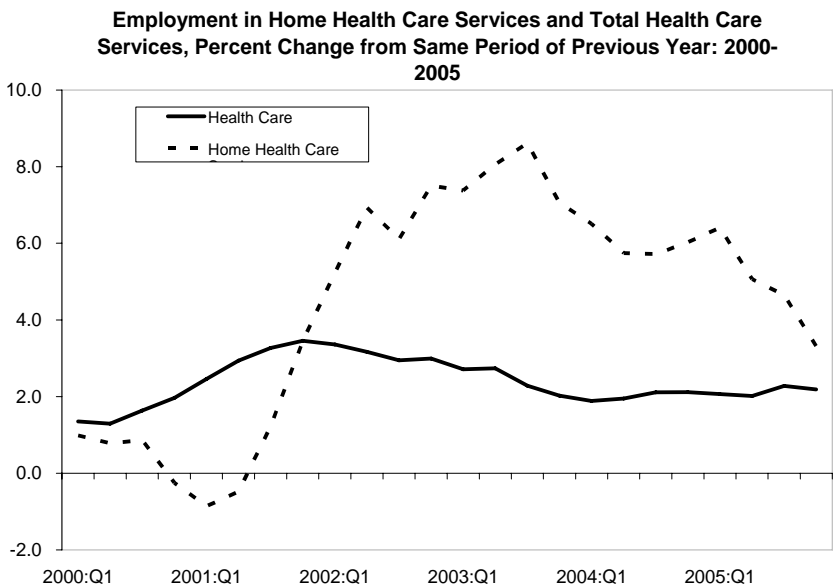


Over the past five years, the consumer price increases for physician services have been lower than the inflation for all medical services. Prices rose 3.0 percent in 2005:Q4 for physician services while the price of all medical care services increased 4.6 percent. The price increase for physician services was the lowest of all

medical care services in the 4th quarter. The decelerating price trends in 2005 are likely attributable to lower Medicare reimbursements and some private insurance reimbursement reductions.

Home Health Care

Employment



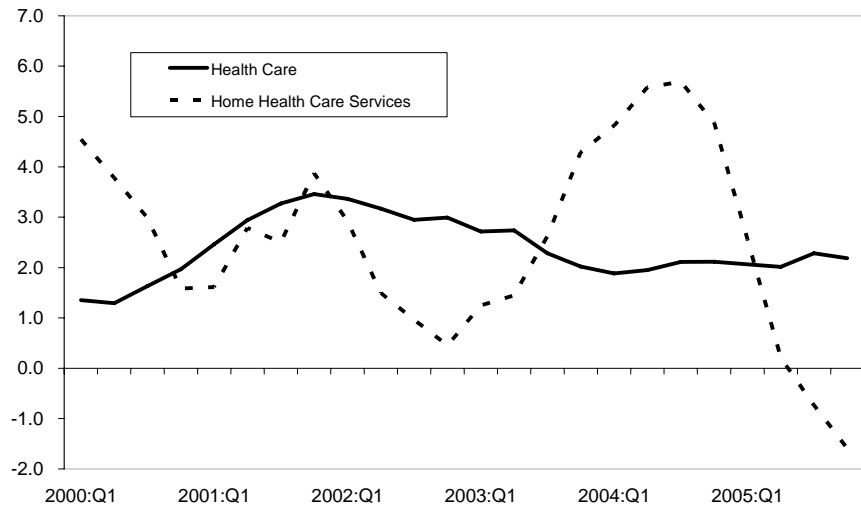
Employment in the home health care industry has grown rapidly since 2001. In 2005:Q4, there were 825,000 employees in the industry, an increase of 3.3 percent in one year. Since 2000, the number of new jobs has grown by 30 percent. The immediate growth after 2000 could be a result of the change from the Medicare home health interim payment

system (IPS) to the prospective payment system (PPS). Beginning in 2003, Medicare reduced annual payment updates to home health agencies by 0.8 percent of the estimated market basket increase. The deceleration in employment growth seems to coincide with these cutbacks. Since early 2002, new job growth in the home health industry has substantially outpaced the growth in health care service employment, although the trends have been gradually moving toward convergence since home health employment growth peaked in 2003:Q3.

Earnings

In 2005:Q4, the average hourly earnings for a home health care service worker were \$14.40. Average hourly earnings peaked at \$14.63 in the fourth quarter of 2004, and declined throughout 2005. The annual growth in average hourly earnings has been decelerating since mid-2004. This leveling off of earnings may be a result of a skill shift in

Average Hourly Earnings of Health Care Workers and Home Health Workers, Percent Change from Same Period of Previous Year: 2000-2005



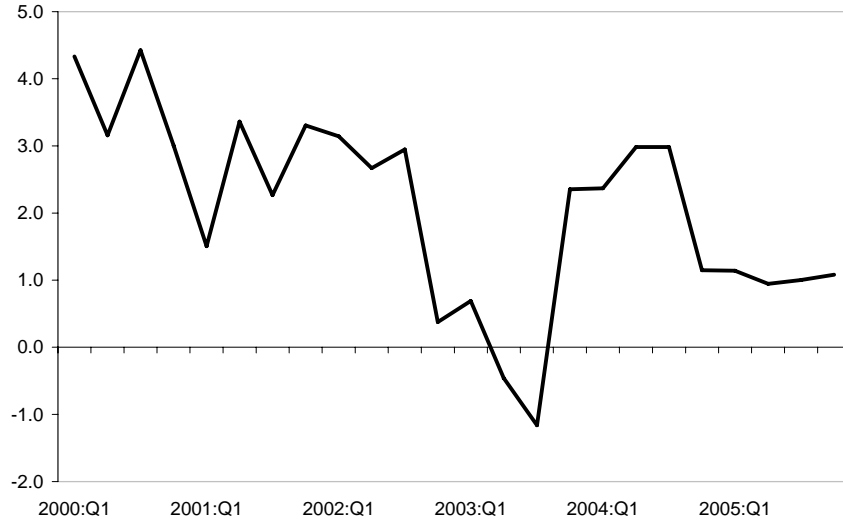
employment within the industry over time. In particular, occupational employment data shows that personal and home care service occupations have grown from 22.16 percent to 24.97 percent of total home health care industry employment from 2003 to 2005. The majority of workers included in this occupation are personal and home care aides – workers who require little or no formal training. By definition these workers, assist elderly or disabled adults with daily living activities at the person's home or in a daytime non-residential facility. Duties performed at a place of residence may include keeping house (making beds, doing laundry, washing dishes) and preparing meals.

Prices

Home health care prices, as measured by the PPI, increased 1.1 percent in 2005:Q4, remaining relatively stable over 2005. The increase in the aggregate home health care PPI has remained relatively stable since the beginning of 2005.

During 2001-05, growth rates of home health care prices averaged 1.7 percent, well below market basket rates, which averaged about 3.5 percent over the period. There is some speculation that these differences in rates are the result of the adoption of cost efficient practices among home health agencies. (Medicare Payment Advisory Commission, *Report to the Congress: Medicare Payment Policy*, March 2006).

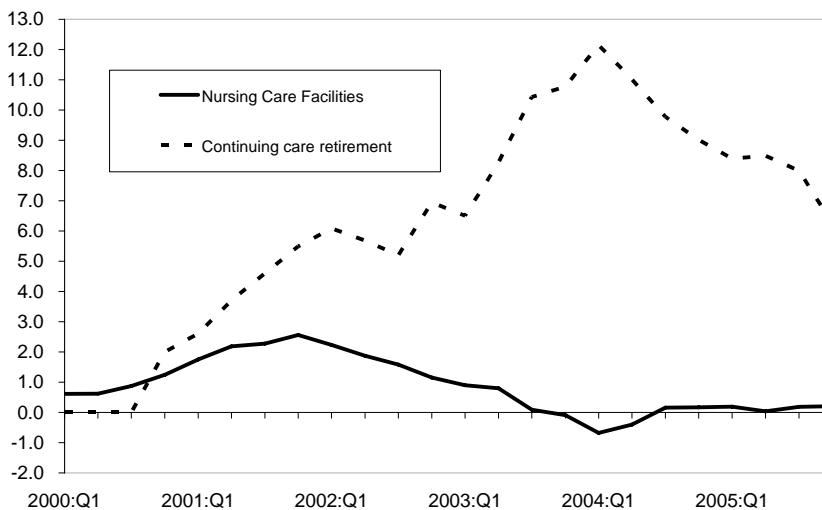
Producer Price Index for Home Health Care Services, Percent Change from Same Period of Previous Year: 2000-2005



Nursing Home Care & Continuing Care Retirement Facilities

Employment & Earnings

Employment in Nursing care facilities and Continuing Care Retirement Facilities, Percent Change from Same Period of Previous Year: 2000-2005



Employment in continuing care retirement communities grew 6.2 percent in 2005:Q4, as it has been the fastest growing employer in the health care sector since 2003:Q1 (Table 3). Nursing care facilities employment, on the other hand, continued to stagnate, growing 0.2 percent in 2005:Q4.

Despite the deceleration in employment growth present since its peak in late 2003, employment growth in continuing care retirement communities continues to outpace the employment growth experienced by the remainder of the health care sector.

Growth in earnings for Nursing Care Facility Workers rallied in 2005:Q4, growing 3.3 percent over the same period in the previous year. Earnings growth has been accelerating moderately since its most recent trough in 2003:Q4. While earnings growth for nursing care facility workers remains below the 4.0 percent growth experienced by the overall health sector, earnings growth for workers in Continuing Care Retirement Communities continues to accelerate more rapidly to 5.1 percent in 2005:Q4. These divergent trends in employment and earnings among long-term care facilities are likely due to differences in demand for those services.

Prices

Nursing home prices, as measured by the CPI, increased 3.0 percent in 2005:Q4 (Table 7). After reaching a peak of 5.8 percent in 2003:Q2, the increases in nursing home prices have fallen steadily.

Nursing home prices, as measured by the PPI for Skilled and Intermediate Care Facilities, increased 3.6

percent in 2005:Q4 (Table 7). Price increases have slowly decelerated since reaching a peak in 2003:Q2. The large decline in price increases from early 2001 through 2003 came from a slowdown in public payer increases. Since the first few months of 2004, public and private payer SNF price increases have been similar.

Consumer Price Index for Nursing Homes and the Producer Price Index for Skilled & Intermediate Care Facilities, Percent Change from Same Period of Previous Year: 2000-2005

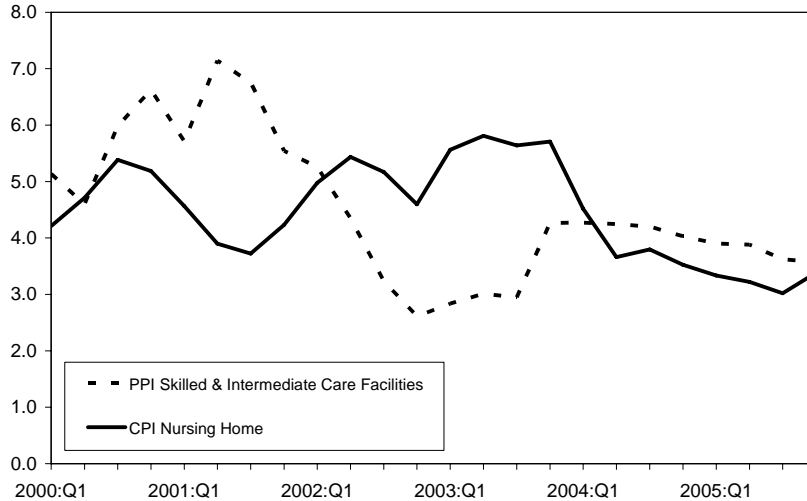


Table 1: Hospital Insurance and Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Fund Operations, 2002-2005

Indicator	Calendar Year				2003	2003	2003	2004	2004	2004	2004	2005	2005	2005	2005
	2002	2003	2004	2005	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
<u>Total Medicare Outlays in Millions of Dollars</u>	\$265,589	\$280,831	\$308,914	\$339,412	\$70,926	\$71,214	\$74,642	\$70,690	\$77,199	\$78,974	\$82,051	\$78,410	\$87,321	\$91,651	\$82,030
Hospital Insurance Trust Fund	152,422	154,688	170,607	184,721	39,857	39,166	41,097	40,180	43,163	42,577	44,687	44,021	48,165	48,832	43,703
Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Fund	113,167	126,143	138,307	154,691	31,069	32,048	33,545	30,510	34,036	36,397	37,364	34,389	39,156	42,819	38,327
<u>Hospital Insurance Trust Fund</u>															
Operations: In Millions of Dollars															
Income	\$178,554	\$175,800	\$183,889	\$200,162	\$53,588	\$37,325	\$45,992	\$39,720	\$55,018	\$40,084	\$49,067	\$43,756	\$60,202	\$44,371	\$51,833
Outlays	152,422	154,688	170,607	184,721	39,857	39,166	41,097	40,180	43,163	42,577	44,687	44,021	48,165	48,832	43,703
Difference	26,132	21,111	13,285	15,443	13,731	-1,841	4,895	-460	11,857	-2,492	4,380	-265	12,038	-4,460	8,130
Assets at End of Period ¹	237,223	258,334	271,619	287,062	255,280	253,439	258,334	257,874	269,731	267,239	271,619	271,354	283,392	278,932	287,062
<u>Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Fund</u>															
Operations: In Millions of Dollars															
Income	\$106,082	\$115,790	\$133,762	\$158,596	\$29,457	\$25,419	\$32,724	\$32,624	\$33,674	\$27,782	\$39,682	\$38,955	\$39,506	\$34,684	\$45,451
Outlays	113,167	126,143	138,307	154,691	31,069	32,048	33,545	30,510	34,036	36,397	37,364	34,389	39,156	42,819	38,327
Difference	-7,082	-10,353	-4,547	3,905	-1,612	-6,629	-822	2,113	-362	-8,616	2,318	4,566	350	-8,134	7,123
Assets at End of Period ¹	32,501	22,148	17,601	21,506	29,599	22,970	22,148	24,261	23,899	15,283	17,601	22,167	22,517	14,383	21,506
<u>Total Medicare Outlays</u>	7.9	5.7	10.0	9.9	6.2	6.4	4.1	10.4	8.8	10.9	9.9	10.9	13.1	16.1	0.0
Hospital Insurance Trust Fund	5.3	1.5	10.3	8.3	3.6	2.5	2.2	16.2	8.3	8.7	8.7	9.6	11.6	14.7	-2.2
Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Fund	11.6	11.5	9.6	11.8	9.6	11.7	6.6	3.5	9.5	13.6	11.4	12.7	15.0	17.6	2.6
<u>Hospital Insurance Trust Fund</u>															
Operations															
Income	-1.7	-1.5	4.6	8.8	-1.6	0.2	0.0	2.1	2.7	7.4	6.7	10.2	9.4	10.7	5.6
Outlays	5.3	1.5	10.3	8.3	3.6	2.5	2.2	16.2	8.3	8.7	8.7	9.6	11.6	14.7	-2.2
Assets at End of Period	12.4	8.9	5.1	5.7	9.8	9.5	8.9	6.8	5.7	5.4	5.1	5.2	5.1	4.4	5.7
<u>Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Fund</u>															
Operations															
Income	5.9	9.2	15.5	18.6	9.4	-1.3	20.6	15.7	14.3	9.3	21.3	19.4	17.3	24.8	14.5
Outlays	11.6	11.5	9.6	11.8	9.6	11.7	6.6	3.5	9.5	13.6	11.4	12.7	15.0	17.6	2.6
Assets at End of Period	-17.9	-31.9	-20.5	22.2	-25.6	-37.6	-31.9	-22.3	-19.3	-33.5	-20.5	-8.6	-5.8	-5.9	22.2

¹ As shown in the Monthly Treasury Statement. Excludes undisbursed balance.

NOTE: Q designates quarter of year. Quarterly data are not seasonally adjusted.

SOURCES: Monthly Treasury Statement of Receipts and Outlays of the United States Government. Financial Management Service, U.S. Department of the Treasury.

2006 Annual Reports of the Board of Trustees of the HI and SMI Trust Funds. Office of the Actuary, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

Table 2: Employment, Hours, and Earnings in Private¹ Health Service Establishments by Selected Type of Establishment, 2002-2005

Type of establishment	Calendar Year				2003	2003	2003	2004	2004	2004	2004	2005	2005	2005	2005
	2002	2003	2004	2005	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Total Employment in Thousands															
Nonfarm Private Sector ¹	108,828	108,416	109,814	111,660	108,559	109,076	109,171	107,360	110,047	110,791	111,060	109,260	111,865	112,703	112,813
Health Care	11,536	11,817	12,055	12,313	11,804	11,849	11,915	11,921	12,034	12,099	12,167	12,167	12,277	12,375	12,433
Ambulatory Health Care Services	4,633	4,786	4,952	5,110	4,774	4,806	4,852	4,869	4,939	4,974	5,028	5,033	5,093	5,136	5,178
Offices of Physicians	1,968	2,003	2,048	2,101	1,994	2,007	2,025	2,029	2,041	2,050	2,070	2,068	2,092	2,111	2,134
Offices of Dentists	725	744	760	771	743	750	750	749	761	764	767	763	770	776	773
Outpatient Care Centers	413	427	450	473	426	427	433	440	449	455	459	464	470	477	483
Home Health Care Services	680	733	777	814	731	739	753	752	773	782	799	801	813	818	825
Private Hospitals	4,160	4,245	4,285	4,347	4,244	4,252	4,263	4,260	4,280	4,297	4,301	4,305	4,333	4,370	4,380
Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	2,743	2,786	2,818	2,856	2,786	2,791	2,801	2,791	2,815	2,828	2,839	2,829	2,850	2,869	2,876
Nursing Care Facilities	1,573	1,580	1,577	1,579	1,582	1,579	1,580	1,568	1,576	1,582	1,582	1,571	1,577	1,584	1,586
Residential Mental Health Facilities	473	484	490	499	483	485	486	486	489	491	492	492	498	502	504
Continuing Care Retirement Communities	236	257	284	306	252	261	270	275	280	286	294	298	304	309	312
Nonsupervisory Employment															
Nonfarm Private Sector ¹	88,393	87,658	88,937	90,944	87,775	88,254	88,300	86,512	89,035	89,945	90,256	88,622	91,093	91,943	92,116
Health Care	10,258	10,426	10,582	10,802	10,424	10,447	10,485	10,464	10,561	10,624	10,678	10,683	10,778	10,853	10,895
Ambulatory Health Care Services	3,966	4,052	4,164	4,303	4,047	4,066	4,088	4,088	4,149	4,187	4,230	4,237	4,289	4,327	4,360
Offices of Physicians	1,636	1,638	1,660	1,703	1,633	1,641	1,644	1,645	1,656	1,662	1,676	1,674	1,696	1,712	1,732
Offices of Dentists	627	634	641	651	635	637	635	631	640	645	647	644	651	657	652
Outpatient Care Centers	359	368	386	403	368	367	372	378	385	391	392	397	401	406	409
Home Health Care Services	626	675	714	752	675	682	692	690	712	720	736	739	751	757	763
Private Hospitals	3,841	3,896	3,923	3,975	3,899	3,901	3,909	3,905	3,920	3,933	3,935	3,942	3,968	3,993	3,998
Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	2,451	2,477	2,495	2,523	2,478	2,480	2,488	2,472	2,492	2,505	2,513	2,504	2,522	2,533	2,534
Nursing Care Facilities	1,416	1,418	1,418	1,415	1,422	1,416	1,417	1,408	1,418	1,423	1,424	1,411	1,413	1,418	1,417
Residential Mental Health Facilities	414	422	424	430	421	424	424	422	423	426	425	424	424	431	432
Continuing Care Retirement Communities	214	232	253	274	228	235	243	246	249	255	262	266	273	277	280
Average Weekly Hours															
Nonfarm Private Sector ¹	33.9	33.7	33.7	33.8	33.7	33.8	33.8	33.5	33.7	33.9	33.7	33.5	33.8	33.9	33.9
Health Care	32.7	32.9	33.1	33.3	32.8	32.9	33.0	33.0	33.0	33.2	33.1	33.3	33.2	33.3	33.3
Ambulatory Health Care Services	31.1	31.2	31.3	31.5	31.3	31.0	31.2	31.3	31.3	31.2	31.3	31.5	31.5	31.4	31.8
Offices of Physicians	33.1	33.1	33.4	33.5	33.0	32.9	33.1	33.3	33.3	33.5	33.4	33.5	33.4	33.4	33.6
Offices of Dentists	27.2	27.3	26.9	27.1	27.5	27.0	27.1	27.0	27.1	26.7	27.0	27.3	27.1	26.6	27.4
Outpatient Care Centers	30.9	32.5	34.0	34.3	32.3	32.6	33.1	33.7	34.0	33.9	34.3	34.6	34.3	34.2	34.2
Home Health Care Services	28.4	29.0	28.8	29.1	29.0	28.8	28.8	28.7	28.7	28.8	29.0	28.9	29.0	29.1	29.3
Private Hospitals	34.3	34.8	35.2	35.8	34.6	34.9	35.1	35.0	35.0	35.4	35.4	35.7	35.6	35.9	35.9
Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	32.8	32.6	32.7	32.4	32.5	32.7	32.6	32.6	32.6	33.0	32.5	32.5	32.4	32.5	32.1
Nursing Care Facilities	32.5	32.2	32.3	32.3	32.1	32.3	32.1	32.2	32.2	32.6	32.1	32.2	32.2	32.4	32.3
Residential Mental Health Facilities	34.1	34.0	34.1	33.2	33.8	34.2	34.1	34.3	34.1	34.4	33.6	33.8	33.8	33.3	32.0
Continuing Care Retirement Communities	32.3	32.3	32.2	31.8	32.2	32.4	32.4	31.9	32.2	32.6	32.2	32.0	31.6	31.9	31.6
Average Hourly Earnings															
Nonfarm Private Sector ¹	14.95	15.35	15.67	16.11	15.28	15.34	15.47	15.56	15.59	15.68	15.84	15.97	16.00	16.11	16.34
Health Care	16.07	16.68	17.32	17.98	16.53	16.70	16.91	17.10	17.20	17.38	17.59	17.73	17.86	18.05	18.30
Ambulatory Health Care Services	16.25	16.87	17.44	17.86	16.74	16.91	17.06	17.23	17.34	17.51	17.66	17.70	17.75	17.86	18.14
Offices of Physicians	17.04	17.91	18.40	18.95	17.80	17.98	18.02	18.23	18.31	18.45	18.63	18.69	18.81	18.94	19.35
Offices of Dentists	17.78	18.38	18.96	19.40	18.18	18.40	18.72	18.77	18.89	19.05	19.13	19.13	19.21	19.38	19.87
Outpatient Care Centers	16.50	17.67	18.57	18.95	17.48	17.85	18.11	18.36	18.48	18.68	18.77	18.82	18.84	18.96	19.17
Home Health Care Services	13.37	13.69	14.41	14.42	13.55	13.71	13.95	14.21	14.31	14.49	14.63	14.57	14.34	14.38	14.40
Private Hospitals	18.63	19.37	20.30	21.30	19.16	19.38	19.70	19.99	20.12	20.40	20.70	20.94	21.11	21.44	21.70
Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	11.60	11.86	12.06	12.37	11.81	11.88	11.93	11.97	12.01	12.08	12.16	12.22	12.29	12.43	12.56
Nursing Care Facilities	12.13	12.52	12.75	13.08	12.46	12.58	12.61	12.65	12.70	12.79	12.85	12.93	13.00	13.14	13.26
Residential Mental Health Facilities	10.72	10.83	11.11	11.30	10.76	10.79	10.95	11.02	11.06	11.13	11.21	11.22	11.21	11.29	11.49
Continuing Care Retirement Communities	11.27	11.45	11.68	12.15	11.42	11.49	11.47	11.62	11.68	11.66	11.75	11.93	12.06	12.26	12.36
Addenda: Hospital Employment in Thousands															
Total	5,375	5,473	5,534	5,609	5,463	5,490	5,503	5,505	5,529	5,548	5,555	5,559	5,591	5,633	5,650
Private	4,160	4,245	4,285	4,347	4,244	4,252	4,263	4,260	4,280	4,297	4,301	4,305	4,333	4,370	4,380
Federal	227	233	245	249	231	237	239	243	245	246	248	249	249	248	249
State	349	348	348	347	348	348	347	347	348	348	349	347	347	348	349
Local	642	651	656	665	650	653	655	655	656	657	658	659	662	668	673

¹ Excludes hospitals, clinics, and other health-related establishments run by all governments.

NOTE: Data presented here conform to the 1997 North American Industrial Classification System. Q designates quarter of year. Quarterly data are not seasonally adjusted.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics: *Employment and Earnings*. Washington. U.S. Government Printing Office. Monthly reports for January 2001-June 2006.

Table 3: Percent Change in Employment, Hours, and Earnings in Private Health Service Establishments by Selected Type of Establishment, 2002-2005

Type of establishment	Calendar Year				2003	2003	2003	2004	2004	2004	2004	2005	2005	2005	2005
	2002	2003	2004	2005	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Total Employment in Thousands															
Nonfarm Private Sector ¹	-1.7	-0.4	1.3	1.7	-0.5	-0.4	0.0	0.5	1.4	1.6	1.7	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.6
Health Care	3.1	2.4	2.0	2.1	2.7	2.3	2.0	1.9	1.9	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.0	2.3	2.2
Ambulatory Health Care Services	3.8	3.3	3.5	3.2	3.5	3.3	3.0	3.3	3.5	3.5	3.6	3.4	3.1	3.3	3.0
Offices of Physicians	3.0	1.8	2.3	2.6	1.8	1.6	1.9	2.3	2.4	2.1	2.2	1.9	2.5	2.9	3.1
Offices of Dentists	2.8	2.7	2.1	1.4	2.8	3.1	2.0	1.9	2.4	1.9	2.3	1.9	1.2	1.6	0.8
Outpatient Care Centers	3.3	3.3	5.5	5.1	3.6	3.2	3.0	4.5	5.3	6.4	6.0	5.3	4.8	5.0	5.3
Home Health Care Services	6.5	7.8	6.0	4.8	8.1	8.6	7.1	6.5	5.7	5.7	6.0	6.4	5.1	4.6	3.3
Private Hospitals	2.7	2.0	0.9	1.5	2.5	1.7	1.4	1.0	0.8	1.1	0.9	1.0	1.2	1.7	1.8
Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	2.5	1.6	1.2	1.3	1.8	1.4	1.3	0.9	1.0	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.2	1.5	1.3
Nursing Care Facilities	1.7	0.4	-0.2	0.2	0.8	0.1	-0.1	-0.7	-0.4	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.2
Residential Mental Health Facilities	2.6	2.3	1.2	1.9	2.4	2.2	2.1	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.9	2.3	2.4
Continuing Care Retirement Communities	6.0	9.0	10.4	7.8	8.3	10.4	10.8	12.1	11.0	9.8	9.0	8.4	8.5	8.0	6.2
Nonsupervisory Employment															
Nonfarm Private Sector ¹	-1.8	-0.8	1.5	2.3	-1.1	-0.7	-0.4	0.2	1.4	1.9	2.2	2.4	2.3	2.2	2.1
Health Care	2.9	1.6	1.5	2.1	2.0	1.6	1.2	1.1	1.3	1.7	1.8	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.0
Ambulatory Health Care Services	3.4	2.2	2.7	3.4	2.5	2.3	1.6	2.0	2.5	3.0	3.5	3.6	3.4	3.3	3.1
Offices of Physicians	2.2	0.1	1.3	2.6	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.6	1.4	1.3	1.9	1.8	2.4	3.0	3.3
Offices of Dentists	2.8	1.2	1.1	1.6	1.7	1.6	-0.3	0.2	0.8	1.4	1.9	2.2	1.8	1.8	0.7
Outpatient Care Centers	2.5	2.4	5.1	4.4	3.0	2.2	2.3	3.8	4.7	6.5	5.3	5.2	4.3	3.9	4.1
Home Health Care Services	6.5	7.8	5.8	5.3	8.4	9.0	6.5	6.0	5.4	5.5	6.4	7.0	5.5	5.1	3.6
Private Hospitals	2.5	1.5	0.7	1.3	1.9	1.2	1.0	0.7	0.5	0.8	0.7	0.9	1.2	1.5	1.6
Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	2.5	1.1	0.7	1.1	1.3	1.0	0.8	0.4	0.6	1.0	1.0	1.3	1.2	1.1	0.8
Nursing Care Facilities	1.7	0.1	0.0	-0.2	0.5	-0.1	-0.3	-0.7	-0.3	0.5	0.5	0.3	-0.3	-0.4	-0.5
Residential Mental Health Facilities	2.8	1.9	0.4	1.4	2.0	1.9	1.6	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.6	2.0	1.2	1.6
Continuing Care Retirement Communities	6.3	8.1	9.1	8.3	7.4	9.3	9.8	11.0	9.5	8.4	7.7	8.1	9.3	8.8	6.9
Average Weekly Hours															
Nonfarm Private Sector ¹	-0.3	-0.5	0.0	0.1	-0.8	-1.0	-0.3	-0.1	0.1	0.4	-0.2	-0.1	0.1	-0.1	0.5
Health Care	0.2	0.6	0.5	0.7	0.7	-0.1	0.5	0.3	0.4	1.0	0.3	0.9	0.7	0.4	0.8
Ambulatory Health Care Services	1.1	0.5	0.1	0.9	1.0	-0.9	-0.6	-0.7	0.0	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.7	1.5
Offices of Physicians	1.1	0.1	0.8	0.4	-0.1	-1.0	-0.3	-0.3	1.0	1.7	0.8	0.5	0.4	-0.1	0.7
Offices of Dentists	-0.3	0.3	-1.3	0.5	1.7	-1.7	-1.2	-2.3	-1.7	-0.9	-0.5	1.1	0.0	-0.6	1.6
Outpatient Care Centers	1.6	5.1	4.6	0.9	4.5	4.9	5.9	5.5	5.3	4.1	3.6	2.6	0.8	0.7	-0.3
Home Health Care Services	2.9	1.9	-0.6	0.9	3.3	0.1	-1.7	-2.3	-0.9	0.0	0.8	0.7	1.0	1.0	0.9
Private Hospitals	-0.2	1.6	1.2	1.6	1.2	1.6	2.2	1.4	1.2	1.5	0.7	2.0	1.5	1.4	1.4
Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	-0.6	-0.6	0.1	-0.9	-0.8	-1.0	-0.3	-0.2	0.2	0.8	-0.4	-0.2	-0.6	-1.6	-1.1
Nursing Care Facilities	-1.0	-0.9	0.3	-0.1	-1.0	-1.2	-0.7	-0.3	0.3	1.0	0.0	0.1	-0.2	-0.7	0.4
Residential Mental Health Facilities	-0.4	-0.5	0.3	-2.6	-1.3	-0.5	0.4	1.2	1.0	0.6	-1.5	-1.5	-1.0	-3.2	-5.0
Continuing Care Retirement Communities	0.1	0.1	-0.3	-1.4	-0.1	-1.0	0.1	-1.1	-0.1	0.4	-0.5	0.2	-2.0	-1.9	-1.8
Average Hourly Earnings															
Nonfarm Private Sector ¹	2.9	2.7	2.1	2.8	2.9	2.6	2.0	1.7	2.1	2.2	2.4	2.6	2.6	2.8	3.1
Health Care	4.6	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.9	3.3	3.0	3.2	4.0	4.1	4.0	3.7	3.9	3.8	4.0
Ambulatory Health Care Services	4.2	3.8	3.4	2.4	3.9	3.3	3.0	2.8	3.6	3.5	3.5	2.7	2.3	2.0	2.7
Offices of Physicians	4.9	5.1	2.8	3.0	6.2	4.4	2.6	2.2	2.8	2.6	3.4	2.6	2.7	2.7	3.9
Offices of Dentists	6.2	3.4	3.1	2.3	2.3	2.5	3.6	3.0	3.9	3.5	2.2	1.9	1.7	1.8	3.9
Outpatient Care Centers	3.5	7.1	5.1	2.0	7.0	7.9	7.2	6.4	5.7	4.6	3.7	2.5	1.9	1.5	2.1
Home Health Care Services	1.4	2.4	5.2	0.1	1.4	2.6	4.3	4.8	5.6	5.7	4.9	2.6	0.2	-0.7	-1.6
Private Hospitals	5.1	4.0	4.8	4.9	3.9	3.4	3.3	3.9	5.0	5.2	5.1	4.8	4.9	5.1	4.8
Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	3.6	2.3	1.7	2.6	2.9	1.8	1.2	1.3	1.7	1.7	1.9	2.1	2.3	2.9	3.3
Nursing Care Facilities	3.8	3.2	1.8	2.6	3.8	3.0	2.2	1.8	2.0	1.7	1.9	2.2	2.3	2.8	3.2
Residential Mental Health Facilities	3.3	1.0	2.6	1.8	1.1	-0.1	0.7	1.9	2.9	3.1	2.4	1.8	1.3	1.5	2.5
Continuing Care Residential Communities	3.7	1.5	2.0	4.1	2.2	1.0	0.4	1.9	2.2	1.5	2.5	2.7	3.3	5.1	5.2
Addenda: Hospital Employment in Thousands															
Total	2.3	1.8	1.1	1.3	2.1	1.7	1.5	1.3	1.2	1.0	0.9	1.0	1.1	1.5	1.7
Private	2.7	2.0	0.9	1.5	2.5	1.7	1.4	1.0	0.8	1.1	0.9	1.0	1.2	1.7	1.8
Federal	-1.0	3.0	5.0	1.5	2.0	4.5	5.9	6.8	5.9	4.1	3.5	2.6	1.9	0.9	0.6
State	1.3	-0.5	0.0	-0.1	0.0	-0.9	-1.3	-0.3	0.0	-0.2	0.5	-0.1	-0.3	0.1	0.0
Local	2.1	1.5	0.8	1.4	1.7	1.5	1.5	1.3	0.9	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.9	1.6	2.3

¹ Excludes hospitals, clinics, and other health-related establishments run by all governments.

NOTE: Data presented here conform to the 1997 North American Industrial Classification System.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics: *Employment and Earnings*. Washington. U.S. Government Printing Office. Monthly reports for January 2001 - April 2006.

Q designates quarter of year. Quarterly data are not seasonally adjusted.

Table 4: Percent Change in Implied Nonsupervisory Payrolls, Aggregate Hours, and Various Employment Cost Indexes for the Total Economy and Private Health Service Establishments, 2002-2005

	Calendar Year				2003	2003	2003	2004	2004	2004	2004	2005	2005	2005	2005
	2002	2003	2004	2005	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Employment & Earnings (see tables 2,3)															
<u>Payrolls</u>															
Nonfarm Private Sector ¹	0.8	1.4	3.6	5.2	1.0	0.8	1.3	1.8	3.6	4.6	4.5	5.0	5.1	4.9	5.8
Health Care	7.8	6.3	6.1	6.8	6.7	5.1	5.0	4.8	6.1	7.0	6.4	6.9	6.6	6.6	7.1
Ambulatory Health Care Services	9.0	6.5	6.3	6.8	7.5	4.8	3.9	4.1	6.2	7.3	7.7	7.2	6.4	6.2	7.5
Offices of Physicians	8.4	5.3	5.0	6.1	6.4	3.4	2.2	2.6	5.3	5.7	6.2	4.9	5.6	5.6	8.1
Offices of Dentists	8.8	4.9	2.9	4.5	5.8	2.4	2.0	0.8	3.0	4.0	3.6	5.3	3.5	3.0	6.3
Outpatient Care Centers	7.8	15.3	15.5	7.4	15.1	15.7	16.1	16.6	16.5	15.9	13.2	10.5	7.1	6.3	6.0
Home Health Care Services	11.2	12.4	10.7	6.3	13.6	11.9	9.2	8.6	10.3	11.5	12.5	10.5	6.8	5.5	2.9
Private Hospitals	7.5	7.2	6.8	8.0	7.1	6.2	6.8	6.0	6.8	7.7	6.5	7.9	7.8	8.2	8.0
Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	5.5	2.8	2.5	2.8	3.4	1.8	1.7	1.5	2.5	3.6	2.5	3.2	2.8	2.4	2.9
Nursing Care Facilities	4.5	2.3	2.1	2.3	3.2	1.6	1.2	0.8	2.0	3.2	2.4	2.5	1.8	1.6	3.1
Residential Mental Health Facilities	5.8	2.5	3.2	0.4	6.9	4.5	-0.5	4.3	4.6	-7.8	10.7	7.3	7.1	22.4	7.2
Continuing Care Retirement Communities	10.4	9.9	10.9	11.1	9.7	9.2	10.7	11.8	11.8	10.5	9.5	11.2	10.7	12.2	10.5
<u>Aggregate Hours</u>															
Nonfarm Private Sector ¹	-2.0	-1.3	1.5	2.4	-1.9	-1.7	-0.7	0.1	1.5	2.3	2.0	2.3	2.4	2.1	2.6
Health Care	3.1	2.3	2.0	2.8	2.7	1.5	1.7	1.4	1.7	2.7	2.2	3.0	2.8	2.6	2.9
Ambulatory Health Care Services	4.6	2.7	2.9	4.3	3.5	1.4	0.9	1.3	2.5	3.6	4.0	4.3	4.0	4.1	4.6
Offices of Physicians	3.3	0.2	2.1	3.0	0.1	-0.9	-0.4	0.3	2.4	3.0	2.8	2.3	2.8	2.9	4.1
Offices of Dentists	2.4	1.5	-0.3	2.2	3.5	-0.1	-1.5	-2.1	-0.9	0.5	1.4	3.3	1.8	1.2	2.4
Outpatient Care Centers	4.1	7.6	9.9	5.3	7.6	7.2	8.3	9.6	10.2	10.8	9.2	7.9	5.1	4.7	3.8
Home Health Care Services	9.6	9.8	5.2	6.3	11.9	9.1	4.7	3.6	4.4	5.5	7.2	7.8	6.6	6.2	4.5
Private Hospitals	2.3	3.1	1.9	2.9	3.1	2.7	3.3	2.1	1.7	2.4	1.3	3.0	2.8	3.0	3.0
Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	1.9	0.5	0.8	0.2	0.5	0.0	0.5	0.2	0.8	1.8	0.6	1.1	0.6	-0.5	-0.3
Nursing Care Facilities	0.7	-0.8	0.2	-0.3	-0.5	-1.4	-1.0	-1.0	0.0	1.5	0.5	0.4	-0.5	-1.1	-0.1
Residential Mental Health Facilities	2.4	1.5	0.6	-1.3	0.7	1.4	2.0	1.7	1.2	0.9	-1.2	-1.0	1.3	-2.0	-3.4
Continuing Care Retirement Communities	6.4	8.2	8.7	6.8	7.3	8.1	9.9	9.7	9.4	8.9	7.2	8.3	7.2	6.7	5.0
<u>Employment Cost Indexes</u>															
Compensation															
	Difference from 4th Quarter of Previous Year														
All Workers - Civilian	0.6	-0.2	-0.6	-3.1	3.7	3.9	3.9	3.7	3.8	3.8	3.7	3.6	3.2	3.0	3.1
Health & Social Assistance Workers	0.2	0.1	-0.5	-3.4	3.6	4.0	3.8	4.0	3.9	4.1	3.9	3.6	3.6	3.1	3.4
Hospital Workers	-0.5	-0.3	0.0	-4.0	4.4	4.3	4.3	4.0	4.3	4.4	4.0	4.3	4.1	4.0	4.0
Nursing Home & Residential Care Workers	-0.4	-0.5	0.5	-3.5	3.6	3.7	3.5	3.5	3.2	3.1	3.0	2.6	3.0	3.2	3.5
All Workers - Private Industry	1.3	1.0	0.8	0.0	3.5	3.9	4.0	3.8	3.9	3.8	3.8	3.5	3.1	2.9	2.9
Health & Social Assistance Workers	1.1	1.0	0.9	0.0	3.6	4.0	4.0	4.0	3.9	4.1	3.9	3.6	3.6	3.1	3.4
Hospital Workers	0.8	0.9	1.0	0.9	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.2	4.4	4.5	4.0	4.4	4.2	4.1	4.2
Nursing Home & Residential Care Workers	0.7	0.9	0.7	1.5	3.6	3.7	3.5	3.5	3.2	3.1	3.0	2.4	2.7	2.9	3.3
All Workers - State and Local Government	1.2	0.8	1.1	1.0	4.3	3.7	3.5	3.4	3.5	3.4	3.6	3.6	3.5	3.9	4.1
Health & Social Assistance Workers	0.7	0.8	1.1	1.1	3.6	3.8	3.2	3.3	3.6	3.7	3.2	3.6	3.5	3.3	3.6
Hospital Workers	0.7	0.8	1.2	0.9	3.4	3.9	3.1	3.2	3.6	3.6	3.5	3.9	3.8	3.5	3.4
Wages and Salaries															
All Workers - Civilian	0.8	0.9	1.0	1.1	2.7	2.9	2.9	2.6	2.6	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.3	2.6
Health & Social Assistance Workers	0.6	1.1	1.0	0.9	2.9	3.3	3.1	3.3	3.1	3.3	3.2	3.2	3.1	2.6	3.0
Hospital Workers	0.7	0.8	1.0	1.0	3.6	3.6	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.2	3.4	3.5	3.3	3.4
Nursing Home & Residential Care Workers	0.6	0.8	1.0	1.3	2.9	2.6	2.4	2.5	2.1	2.1	2.3	2.4	2.8	3.0	3.2
All Workers - Private Industry	0.8	0.9	1.0	0.9	2.6	3.0	3.1	2.6	2.7	2.6	2.6	2.7	2.5	2.3	2.5
Health & Social Assistance Workers	0.7	1.2	0.9	0.9	3.0	3.3	3.2	3.4	3.1	3.4	3.4	3.2	3.2	2.7	3.0
Hospital Workers	0.7	0.8	1.0	1.0	3.9	3.8	3.6	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.4	3.5	3.6	3.6	3.6
Nursing Home & Residential Care Workers	0.6	0.8	0.9	1.3	3.0	2.8	2.5	2.6	2.2	2.2	2.4	2.3	2.7	2.8	3.1
All Workers - State & Local Government	1.0	0.7	1.1	1.2	3.1	2.4	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.3	2.3	2.6	3.1
Health & Social Assistance Workers	0.6	0.8	1.0	1.2	3.1	2.7	2.5	2.4	2.2	2.5	2.1	2.5	2.6	2.4	2.8
Hospital Workers	0.6	0.8	1.0	0.9	3.2	3.1	2.6	2.7	2.6	2.8	2.6	2.8	2.8	2.4	2.4
Benefits															
All Workers - Civilian	1.3	1.1	0.9	0.6	5.9	6.3	6.4	6.7	7.1	6.6	6.7	5.9	5.0	5.0	4.5
All Workers - Private Industry	1.3	1.2	0.8	0.5	5.8	6.3	6.5	6.8	7.3	6.7	6.7	5.5	4.7	4.5	4.0
All Workers - State & Local Government	1.4	1.0	1.0	0.8	6.8	6.7	6.3	6.4	6.6	6.5	6.7	6.7	6.3	6.5	6.3

¹ Excludes hospitals, clinics, and other health-related establishments run by all governments. Q designates quarter of year. Quarterly data are not seasonally adjusted.

Table 5: Selected National Economic Indicators, 2002-2005

Indicator	Calendar Year				2003	2003	2003	2004	2004	2004	2004	2005	2005	2005	2005
	2002	2003	2004	2005	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Gross Domestic Product															
Billions of Dollars	10,470	10,961	11,712	12,456	10,832	11,086	11,220	11,431	11,649	11,799	11,970	12,173	12,346	12,574	12,731
Billions of 1996 Chain Weighted Dollars	10,049	10,301	10,704	11,049	10,213	10,399	10,467	10,566	10,672	10,753	10,823	10,914	11,002	11,115	11,164
Implicit Price Deflator (1996 = 100.0)	104.2	106.4	109.4	112.7	106.1	106.6	107.2	108.2	109.2	109.7	110.6	111.5	112.2	113.1	114.0
Personal Income															
Personal Income in Billions	8,882	9,164	9,731	10,239	9,111	9,204	9,341	9,498	9,641	9,768	10,019	10,049	10,162	10,263	10,484
Disposable Income in Billions	7,830	8,163	8,682	9,036	8,088	8,261	8,326	8,482	8,607	8,706	8,931	8,891	8,970	9,048	9,236
Prices¹															
Consumer Price Index, All Items	179.9	184.0	188.9	195.3	183.7	184.6	184.6	186.3	188.9	189.6	190.7	191.9	194.5	196.9	197.9
All Items Less Medical Care	174.3	178.1	182.7	188.7	177.9	178.6	178.6	180.2	182.7	183.3	184.4	185.4	188.0	190.3	191.2
Energy	121.7	136.5	151.4	177.1	136.2	140.7	133.9	140.4	153.2	155.3	156.7	156.0	170.6	191.0	190.6
Food and Beverages	176.8	180.5	186.6	191.2	179.5	180.8	183.1	184.6	186.1	187.2	188.6	189.5	190.9	191.5	192.8
Medical Care	285.6	297.1	310.1	323.2	295.5	298.4	300.9	305.7	309.1	311.6	314.1	318.9	322.2	324.2	327.6
Producer Price² Index Finished															
Consumer Goods	139.4	145.3	151.7	160.5	144.2	145.8	147.0	148.2	151.6	151.9	155.0	156.0	158.6	162.2	165.0
Energy	88.8	102.0	113.0	132.6	100.7	104.4	101.5	106.2	111.9	115.2	118.6	119.6	126.6	139.2	145.0
Food	140.1	146.0	152.7	155.7	144.6	146.4	150.5	149.1	154.4	152.4	154.9	155.3	156.2	154.7	156.5
Finished Goods Except Food & Energy	157.7	157.9	160.3	164.3	157.3	157.1	159.2	159.5	159.9	159.6	162.3	163.7	164.0	164.1	165.3
Gross Domestic Product															
Billions of Dollars	3.4	4.8	7.0	6.4	4.0	5.3	6.1	6.9	7.6	6.6	6.8	6.5	6.1	6.7	6.4
Billions of 1996 Chain Weighted Dollars	1.6	2.7	4.2	3.5	2.0	3.2	4.0	4.7	4.6	3.8	3.8	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.2
Implicit Price Deflator (1996 = 100.0)	1.7	2.0	2.6	2.8	2.0	2.1	2.0	2.1	2.8	2.7	2.9	2.7	2.4	2.9	3.1
Personal Income															
Personal Income in Billions	1.8	3.2	5.9	5.4	2.5	3.6	4.5	5.2	5.4	5.6	7.5	6.2	5.9	5.4	4.2
Disposable Income in Billions	4.6	4.3	6.1	4.2	3.2	5.5	5.6	6.1	6.0	4.8	7.3	5.0	4.7	4.1	3.1
Prices¹															
Consumer Price Index, All Items	1.6	2.3	2.7	3.4	2.1	2.2	1.9	1.8	2.9	2.7	3.3	3.0	2.9	3.8	3.7
All Items Less Medical Care	1.4	2.2	2.6	3.3	2.0	2.1	1.8	1.7	2.7	2.6	3.2	2.9	2.9	3.8	3.7
Energy	-5.9	12.2	10.9	16.9	10.4	11.8	7.3	3.8	12.5	10.4	17.0	11.1	11.3	23.0	21.7
Food and Beverages	1.8	2.1	3.4	2.4	1.7	2.3	3.2	3.3	3.7	3.5	3.0	2.7	2.6	2.3	2.2
Medical Care	4.7	4.0	4.4	4.2	4.0	3.9	3.7	4.2	4.6	4.4	4.4	4.3	4.2	4.0	4.3
Producer Price² Index Finished															
Consumer Goods	-1.5	4.2	4.4	5.8	3.5	4.3	4.6	2.9	5.2	4.2	5.4	5.3	4.6	6.7	6.5
Energy	-8.1	14.9	10.7	17.4	13.1	14.0	10.2	4.7	11.1	10.3	16.8	12.6	13.2	20.8	22.3
Food	-0.9	4.2	4.6	2.0	3.7	5.1	8.0	4.7	6.8	4.1	2.9	4.2	1.1	1.5	1.1
Finished Goods Except Food & Energy	0.5	0.1	1.5	2.5	-0.3	0.1	0.6	1.0	1.7	1.6	1.9	2.7	2.6	2.8	1.8

¹ Base Period = 1982-84, unless noted.

² Formerly called the "Wholesale Price Index."

NOTE: Q designates quarter of year. Unlike tables 1-4, quarterly data on GDP, personal income, and disposable personal income, are seasonally adjusted at annual rates.

SOURCES: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis: *Survey of Current Business*. Washington. U.S. Government Printing Office. Monthly reports for January 2001 - January 2006;
U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics: CPI Detailed Report and Producer Price Indexes, Washington. U.S. Government Printing Office. Monthly reports for January 2001 - January 2005

Table 6: Index Levels in Medical Prices, 2002-2005

Indicator	Calendar Year				2003	2002	2002	2003	2003	2003	2003	2004	2004	2004	2004	2005	2005	2005	2005
	2002	2003	2004	2005	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Consumer Price Indexes, All Urban Consumers¹																			
Medical Care Services ²	292.9	306.0	321.3	336.7	304.2	294.6	298.3	301.9	304.2	307.3	310.5	316.3	320.0	323.0	326.0	332.1	335.8	337.7	341.1
Professional Services	253.9	261.2	271.5	281.7	260.7	254.9	256.5	258.6	260.7	262.0	263.4	267.7	271.0	273.0	274.2	278.2	281.5	282.7	284.5
Physicians' Services	260.6	267.7	278.3	287.5	267.2	261.9	263.7	265.7	267.2	268.3	269.5	274.6	278.1	279.6	280.8	284.4	287.5	288.7	289.3
Dental Services	281.0	292.5	306.9	324.0	291.9	282.6	284.3	287.1	291.9	294.6	296.6	301.2	305.7	309.3	311.4	318.2	323.7	325.4	328.7
Hospital and Related Services	367.8	394.8	417.9	439.9	389.8	370.7	379.9	387.5	389.8	397.4	404.4	412.0	415.0	419.4	425.2	434.3	437.4	440.1	447.6
Hospital Services (12/96=100)	134.7	144.7	153.4	161.6	142.8	135.8	139.3	142.1	142.8	145.7	148.3	151.2	152.3	153.9	156.1	159.5	160.7	161.6	164.4
Inpatient Hospital Services (12/96=100)	131.2	140.1	148.1	156.6	138.5	132.2	135.1	137.7	138.5	141.1	143.0	146.0	147.1	148.8	150.6	154.8	155.9	156.8	159.0
Outpatient Hospital Services (12/86=100)	309.8	337.9	356.3	373.0	333.1	313.1	324.6	331.9	333.1	340.6	346.1	351.7	354.6	356.7	362.1	367.7	370.4	373.1	380.7
Nursing Home Services (12/96=100)	127.9	135.2	140.4	145.0	134.8	128.8	129.7	132.9	134.8	136.1	137.1	138.9	139.7	141.3	141.9	143.5	144.2	145.5	146.7
Medical Care Commodities	256.4	262.8	269.3	276.0	261.8	257.7	259.0	260.7	261.8	264.2	264.6	266.5	269.1	270.3	271.2	272.6	274.6	276.9	280.0
Prescription Drugs	316.5	326.3	337.1	349.0	324.8	318.4	320.7	323.8	324.8	327.8	328.8	332.2	336.6	338.9	340.6	343.9	346.7	350.8	354.7
Non-prescription Drugs & Medical Supplies (1986=100)	150.4	152.0	152.3	151.7	151.7	150.8	150.6	150.6	151.7	153.0	152.6	152.5	152.4	152.0	152.1	150.8	151.5	151.4	153.2
Internal and Respiratory Over-the-Counter Drugs	178.8	181.2	180.9	179.7	181.0	179.6	179.2	179.1	181.0	182.8	181.7	181.6	181.7	180.5	180.0	177.9	179.6	179.8	181.4
Non-prescription Medical Equipment and Supplies	177.5	178.1	179.7	180.6	177.4	177.0	177.4	177.6	177.4	178.3	179.2	179.2	178.7	179.8	181.2	181.1	179.9	179.2	182.3
Producer Price Indexes³																			
Industry Groupings⁴																			
Offices and Clinics of Doctors of Medicine (12/93=100)	119.1	120.9	123.4	125.6	120.9	119.1	119.1	119.5	120.9	121.5	121.7	123.3	123.4	123.4	123.4	125.2	125.6	125.8	125.9
Hospitals (12/92=100)	127.5	134.9	141.5	146.8	134.1	128.1	130.5	132.7	134.1	135.3	137.6	140.0	140.7	141.6	143.5	145.3	145.7	146.7	149.6
General Medical and Surgical Hospitals (12/92=100)	127.9	135.3	141.9	147.3	134.4	128.4	130.9	133.0	134.4	135.7	138.0	140.4	141.2	142.1	144.0	145.8	146.2	147.0	150.2
Medicare Patients (12/92=100)	116.1	122.1	126.5	131.2	121.6	116.6	118.7	120.8	121.6	121.7	124.3	125.4	125.6	125.8	129.1	130.1	130.2	129.9	134.6
Medicaid Patients (12/92=100)	121.0	125.5	128.4	130.3	124.8	121.9	122.7	124.0	124.8	125.7	127.7	128.3	128.7	128.2	128.3	129.2	129.5	131.1	131.6
All Other Patients (12/92=100)	136.1	147.0	157.4	164.1	145.9	136.5	140.4	143.3	145.9	148.1	150.9	155.0	156.4	158.2	159.9	162.5	163.1	164.1	166.9
Nursing Care Facilities (12/94=100)	144.6	149.4	155.6	161.4	148.4	145.8	145.3	147.5	148.4	150.1	151.5	153.8	154.7	156.4	157.6	159.8	160.7	162.0	163.2
Public Payers (12/94=100)	146.2	149.5	155.6	161.3	148.5	147.5	146.1	147.6	148.5	150.2	151.8	153.4	154.5	156.5	157.8	159.5	160.5	161.8	163.3
Private Payers (12/94=100)	144.1	151.2	157.6	163.8	150.3	145.1	146.0	149.5	150.3	151.9	153.2	156.4	156.9	158.0	159.1	162.4	163.0	164.4	165.3
Medical Laboratories (6/94=100)	116.3	118.2	119.0	125.7	117.6	116.4	116.7	117.3	117.6	118.8	119.1	119.0	119.1	119.0	119.0	124.8	125.8	125.9	126.2
Home Health Care Services (12/96=100)	116.6	117.0	119.8	121.1	116.2	117.6	116.1	116.8	116.2	116.3	118.8	119.6	119.7	120.2	120.9	120.8	120.8	120.9	121.5
Medicare Payers (12/96=100)	118.2	114.7	117.7	119.2	113.3	119.5	114.8	114.9	113.3	113.2	117.2	117.3	117.5	117.4	118.4	119.3	118.8	118.8	119.9
Commodity Groupings																			
Drugs and Pharmaceuticals	265.8	274.7	284.5	298.3	273.8	266.1	268.2	271.5	273.8	275.9	277.5	280.8	284.6	285.5	287.1	291.3	296.0	302.6	303.1
Pharmaceutical Preparations (06/01=100)	102.7	107.3	112.0	117.9	106.7	103.0	104.2	105.5	106.7	107.9	108.8	110.2	112.2	112.5	113.2	114.8	116.7	120.0	120.2
Medical, Surgical, and Personal Aid Devices	150.9	154.7	157.8	159.2	154.4	151.0	151.8	154.1	154.4	154.7	155.7	157.4	157.9	158.4	157.4	158.7	158.9	159.2	159.8
Personal Aid Equipment	161.4	162.3	165.4	167.5	162.3	162.3	162.3	162.3	162.3	162.3	162.3	164.6	165.7	165.7	165.7	166.4	167.9	167.9	167.9
Medical Instruments and Equipment (6/82=100)	129.1	132.8	134.2	134.9	132.9	129.3	129.4	132.3	132.9	133.1	132.9	133.8	134.4	135.2	133.5	135.1	135.1	134.8	134.7
Surgical Appliances and Supplies (6/83=100)	174.0	178.2	184.3	186.0	177.0	173.8	175.9	177.6	177.0	177.5	180.8	183.8	184.2	184.2	185.1	184.9	185.6	186.3	187.2
Ophthalmic Goods (12/83=100)	119.3	120.0	120.8	121.8	119.8	119.4	119.4	119.6	119.8	120.1	120.3	120.7	120.7	120.9	120.9	121.3	121.4	122.0	122.5
Dental Equipment and Supplies (6/85=100)	172.0	179.1	182.3	187.0	179.2	171.6	173.0	177.4	179.2	179.6	180.2	182.4	183.8	184.6	178.5	185.1	184.9	187.1	190.9

¹ Unless otherwise noted, base year is 1982=84 = 100

² Includes the net cost of private health insurance, not shown separately.

³ Unless otherwise noted, base year is 1982 = 100. Producer price indexes are classified by industry (price changes received for the industry's output sold outside the industry) and commodity (price changes by similarity of end use or material composition).

⁴ Further detail for Producer Price Industry groupings, such as types of physician practices, hospital DRG groupings, etc., are available from BLS.

NOTE: Q designates quarter of year. Quarterly data are not seasonally adjusted. With the January 2004 data release, the Bureau of Labor Statistics converted industry-grouped PPIs from SIC-based PPIs to NAICS-based PPIs. Commodity groupings did not change.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics: *CPI Detailed Report and Producer Price Indexes*. Washington, U.S. Government Printing Office. Monthly reports for January 2000 - April 2006.

Table 7: Percent Change in Medical Prices, 2002-2005

Indicator	Calendar Year				2003	2003	2003	2004	2004	2004	2004	2005	2005	2005	2005
	2002	2003	2004	2005	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Consumer Price Indexes, All Urban Consumers¹															
Medical Care Services ²	5.1	4.5	5.0	4.8	4.5	4.3	4.1	4.8	5.2	5.1	5.0	5.0	4.9	4.5	4.6
Professional Services	3.0	2.9	4.0	3.8	3.1	2.8	2.7	3.5	4.0	4.2	4.1	3.9	3.9	3.6	3.8
Physicians' Services	2.8	2.7	4.0	3.3	3.3	2.4	2.2	3.4	4.1	4.2	4.2	3.5	3.4	3.3	3.0
Dental Services	4.5	4.1	4.9	5.6	4.0	4.2	4.3	4.9	4.7	5.0	5.0	5.6	5.9	5.2	5.5
Hospital and Related Services	8.7	7.4	5.9	5.3	7.1	7.2	6.4	6.3	6.5	5.5	5.1	5.4	5.4	4.9	5.3
Hospital Services (12/96=100)	8.9	7.4	6.0	5.3	7.1	7.3	6.5	6.4	6.7	5.6	5.2	5.5	5.5	5.0	5.4
Inpatient Hospital Services (12/96=100)	8.5	6.8	5.7	5.7	6.6	6.7	5.9	6.1	6.2	5.5	5.3	6.0	6.0	5.4	5.6
Outpatient Hospital Services (12/86=100)	10.2	9.1	5.4	4.7	9.0	8.8	6.6	6.0	6.5	4.7	4.6	4.5	4.4	4.6	5.2
Nursing Home Services (12/96=100)	5.0	5.7	3.9	3.2	5.8	5.6	5.7	4.5	3.7	3.8	3.5	3.3	3.2	3.0	3.4
Medical Care Commodities	3.6	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.2	2.2	2.8	2.3	2.5	2.3	2.0	2.5	3.2
Prescription Drugs	5.2	3.1	3.3	3.5	2.9	2.9	2.5	2.6	3.6	3.4	3.6	3.5	3.0	3.5	4.1
Non-prescription Drugs & Medical Supplies (1986=100)	-0.1	1.1	0.2	-0.4	1.2	1.5	1.3	1.2	0.5	-0.7	-0.3	-1.1	-0.6	-0.4	0.7
Internal and Respiratory Over-the-Counter Drugs	-0.1	1.3	-0.1	-0.7	1.8	1.8	1.4	1.4	0.4	-1.2	-0.9	-2.0	-1.1	-0.4	0.8
Non-prescription Medical Equipment and Supplies	-0.4	0.3	0.9	0.5	-0.1	0.8	1.1	0.9	0.7	0.8	1.1	1.0	0.7	-0.3	0.6
Producer Price Indexes³															
Industry Groupings⁴															
Offices and Clinics of Doctors of Medicine (12/93=100)	0.0	1.5	2.1	1.8	1.6	2.0	2.2	3.2	2.1	1.6	1.4	1.5	1.7	1.9	2.0
Hospitals (12/92=100)	3.7	5.8	4.8	3.8	6.4	5.7	5.4	5.5	4.9	4.7	4.3	3.8	3.6	3.6	4.2
General Medical and Surgical Hospitals (12/92=100)	3.6	5.8	4.9	3.8	6.3	5.7	5.4	5.6	5.0	4.7	4.4	3.8	3.6	3.4	4.3
Medicare Patients (12/92=100)	2.8	5.2	3.6	3.7	6.0	4.4	4.7	3.9	3.3	3.3	3.8	3.7	3.7	3.3	4.3
Medicaid Patients (12/92=100)	3.2	3.8	2.3	1.5	3.5	3.1	4.0	3.5	3.1	2.0	0.5	0.7	0.6	2.3	2.5
All Other Patients (12/92=100)	5.2	8.0	7.0	4.3	8.7	8.5	7.5	8.1	7.2	6.9	5.9	4.9	4.3	3.7	4.4
Nursing Care Facilities (12/94=100)	3.8	3.3	4.2	3.7	3.0	2.9	4.3	4.3	4.2	4.2	4.0	3.9	3.9	3.6	3.6
Public Payers (12/94=100)	3.7	2.3	4.0	3.7	1.9	1.8	3.9	3.9	4.0	4.2	4.0	4.0	3.9	3.4	3.5
Private Payers (12/94=100)	4.2	4.9	4.2	3.9	5.1	4.7	5.0	4.6	4.4	4.0	3.9	3.8	3.9	4.1	3.9
Medical Laboratories (6/94=100)	2.2	1.7	0.7	5.6	1.3	2.1	2.1	1.4	1.2	0.1	-0.1	4.8	5.7	5.8	6.1
Home Health Care Services (12/96=100)	2.3	0.4	2.4	1.0	-0.5	-1.2	2.4	2.4	3.0	3.0	1.2	1.1	0.9	1.0	1.1
Medicare Payers (12/96=100)	1.8	-3.0	2.6	1.3	-5.0	-5.3	2.1	2.1	3.8	3.7	1.0	1.7	1.1	1.2	1.3
Commodity Groupings															
Drugs and Pharmaceuticals	1.6	3.3	3.6	4.8	3.3	3.7	3.5	3.4	3.9	3.5	3.4	3.8	4.0	6.0	5.6
Pharmaceutical Preparations (6/01=100)	-	4.4	4.5	5.2	4.5	4.8	4.4	4.5	5.1	4.3	4.1	4.1	4.0	6.6	6.2
Medical, Surgical, and Personal Aid Devices	1.8	2.5	2.0	0.9	2.4	2.5	2.6	2.1	2.3	2.4	1.1	0.8	0.6	0.5	1.5
Personal Aid Equipment	4.0	0.5	1.9	1.3	0.1	0.0	0.0	1.4	2.1	2.1	2.1	1.1	1.3	1.3	1.3
Medical Instruments and Equipment (6/82=100)	1.7	2.9	1.0	0.5	2.9	2.9	2.7	1.1	1.1	1.6	0.5	1.0	0.5	-0.3	0.9
Surgical Appliances and Supplies (6/83=100)	2.1	2.4	3.4	0.9	2.2	2.1	2.8	3.5	4.1	3.8	2.3	0.6	0.7	1.1	1.1
Ophthalmic Goods (12/83=100)	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.5	0.6	0.8	0.9	0.8	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.6	1.0	1.4
Dental Equipment and Supplies (6/85=100)	0.9	4.1	1.8	2.6	4.3	4.7	4.2	2.8	2.6	2.8	-1.0	1.5	0.6	1.4	7.0

¹ Unless otherwise noted, base year is 1982-84 = 100

² Includes the net cost of private health insurance, not shown separately.

³ Unless otherwise noted, base year is 1982 = 100. Producer price indexes are classified by industry (price changes received for the industry's output sold outside the industry) and commodity (price changes by similarity of end use or material composition).

⁴ Further detail for Producer Price Industry groupings, such as types of physician practices, hospital DRG groupings, etc., are available from BLS.

NOTE: Q designates quarter of year. Quarterly data are not seasonally adjusted.