

Coal workers' pneumoconiosis: Estimated number of discharges from short-stay non-federal hospitals, 1970–2004

Year	Number of Discharges
1970	6,000
1971	8,000
1972	11,000
1973	13,000
1974	14,000
1975	17,000
1976	18,000
1977	18,000
1978	13,000
1979	18,000
1980	17,000
1981	14,000
1982	17,000
1983	22,000
1984	23,000
1985	18,000
1986	16,000
1987	17,000
1988	15,000
1989	11,000
1990	7,000
1991	11,000
1992	10,000
1993	8,000
1994	9,000
1995	16,000
1996	11,000
1997	15,000
1998	8,000
1999	8,000
2000	10,000
2001	6,000
2002	9,000
2003	7,000
2004	5,000

NOTE: Number of discharges has been rounded. The National Center for Health Statistics recommends that, in statistical comparisons, estimates of less than 5,000 not be used and that estimates of 5,000 to 10,000 be used with caution. See appendices for source description and methods.

SOURCE: National Center for Health Statistics National Hospital Discharge Survey.