

Estimated number of discharges from short-stay nonfederal hospitals, 1970–2003

Year	Number of Discharges
1970	300
1971	400
1972	100
1973	2,000
1974	1,000
1975	1,000
1976	1,000
1977	1,000
1978	3,000
1979	3,000
1980	4,000
1981	2,000
1982	2,000
1983	4,000
1984	6,000
1985	6,000
1986	6,000
1987	11,000
1988	8,000
1989	8,000
1990	5,000
1991	7,000
1992	11,000
1993	8,000
1994	10,000
1995	9,000
1996	13,000
1997	14,000
1998	15,000
1999	14,000
2000	20,000
2001	19,000
2002	22,000
2003	12,000

NOTE: Number of discharges has been rounded. NCHS 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.