

**Table 36. Number, percent distribution, and average length of stay for newborn infants discharged from short-stay hospitals by sex, geographic region, and health status: United States, 1998**

[Discharges of inpatients from non-Federal hospitals]

Sex, region, and health status	Discharges		Average length of stay in days
	Number in thousands	Percent distribution	
All newborn infants . . . . .	3,838	100.0	3.2
Sex			
Male . . . . .	1,976	51.5	3.2
Female . . . . .	1,861	48.5	3.3
Region			
Northeast . . . . .	731	19.1	3.5
Midwest . . . . .	866	22.6	2.9
South . . . . .	1,328	34.6	3.4
West . . . . .	913	23.8	3.1
Health status			
Well <sup>1</sup> . . . . .	2,316	60.3	2.0
Male . . . . .	1,144	29.8	2.0
Female . . . . .	1,172	30.5	2.0
Sick <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	1,522	39.7	5.1
Male . . . . .	833	21.7	4.9
Female . . . . .	689	18.0	5.4

<sup>1</sup>Without any illness or risk-related diagnoses.<sup>2</sup>With at least one illness or risk-related diagnosis, ICD-9-CM codes 001-999.**Table 37. Number and percent distribution of newborn infants discharged from short-stay hospitals by length of stay, and average length of stay by health status: United States, selected years 1980-98**

[Discharges of inpatients from non-Federal hospitals]

Length of stay and health status	1980	1985	1990	1995	1998
Length of stay					
All newborn infants . . . . .	3,824	3,794	3,869	3,631	3,838
Less than 1 day . . . . .	69	84	79	87	50
1 day . . . . .	270	428	693	1,523	882
2 days . . . . .	842	1,057	1,624	1,145	1,893
3 days . . . . .	1,175	1,034	636	486	540
4 days . . . . .	618	528	447	134	187
5-7 days . . . . .	633	497	232	106	121
8 days or more . . . . .	218	167	157	149	165
Percent distribution					
All newborn infants . . . . .	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Less than 1 day . . . . .	1.8	2.2	2.0	2.4	1.3
1 day . . . . .	7.1	11.3	17.9	41.9	23.0
2 days . . . . .	22.0	27.9	42.0	31.5	49.3
3 days . . . . .	30.7	27.3	16.4	13.4	14.1
4 days . . . . .	16.2	13.9	11.6	3.7	4.9
5-7 days . . . . .	16.5	13.1	6.0	2.9	3.1
8 days or more . . . . .	5.7	4.4	4.1	4.1	4.3
Average length of stay in days					
All newborn infants . . . . .	4.3	3.8	3.3	2.8	3.2
Well <sup>1</sup> . . . . .	3.2	2.8	2.3	1.7	2.0
Sick <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	7.1	5.7	4.8	4.4	5.1

<sup>1</sup>Without any illness or risk-related diagnoses.<sup>2</sup>With at least one illness or risk-related diagnosis, ICD-9-CM codes 001-999.