

Uncompensated Hospital Care in Oregon 1995 to 2003

What is uncompensated care?

Uncompensated care is the total amount of health care services, based on full, established charges, provided to patients who are unable or unwilling to pay. Uncompensated care includes both unbilled charity care and bad debt (services billed but not paid), both described in more detail below.

The Office for Oregon Health Policy and Research (OHPR) collects uncompensated care data from annual hospital audited financial reports and a state reporting form (FR3). OHPR reports uncompensated care and its components as a percentage of gross patient revenue. This controls for hospital size as well as annual changes in hospital revenue.

What is charity care?

Charity care consists of health care services provided to people who are determined by the hospital to be unable to pay for the cost of health care services. Hospitals will typically determine a patient's inability to pay by examining a variety of factors, such as individual and family income, assets, employment status, family size, or availability of alternative sources of payment. A hospital may establish inability to pay at the time care is provided or through later efforts to gather adequate financial information to make an eligibility determination. As stated above, charity care is based on full, established charges, which are generally above the amounts paid by insured individuals.

Note that hospitals do not apply a uniform set of guidelines for determining eligibility for free or discounted care, making it difficult to interpret the burden of charity care across hospitals.

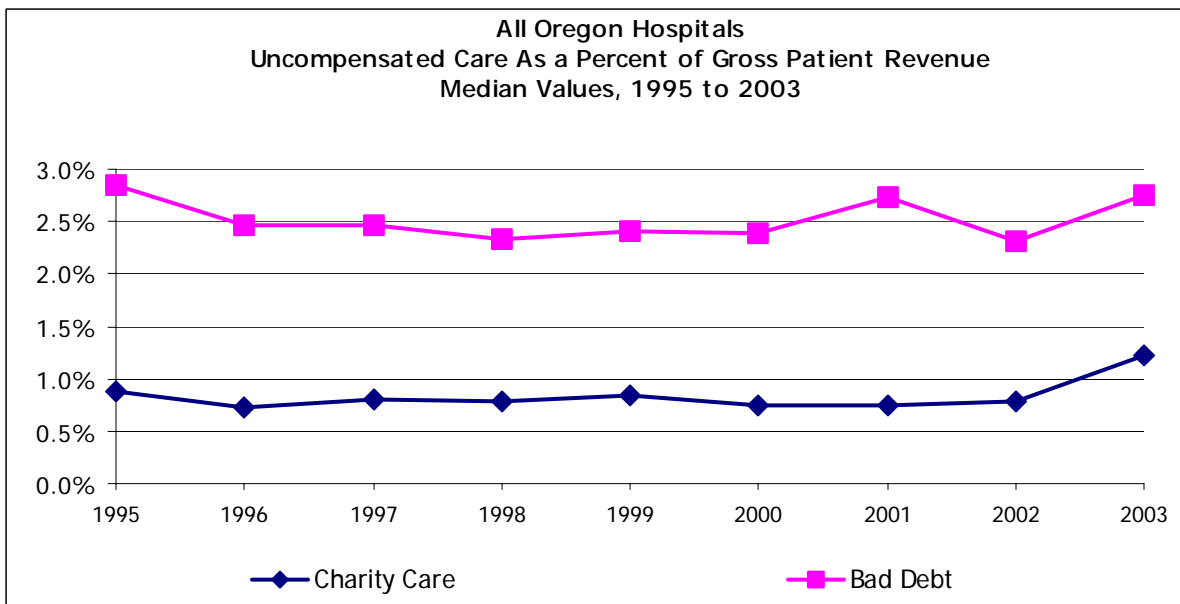
What is bad debt?

Bad debt is the unpaid obligation for care provided to patients who have been determined to be able to pay, but have not done so. Services are billed, but not paid. For insured patients, certain amounts that are patient responsibility, such as deductibles and coinsurance, are counted as bad debt if not paid.

How do we interpret uncompensated care data and why is it important?

Trends in uncompensated care can be difficult to interpret. They can be an indicator of uninsurance trends in the community but may also reflect changes in hospital policies in determining eligibility for charity care. A small amount of charity care may be a function of little need in a particular hospital's community.

The level of uncompensated care is important to hospitals because it has direct impact on their budget. It is important to both employers and individuals because hospitals may also pass the cost on to private payers, which could then show up as increased health insurance premiums.



Source: Hospital Audited Financials and State Financial Reporting Form (FR3), 1995-2003.

Uncompensated Care in Oregon Hospitals - 2003

Facility Name	Gross Patient Revenue (GPR)	Charity Care	Charity Care/GPR	Bad Debts	Bad Debts/GPR	Total Uncompensated Care	Uncomp Care/GPR
Adventist Medical Center	\$334,563,000	\$5,321,000	1.6%	\$7,433,000	2.2%	\$12,754,000	3.8%
Ashland Community Hospital	\$60,726,058	\$576,716	0.9%	\$1,007,332	1.7%	\$1,584,048	2.6%
Bay Area Hospital	\$149,660,745	\$1,242,630	0.8%	\$4,078,272	2.7%	\$5,320,902	3.6%
Blue Mountain Hospital District	\$9,246,362	\$22,224	0.2%	\$119,493	1.3%	\$141,717	1.5%
Columbia Memorial Hospital	\$42,062,705	\$136,324	0.3%	\$2,054,256	4.9%	\$2,190,580	5.2%
Coquille Valley Hospital	\$10,667,111	\$0	0.0%	\$555,333	5.2%	\$555,333	5.2%
Cottage Grove Community Hospital	\$13,804,706	\$145,625	1.1%	\$527,520	3.8%	\$673,145	4.9%
Curry General Hospital	\$11,709,906	\$49,292	0.4%	\$424,606	3.6%	\$473,898	4.0%
Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center (Corvallis)	\$220,946,585	\$2,459,643	1.1%	\$3,640,000	1.6%	\$6,099,643	2.8%
Good Shepherd Medical Center	\$55,767,829	\$442,557	0.8%	\$2,715,003	4.9%	\$3,157,560	5.7%
Grande Ronde Hospital	\$41,729,593	\$552,731	1.3%	\$1,041,709	2.5%	\$1,594,440	3.8%
Harney District Hospital	\$8,363,450	\$32,810	0.4%	\$358,121	4.3%	\$390,931	4.7%
Holy Rosary Medical Center	\$71,683,551	\$1,009,617	1.4%	\$4,771,587	6.7%	\$5,781,204	8.1%
Lake District Hospital	\$10,853,341	\$22,464	0.2%	\$234,154	2.2%	\$256,618	2.4%
Legacy Emanuel Hospital	\$584,898,000	\$8,196,000	1.4%	\$19,247,000	3.3%	\$27,443,000	4.7%
Legacy Good Samaritan Hospital and Medical Center	\$344,709,000	\$3,268,000	0.9%	\$5,829,000	1.7%	\$9,097,000	2.6%
Legacy Meridian Park Hospital	\$159,386,000	\$1,118,000	0.7%	\$3,540,000	2.2%	\$4,658,000	2.9%
Legacy Mt. Hood Medical Center	\$87,715,000	\$1,825,000	2.1%	\$3,877,000	4.4%	\$5,702,000	6.5%
Lower Umpqua Hospital	\$16,163,843	\$61,380	0.4%	\$334,112	2.1%	\$395,492	2.4%
McKenzie-Willamette Medical Center	\$119,838,804	\$368,733	0.3%	\$4,703,753	3.9%	\$5,072,486	4.2%
Mercy Medical Center	\$219,288,450	\$2,514,740	1.1%	\$5,892,042	2.7%	\$8,406,782	3.8%
Merle West Medical Center	\$147,368,638	\$1,495,302	1.0%	\$3,750,644	2.5%	\$5,245,946	3.6%
Mid-Columbia Medical Center	\$90,793,218	\$2,830,928	3.1%	\$1,804,083	2.0%	\$4,635,011	5.1%
Mountain View Hospital District*	\$16,192,221	*See note		\$992,731	6.1%	\$992,731	6.1%
OHSU Hospital	\$977,431,000	\$16,838,000	1.7%	\$18,994,000	1.9%	\$35,832,000	3.7%
Peace Harbor Hospital	\$40,822,248	\$1,404,220	3.4%	\$524,878	1.3%	\$1,929,098	4.7%
Pioneer Memorial Hospital (Heppner)	\$4,479,321	\$56,404	1.3%	\$99,055	2.2%	\$155,459	3.5%
Pioneer Memorial Hospital (Prineville)	\$20,902,458	\$215,651	1.0%	\$1,121,204	5.4%	\$1,336,855	6.4%
Providence Hood River Memorial Hospital	\$54,291,000	\$1,923,000	3.5%	\$772,000	1.4%	\$2,695,000	5.0%
Providence Medford Medical Center	\$187,784,056	\$6,493,311	3.5%	\$3,296,596	1.8%	\$9,789,907	5.2%
Providence Milwaukie Hospital	\$93,803,000	\$3,288,000	3.5%	\$2,589,000	2.8%	\$5,877,000	6.3%
Providence Newberg Hospital	\$57,667,000	\$2,214,000	3.8%	\$1,063,000	1.8%	\$3,277,000	5.7%
Providence Portland Medical Center	\$739,334,000	\$19,363,000	2.6%	\$10,031,000	1.4%	\$29,394,000	4.0%
Providence Seaside Hospital	\$38,249,000	\$1,372,000	3.6%	\$876,000	2.3%	\$2,248,000	5.9%
Providence St. Vincent Medical Center	\$907,664,000	\$20,277,000	2.2%	\$10,421,000	1.1%	\$30,698,000	3.4%
Rogue Valley Medical Center	\$341,986,000	\$4,494,616	1.3%	\$7,717,000	2.3%	\$12,211,616	3.6%
Sacred Heart Medical Center	\$578,500,556	\$7,547,998	1.3%	\$8,727,559	1.5%	\$16,275,557	2.8%
Salem Hospital	\$383,284,249	\$8,385,034	2.2%	\$10,861,119	2.8%	\$19,246,153	5.0%

Source: Audited Financial Statements and State Financial Reporting Form (FR3), FY2003.
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Samaritan Albany General Hospital	\$85,944,152	\$624,640	0.7%	\$3,282,973	3.8%	\$3,907,613	4.5%
Samaritan Lebanon Community Hospital (Mid Valley Healthcare)	\$62,134,522	\$1,650,206	2.7%	\$2,110,441	3.4%	\$3,760,647	6.1%
Samaritan North Lincoln Hospital	\$39,061,281	\$585,992	1.5%	\$2,038,411	5.2%	\$2,624,403	6.7%
Samaritan Pacific Communities Hospital	\$52,017,661	\$989,613	1.9%	\$2,058,070	4.0%	\$3,047,683	5.9%
Santiam Memorial Hospital	\$22,807,113	\$164,770	0.7%	\$1,467,368	6.4%	\$1,632,138	7.2%
Silverton Hospital	\$72,603,784	\$604,748	0.8%	\$4,047,735	5.6%	\$4,652,483	6.4%
Southern Coos Hospital and Health Center	\$8,150,120	\$33,926	0.4%	\$141,000	1.7%	\$174,926	2.1%
St. Anthony Hospital	\$43,494,998	\$652,822	1.5%	\$1,122,000	2.6%	\$1,774,822	4.1%
St. Charles Medical Center (Bend)	\$280,384,720	\$6,006,880	2.1%	\$7,432,980	2.7%	\$13,439,860	4.8%
St. Charles Medical Center (Redmond)	\$38,234,280	\$819,120	2.1%	\$1,210,020	3.2%	\$2,029,140	5.3%
St. Elizabeth Health Services	\$31,151,968	\$324,904	1.0%	\$1,074,044	3.4%	\$1,398,948	4.5%
Three Rivers Community Hospital and Health Center	\$145,488,000	\$1,912,320	1.3%	\$4,620,000	3.2%	\$6,532,320	4.5%
Tillamook County General Hospital	\$46,952,000	\$1,593,000	3.4%	\$950,000	2.0%	\$2,543,000	5.4%
Tuality Community Hospital	\$214,226,936	\$5,592,661	2.6%	\$5,946,700	2.8%	\$11,539,361	5.4%
Wallowa Memorial Hospital	\$10,553,028	\$20,004	0.2%	\$321,271	3.0%	\$341,275	3.2%
West Valley Community Hospital	\$13,221,468	\$56,935	0.4%	\$2,023,154	15.3%	\$2,080,089	15.7%
Willamette Falls Hospital	\$109,404,220	\$1,236,014	1.1%	\$3,174,293	2.9%	\$4,410,307	4.0%
Willamette Valley Medical Center	\$128,303,876	\$7,665	0.0%	\$3,484,612	2.7%	\$3,492,277	2.7%
State Median	na	na	1.3%	na	2.7%	na	4.6%

*Charity care reported with bad debt.