

**Table 167. Hospital Utilization Rates by Sex: 1990 to 2005**

[30,788 represents 30,788,000. Represents estimates of inpatients discharged from noninstitutional, short-stay hospitals, exclusive of federal hospitals. Excludes newborn infants. Based on sample data collected from the National Hospital Discharge Survey, a sample survey of hospital records of patients discharged in year shown; subject to sampling variability]

| Item and sex  | 1990   | 1995   | 1999   | 2000   | 2001   | 2002   | 2003   | 2004   | 2005   |
|---|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Patients discharged (1,000). . . . .                      | 30,788 | 30,722 | 32,132 | 31,706 | 32,653 | 33,727 | 34,738 | 34,864 | 34,667 |
| Patients discharged per 1,000 persons,<br>total . . . . . | 122    | 116    | 117    | 114    | 115    | 118    | 120    | 119    | 117    |
| Male . . . . .  | 100    | 94     | 95     | 92     | 93     | 95     | 98     | 97     | 96     |
| Female . . . . .  | 143    | 136    | 138    | 135    | 137    | 139    | 141    | 141    | 138    |
| Days of care per 1,000 persons, total <sup>1</sup> . .    | 784    | 620    | 581    | 560    | 562    | 572    | 578    | 574    | 562    |
| Male . . . . .  | 694    | 551    | 510    | 491    | 490    | 506    | 507    | 505    | 498    |
| Female . . . . .  | 869    | 686    | 649    | 627    | 631    | 635    | 646    | 641    | 624    |
| Average stay (days). . . . .                              | 6.4    | 5.4    | 5.0    | 4.9    | 4.9    | 4.9    | 4.8    | 4.8    | 4.8    |
| Male . . . . .  | 6.9    | 5.8    | 5.4    | 5.3    | 5.3    | 5.3    | 5.2    | 5.2    | 5.2    |
| Female . . . . .  | 6.1    | 5.0    | 4.7    | 4.6    | 4.6    | 4.6    | 4.6    | 4.5    | 4.5    |

<sup>1</sup> Rates are computed using Census Bureau estimates of the civilian population as of July 1. Rates for 1990–99 were based on population estimates adjusted for the net underenumeration in the 1990 census. Rates for 2000 and later were calculated using 2000-based postcensal estimates.

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