

Table 164. Average Cost to Community Hospitals Per Patient: 1980 to 2005

[In dollars, except percent. Covers nonfederal short-term general or special hospitals (excluding psychiatric or tuberculosis hospitals and hospital units of institutions). Total cost per patient based on total hospital expenses (payroll, employee benefits, professional fees, supplies, etc.). Data have been adjusted for outpatient visits]

Type of expense and hospital	1980	1990	1995	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Average cost per day, total	245	687	968	1,103	1,149	1,217	1,290	1,379	1,450	1,522
Annual percent change ¹	12.9	7.8	4.0	3.3	4.2	5.9	6.0	6.9	5.1	5.0
Nongovernmental nonprofit	246	692	994	1,140	1,182	1,255	1,329	1,429	1,501	1,585
For profit.	257	752	947	999	1,057	1,121	1,181	1,264	1,362	1,412
State and local government	239	635	878	1,007	1,064	1,114	1,188	1,238	1,291	1,329
Average cost per stay, total	1,851	4,947	6,216	6,512	6,649	6,980	7,346	7,796	8,166	8,793
Nongovernmental nonprofit	1,902	5,001	6,279	6,608	6,717	7,052	7,458	7,905	8,266	8,670
For profit.	1,676	4,727	5,425	5,350	5,642	5,972	6,161	6,590	7,139	7,351
State and local government	1,750	4,838	6,445	6,923	7,106	7,400	7,773	8,205	8,473	8,793

¹ Change from immediate prior year.

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