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**Silicosis: Estimated number of discharges from short-stay non-federal hospitals,  
1970–2004**


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Year	Number of Discharges
1970	6,000
1971	7,000
1972	6,000
1973	5,000
1974	4,000
1975	4,000
1976	5,000
1977	4,000
1978	2,000
1979	3,000
1980	1,000
1981	2,000
1982	3,000
1983	2,000
1984	2,000
1985	3,000
1986	3,000
1987	3,000
1988	3,000
1989	2,000
1990	3,000
1991	4,000
1992	3,000
1993	1,000
1994	3,000
1995	3,000
1996	4,000
1997	3,000
1998	1,000
1999	1,000
2000	1,000
2001	300
2002	2,000
2003	1,000
2004	1,000

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NOTE: Number of discharges has been rounded. The National Center for Health Statistics 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.