

Number, rate, and average length of stay for discharges from short-stay hospitals by age, region, and sex: United States, 2008

[Discharges of inpatients from short-stay nonfederal hospitals. Excludes newborn infants]

Selected characteristic	Both sexes		Male		Female	
	Number	Standard error	Number	Standard error	Number	Standard error
	Number in thousands					
Total	35,697	3,760	14,371	1,547	21,326	2,229
Age						
Under 15 years	1,985	482	1,123	276	862	208
15-44 years	10,469	1,110	2,698	285	7,771	842
45-64 years	9,341	979	4,619	492	4,722	496
65 years and over	13,902	1,462	5,930	634	7,972	833
Region						
Northeast	7,574	1,524	3,223	672	4,351	858
Midwest	8,062	1,769	3,224	740	4,838	1,033
South	13,366	2,320	5,138	907	8,228	1,420
West	6,695	1,770	2,786	737	3,909	1,043
	Rate per 10,000 population \1					
Total	1,178.6	124.2	964.9	103.9	1,385.2	144.8
Age						
Under 15 years	324.7	78.8	359.1	88.2	288.7	69.5
15-44 years	838.2	88.9	427.3	45.2	1,258.4	136.3
45-64 years	1,197.6	125.5	1,214.1	129.3	1,182.0	124.1
65 years and over	3,576.5	376.0	3,601.5	385.1	3,558.2	371.7
Region						
Northeast	1,380.7	277.9	1,208.0	251.8	1,544.3	304.5
Midwest	1,213.3	266.3	985.8	226.4	1,433.7	306.1
South	1,203.3	208.9	945.5	166.9	1,450.3	250.3
West	949.5	251.1	791.2	209.3	1,107.2	295.4

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	Average length of stay in days					
Total	4.9	0.14	5.4	0.17	4.6	0.13
Age						
Under 15 years	4.4	0.37	4.7	0.49	4.0	0.32
15-44 years	3.6	0.10	4.6	0.14	3.3	0.08
45-64 years	5.2	0.19	5.4	0.20	5.1	0.19
65 years and over	5.7	0.16	5.8	0.20	5.6	0.15
Region						
Northeast	5.6	0.32	6.1	0.32	5.2	0.34
Midwest	4.5	0.14	4.8	0.16	4.3	0.13
South	4.9	0.14	5.3	0.18	4.5	0.13
West	4.7	0.48	5.2	0.58	4.4	0.42

\1 Rates were calculated using U.S. Census Bureau 2000-based postcensal estimates of the civilian population as of July 1, 2008.