

Short Term Acute Care Hospital Discharge Data - Patient Characteristics

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Patient Characteristics	Fiscal Year									
	2023		2022		2021		2020		2019	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Patient Residence State										
NC	907,774	95.3	881,326	95.2	955,472	95.2	935,095	95.3	994,259	95.2
SC	24,852	2.6	24,734	2.7	26,616	2.7	25,052	2.6	26,321	2.5
VA	9,846	1.0	9,611	1.0	10,855	1.1	10,459	1.1	11,545	1.1
GA	1,126	0.1	1,137	0.1	1,179	0.1	1,184	0.1	1,262	0.1
TN	1,266	0.1	1,263	0.1	1,262	0.1	1,189	0.1	1,340	0.1
Other	7,957	0.8	8,025	0.9	8,184	0.8	8,255	0.8	9,329	0.9
Patient Distance to Hosp										
10 miles or less	509,317	53.5	495,996	53.6	542,147	54.0	519,585	53.0	565,971	54.2
11 - 50 miles	365,021	38.3	354,842	38.3	381,766	38.0	382,180	38.9	393,061	37.6
51 miles or more	78,432	8.2	75,197	8.1	79,546	7.9	79,370	8.1	84,831	8.1
Missing	51	0.0	61	0.0	109	0.0	99	0.0	193	0.0
Age Group										
Less than 1 year	62,990	6.6	63,159	6.8	59,950	6.0	60,342	6.1	59,554	5.7
1 - 17 years	33,469	3.5	30,789	3.3	29,206	2.9	28,325	2.9	33,921	3.2
18 - 44 years	241,515	25.3	240,621	26.0	263,179	26.2	252,694	25.8	261,896	25.1
45 - 64 years	225,392	23.7	224,004	24.2	262,037	26.1	257,537	26.2	275,665	26.4
65 - 84 years	318,977	33.5	301,247	32.5	319,499	31.8	313,453	31.9	337,186	32.3
85 or more years	70,478	7.4	66,276	7.2	69,697	6.9	68,883	7.0	75,834	7.3
Race										
Caucasian	619,795	65.0	604,061	65.2	650,279	64.8	637,331	65.0	686,006	65.7
African American	235,474	24.7	231,469	25.0	260,455	26.0	252,367	25.7	262,734	25.2
American Indian	11,632	1.2	10,928	1.2	11,754	1.2	11,715	1.2	12,206	1.2
Asian/Pacific Islander	13,852	1.5	13,132	1.4	13,205	1.3	12,457	1.3	11,873	1.1
Other Race	46,587	4.9	45,571	4.9	46,542	4.6	44,338	4.5	42,838	4.1
Unavailable	25,481	2.7	20,935	2.3	21,333	2.1	23,026	2.3	28,399	2.7
Ethnicity										
Hispanic	62,101	6.5	57,864	6.2	56,614	5.6	53,680	5.5	48,437	4.6
Non Hispanic	862,903	90.6	842,788	91.0	918,314	91.5	899,315	91.7	951,597	91.1
Unknown	27,817	2.9	25,444	2.7	28,640	2.9	28,239	2.9	44,022	4.2

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Point of Origin										
Non-health care facility	699,046	73.4	688,131	74.3	751,422	74.9	742,848	75.7	780,119	74.7
Clinic or physician's office	68,669	7.2	73,078	7.9	81,063	8.1	84,338	8.6	99,969	9.6
Transfer from a hospital or other health care facility	103,667	10.9	89,703	9.7	100,530	10.0	86,729	8.8	92,998	8.9
Transfer from a SNF, ICF, ALF	23,487	2.5	17,202	1.9	14,954	1.5	12,264	1.2	17,140	1.6
Newborn	52,964	5.6	53,850	5.8	51,527	5.1	50,736	5.2	48,152	4.6
Court/law enforcement	2,323	0.2	2,074	0.2	2,377	0.2	2,338	0.2	3,557	0.3
Information not available	2,665	0.3	2,058	0.2	1,695	0.2	1,981	0.2	2,121	0.2
ED Revenue Code Present										
No	356,603	37.4	350,239	37.8	383,766	38.2	397,272	40.5	440,848	42.2
Yes	596,218	62.6	575,857	62.2	619,802	61.8	583,962	59.5	603,208	57.8
Payer										
Commercial/HMO	441,796	46.4	408,809	44.1	425,254	42.4	391,572	39.9	387,330	37.1
Medicaid	173,109	18.2	168,632	18.2	173,682	17.3	184,841	18.8	195,425	18.7
Medicare	227,798	23.9	238,195	25.7	274,302	27.3	295,994	30.2	355,160	34.0
Other government	29,362	3.1	28,850	3.1	34,463	3.4	32,235	3.3	25,484	2.4
Uninsured	69,646	7.3	71,682	7.7	84,762	8.4	67,596	6.9	65,167	6.2
Other	10,192	1.1	9,154	1.0	10,038	1.0	7,958	0.8	10,845	1.0
Unknown	918	0.1	774	0.1	1,067	0.1	1,038	0.1	4,645	0.4

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Patient Disposition										
Home, self, or outpatient care	754,679	79.2	730,446	78.9	797,201	79.4	784,344	79.9	830,495	79.5
Discharged, transferred to acute facility	19,103	2.0	18,213	2.0	20,445	2.0	20,619	2.1	21,772	2.1
Discharged, transferred to facility that provides nursing, custodial, or supportive care	92,937	9.8	87,440	9.4	87,937	8.8	92,080	9.4	111,715	10.7
Discharged, transferred to rehab facility	16,063	1.7	15,477	1.7	16,419	1.6	16,364	1.7	15,580	1.5
Discharged, transferred to long term acute care facility (LTAC)	1,902	0.2	2,115	0.2	2,294	0.2	2,300	0.2	2,242	0.2
Discharged, transferred to psychiatric facility	3,089	0.3	3,272	0.4	3,992	0.4	4,031	0.4	4,273	0.4
Hospice	23,198	2.4	22,402	2.4	24,102	2.4	21,706	2.2	21,478	2.1
Left against medical advice	12,552	1.3	12,846	1.4	14,242	1.4	12,403	1.3	11,227	1.1
Court/Law Enforcement	1,871	0.2	1,611	0.2	1,696	0.2	1,467	0.1	1,643	0.2
Expired	26,388	2.8	31,569	3.4	34,468	3.4	25,020	2.5	22,717	2.2
Other/Unknown	1,039	0.1	705	0.1	772	0.1	900	0.1	914	0.1
All	952,821	100.0	926,096	100.0	1,003,568	100.0	981,234	100.0	1,044,056	100.0

Does not include normal newborns (DRG 795)
Source: North Carolina Healthcare Association (NCHA)