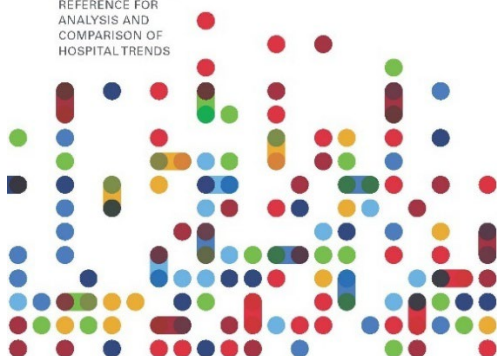


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Fast Facts on U.S. Hospitals, 2026

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Total Number of All U.S. Hospitals	6,100
Number of U.S. Community ¹ Hospitals	5,121
Number of Nongovernment Not-for-Profit Community Hospitals	2,984
Number of Investor-Owned (For-Profit) Community Hospitals	1,224
Number of State and Local Government Community Hospitals	913
Number of Federal Government Hospitals	210
Number of Nonfederal Psychiatric Hospitals	656
Other ² Hospitals	113

Total Staffed Beds in All U.S. Hospitals	907,216
Staffed Beds in Community ¹ Hospitals	775,297
Total Admissions in All U.S. Hospitals	35,658,583
Admissions in Community ¹ Hospitals	33,553,725
Number of Rural Community Hospitals	1,797
Number of Urban Community Hospitals	3,324
Number of Community Hospitals in a System³	3,567

1. **Community hospitals** are defined as all nonfederal, short-term general, and other special hospitals. Other special hospitals include obstetrics and gynecology; eye, ear, nose, and throat; long term acute-care; rehabilitation; orthopedic; and other individually described specialty services. Community hospitals include academic medical centers or other teaching hospitals if they are nonfederal short-term hospitals. Excluded are hospitals not accessible by the general public, such as prison hospitals or college infirmaries.
2. **Other hospitals** include nonfederal long term care hospitals and hospital units within an institution such as a prison hospital or school infirmary. Long term care hospitals may be defined by different methods; here they include other hospitals with an average length of stay of 30 or more days.
3. **System** is defined by AHA as either a multihospital or a diversified single hospital system. A multihospital system is two or more hospitals owned, leased, sponsored, or contract managed by a central organization. Single, freestanding hospitals may be categorized as a system by bringing into membership three or more, and at least 25 percent, of their owned or leased non-hospital pre-acute or post-acute health care organizations.