Utilization of Short-Stay Hospitals

Summary of Nonmedical Statistics

United States-1973

Statistics are presented on the utilization of short-stay hospitals based on data collected in the Hospital Discharge Survey from a national sample of hospital records of discharged patients. Discharges, days of care, and average length of stay are distributed by each of the variables age, sex, and color of patient and by geographic region, bed size, and type of ownership (control) of hospital.
Under the legislation establishing the National Health Survey, the Public Health Service is authorized to use, insofar as possible, the services or facilities of other Federal, State, or private agencies.

In accordance with specifications established by the National Center for Health Statistics, the Bureau of the Census, under a contractual arrangement, participated in planning the survey and collecting the data.
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UTILIZATION OF SHORT-STAY HOSPITALS:
SUMMARY OF NONMEDICAL STATISTICS

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INTRODUCTION

This report presents estimates on the utilization of short-stay hospitals in the United States based on information collected in the Hospital Discharge Survey, a continuous nationwide survey conducted by the National Center for Health Statistics. Data were abstracted from about 225,000 hospital records of inpatients discharged from 424 hospitals that participated in the survey.

Results of the survey permit generation of four basic types of reports: nonmedical, diagnostic, surgical, and patient charges. They are published in Series 13 of the Vital and Health Statistics reports and as selected supplements of Monthly Vital Statistics Reports. Estimates shown in this report are for non-Federal short-stay hospital patients, excluding newborn infants, discharged during 1973. Nonmedical data are presented on the number and rate of discharges and of days of care and average length of stay for patients discharged, by age, sex, and color and by geographic region, bed size, and type of ownership (control) of hospitals.

Another program of NCHS, the Health Interview Survey (HIS), also collects information on hospitalization. The estimates provided by HIS are generally lower for number of discharges and greater for average lengths of stay than HDS estimates because of differences in collection procedures, population sampled, and definitions. Data from HIS are published in Series 10 reports.

This nonmedical report will be divided primarily into three areas: an analysis of hospital discharges, an analysis of days of care and length of stay, and some comparisons between the four regions of selected variables. Since the estimates are based on a sample of discharges from participating hospitals rather than on all discharges from all short-stay hospitals, they are subject to sampling error. Tables and graphs of approximate sampling errors and instructions for their use are given in the section "Reliability of Estimates" in appendix I.

Appendix II contains definitions of terms relating to hospitalization and the characteristics of patients and of hospitals surveyed. Since several of these terms have specialized meaning in the Hospital Discharge Survey, familiarity with the definitions will aid in interpreting the data.

SELECTED FINDINGS

An estimated 32.1 million inpatients were discharged from non-Federal short-stay hospitals in 1973. These patients received an estimated 249.4 million days of care, with an average length of stay of 7.8 days per hospital episode. The annual rate of days of care per 1,000 persons in the civilian noninstitutionalized population was 1,211.6, and there was an annual discharge rate of 156.1 per 1,000 persons. Approximately three-fourths (72.3 percent) of the discharges in 1973 were from voluntary nonprofit
hospitals. State and local government hospitals accounted for 20.6 percent of the discharges and proprietary hospitals for only 7.0 percent.

Patients under 15 years of age accounted for 12.2 percent of all discharges and had a rate of discharge per 1,000 population of 70.8. This contrasted with the population 65 years of age and over, whose rate of discharge was 341.8 per 1,000 population. Differences in hospital utilization by sex were also noted. Rates of discharge and of days of care were higher for females than for males. The discharge rate for females of 180.9 per 1,000 population was 40 percent higher than that for males, 129.2 per 1,000 population, but with hospitalization for deliveries excluded the discharge rate for females was only 17 percent higher than the rate for males. For the group under 15 years of age, however, the discharge rate for males was higher than that for females, 78.8 compared to 62.4 per 1,000 population.

Hospitalization utilization figures by color are grouped in the categories "white," "all other," and "color not stated." Since the number of discharges for whom color was not stated is slightly larger than the all other group, data analysis by color must be interpreted with caution. Based on the estimates of patients discharged for whom color was stated, patients identified as white outnumbered those in the all other group by about 7 to 1. As a group white patients were older than all other patients, but each age-sex group had shorter average lengths of stay than did the corresponding group of all other patients.

The age distribution within hospitals varied by the size of the hospital. The smallest hospitals had proportionately fewer patients 15-64 years of age than did the largest hospitals, in which only 17.6 percent of the patients were aged 65 years and over. Average length of stay increased with hospital size from 6.4 days in the smallest hospitals to 8.8 days in hospitals with 500 beds or more.

Regional differences were apparent in number of discharges, ranging from 5.0 million in the West Region to 10.0 million in the North Central Region. Average length of stay was longest in the Northeast Region, 9.0 days, and shortest in the West, where length of stay averaged only 6.4 days.

Figure 1. Percent distribution of patients discharged from short-stay hospitals by age, according to sex: United States, 1973.
Table A. Number and rate of discharges and of days of care and average length of stay for patients discharged from short-stay hospitals, by age and sex: United States, 1973

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outnumbered female 337,000 to 243,000; at ages 1-4 years, 703,000 to 510,000; and at ages 5-14 years, 1,191,000 to 947,000 (table 17). Within these young age groups there was a higher percent of the total male discharges than of the female discharges (figure 1), with 17.4 percent of the male discharges in the age group under 15 years compared to 8.8 percent for females. As shown in table A, the rates for males and for females, excluding deliveries, increased with increasing age.

**Color**

Data for patients discharged are shown by color in table 1 according to the three categories "white," "all other," and "color not stated." An estimated 24.4 million white patients and 3.6 million patients in the all other group were discharged from short-stay hospitals in 1973, white patients outnumbering all other patients by about 7 to 1. Color was not stated on the medical record summary sheets for about 4.1 million pa-

![Figure 2](image)

Figure 2. Percent distribution of patients discharged from short-stay hospitals by age, according to color: United States, 1973.

...tients, a number greater than that for patients identified as all other. The age and sex distribution of those for whom color was not stated suggests that they were proportional by color to those for whom it was stated.

There was a higher proportion of white patients than all other patients 45 years and over, 48.2 percent and 30.8 percent, respectively. Approximately 1 in 4 of the estimated white patients were age 65 and over, compared to 1 in 8 patients other than white (figure 2).

The group of white patients was composed of 41 percent males and 59 percent females, compared with 36 percent males and 64 percent females in the all other category. A smaller percentage of white females than of all other females hospitalized for deliveries accounted for most of this difference.

**Bed Size of Hospital**

For all hospital sizes the percent of discharges under 15 years of age during 1973 was approximately the same, between 11 and 13 percent; however, patients differed appreciably in the percent distributions for three age groups 15 years and older according to hospital size (table 3). The smallest hospitals had proportionately fewer discharged patients aged 15-64 years old than did the largest hospitals. On the other hand, for the age group 65 years and over, the smallest hospitals had more patients discharged (26.6 percent) than the largest hospitals had (17.6 percent). In other words, the smaller the hospital the more likely it was that a larger percent of its discharged patients would be found in the oldest age group, and the larger the hospital the larger the relative percent of patients to be found in the age group 15-64 years.

This age and hospital size trend was true for males and, with the exception of the age group 45-64 years, for females. The percents of female discharges 45-64 years old were essentially the same (21.6, 19.6, 20.9, 22.3, 22.3) for each size hospital. When deliveries were excluded, the trend of increased percent of patients 45-64 years old with increased size of hospital was only slightly apparent (24.9, 23.7, 25.0, 26.6, 27.1).
Type of Ownership of Hospital

Voluntary nonprofit hospitals (operated by church or other nonprofit organizations) cared for 23.2 million patients in 1973, or 72 percent of all patients discharged from short-stay hospitals (table 4). Government hospitals (controlled by State or local government) accounted for 6.6 million discharges, or 21 percent of all patients, and proprietary hospitals discharged 2.3 million, or 7 percent. There were differences among the ownership categories in the percent distributions by age and for each sex. The relative proportion of male to female discharges varied with the type of hospital, with government hospitals recording 45 percent more female discharges than male (3,923,000 and 2,705,000, respectively), and voluntary and proprietary hospitals both showing approximately a 51 percent difference. When deliveries are excluded, the number of discharges for females is around 26 percent greater than that for males for the total of all types of hospitals. There was a noticeable difference between voluntary and government hospitals in the proportion of their patients aged 15-44 years, with government hospitals having 45.1 percent and voluntary hospitals only 41.1 percent of their patients in this age group.

DAYS OF CARE AND LENGTH OF STAY

Age and Sex

The rates of days of care by age group ranged from 229.3 days per 1,000 population aged 5-14 years to 5,616.1 days for persons 75 years and over (table 6). Starting with age group 5-14 years, the days of care rate increased with each advance in age. Age groups under 15 years represented 7.2 percent of all days of care; ages 15-44, 30.7 percent; ages 45-64, 28.4 percent; and ages 65 and over, 33.7 percent of all days of care.

The average length of stay for patients discharged during 1973 was 7.8 days (table 9). Average length of stay increased with each successive age group from 4.5 days for patients under age 15 to 12.1 days for patients aged 65 years and over. About two-thirds of all patients were discharged within a week (table 7).

The days of care rates per 1,000 population were lower for females than for males under 15 and over 54 years of age (table 6). Deliveries exerted less influence on the days of care rate than on the rate of discharges for females because of the relatively short average length of stay. The average length of stay for females aged 15-44 years is lowered by approximately half a day when deliveries are included. Generally speaking, females 15-64 years of age had shorter lengths of stay than males had, and females aged 65 and over had longer lengths of stay (table 9).

Color

Differences between the age and sex distributions of days of care utilized by white and all other patients for whom color was stated are found in table 8. Patients under age 15 years in the all other group used a larger proportion (11.5 percent) of days of care than did white patients in this age group, who used 6.5 percent. Among white patients, approximately 35 percent of the days of care were provided for patients under 45 years of age; among all others about 54 percent were provided for this age group. For ages 65 years and over white patients—both men and women—used a considerably larger percent of days of care than did all other patients, 35.8 percent for white patients and 20.8 percent for all other patients.

There was little difference in the average length of stay for all discharges by color, with white patients averaging 7.8 days and all other patients 8.0 days per stay (table 9). This is because white discharges had a larger percent of older patients with longer hospital stays than the all other group had. For every age and sex group, however, the average stay was significantly shorter for white patients than for all others. Regardless of color status, males had a longer length of stay than females including deliveries had. All other males averaged approximately 1 day longer than all other females when deliveries are excluded, primarily because of the 8.5-day average length of stay for males aged 15-44 years. White males and those with
color not stated had approximately the same lengths of stay as females excluding deliveries had.

**Bed Size of Hospital**

Days of care in the hospital-size groups also varied by age. For patients aged 65 years and over, reported days of care ranged from 26.8 percent of total days of care in the largest hospitals to 42.4 percent in the smallest hospitals (table 12). Days of care for patients ages 15-44 was 26.0 percent of the total in hospitals with fewer than 100 beds and 34.2 percent in those with 500 beds or more.

Average length of stay increased as age and hospital size increased, ranging from 6.4 days in the smallest hospitals to 8.8 days in the largest hospitals and from 4.5 days for the youngest group to 12.1 days for the oldest group. This was true for both sexes (table 13). The shortest length of stay, 3.7 days, was for the age group under 15 discharged from hospitals with 6-99 beds. The longest length of stay was 13.4 days for the group 65 years and over discharged from hospitals with 500 beds or more.

The pattern of length of stay increasing with size of hospital was true for each of the four regions. The trend was most evident in the North-east Region, where average length of stay in the largest hospitals exceeded that in the smallest hospitals by 2.4 days (table 16). This trend was more pronounced for males than for females, regardless of delivery status, in each of the four regions. For the male episodes in the 15-44 age group, the average length of stay in the largest hospitals was between 53 and 96 percent longer than that in the smallest hospitals in each of the regions.

**Type of Ownership of Hospital**

The 249.4 million days of care utilized in 1973 were distributed by ownership of hospital as follows: voluntary nonprofit hospitals provided 184.9 million days, or 74.1 percent; government hospitals 49.4 million days, or 19.8 percent; and proprietary hospitals 15.1 million days, or 6.1 percent (table 14). The relative proportion of days of care provided to males and to females varied considerably among the three types of hospitals. In government hospitals, the number of days of care provided for females including deliveries was 22 percent greater than the number for males; in voluntary nonprofit hospitals, the number of days of care was 38 percent greater for females than for males; and in proprietary hospitals, the number of days of care was 54 percent greater for females than for males.

Average length of stay was consistently shorter in proprietary hospitals than in voluntary nonprofit hospitals for both sexes and all age groups. Average length of stay in government hospitals was shorter than in voluntary nonprofit hospitals for all age groups except under 15 years, where average length of stay was longer in the government hospitals (table 15). For all age groups, the average length of stay in proprietary hospitals was shorter than in the other hospital ownership groups for both sexes, excluding deliveries.

The difference between length of stay for males and for females including deliveries was small for proprietary hospitals and approximately 1 day for voluntary nonprofit and government hospitals. The average length of stay was about the same for both sexes with deliveries excluded. The male episodes in the 15-44 years old, the average length of stay for males varied between half a day and 2 days longer than that for females, regardless of delivery status, for voluntary nonprofit and government hospitals.

**GEOGRAPHIC REGION**

**Age and Sex**

The number of discharges in 1973 for geographic regions ranged from 5.0 million in the West Region to 10.0 million in the North Central Region (table 5). The number of discharges per 1,000 population ranged from an estimated 141.4 in the West Region to 175.7 in the North Central Region; among the age groups the greatest relative difference is found in the under 15 group, with discharge rates of 59.3 and 84.8 per 1,000 population in the West and North Central Regions, respectively (table B).
Table B. Rate of discharges and of days of care and average length of stay for patients discharged from short-stay hospitals, by age and geographic region: United States, 1973

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The number of days of care per 1,000 population followed a similar pattern, being lowest in the West Region and highest in the North Central Region. The rates were 903.0 days and 1,408.9 days, respectively, a difference of 56.0 percent. For patients under age 15 years, these two regions differed even more significantly, with the days of care per 1,000 in the North Central Region (383.5) being 76 percent higher than the rate in the West Region (217.9 days of care).

Average length of stay in days was highest in the Northeast Region and again lowest in the West Region, 9.0 days and 6.4 days, respectively. This pattern was consistent for all age groups, with the difference between the Northeast and the West Regions being greatest in age groups 45 years and over.

The average length of stay by sex showed the same age and regional trends. Length of stay for both sexes was longest in the Northeast Region for the age group 65 years and over and shortest in the West Region for the group less than 15 years. Average length of stay for males was slightly longer than that for females in all regions. Females 65 years and over in each of the four regions had longer stays than did males in this age group (table 11).

Color

Color differences in the rate of discharges were found among the regions. The Northeast Region had the highest proportion of white discharges (83.4 percent) and the North Central Region the lowest (70.1 percent) (figure 3). The South had the smallest proportion of its patients in the category of color not stated, 6.0 percent, in contrast to the North Central Region, which had 22.3 percent listed as not stated.

Deliveries represented a smaller proportion
of white patients than of all other patients hospitalized, 8.8 percent and 14.8 percent, respectively (figure 4). For all regions, deliveries represented a smaller proportion of the total discharges for white patients than for all others.

Average length of stay by color also varied among regions. In the Northeast and South Regions white patients had shorter stays than all others (figure 5), but the North Central and West Regions showed stays for whites and all others to be about the same.

Excluding deliveries, 48.2 percent of the white patients were 45 years of age and over in all regions (figure 6), whereas only 30.8 percent of all other patients were 45 years or older.

For the population 15 years and over, regional differences were found among all other discharges in the 15-44 age group. Over 65 percent of the discharges of all other patients in the Northeast and North Central Regions were in this age group, contrasted to the South and West, which had only 62.6 and 60.0 percent, respectively, of their all other discharges in this age group (table C).
Table C. Number and percent distribution of patients 15 years of age and over discharged from short-stay hospitals by age, according to geographic region and color: United States, 1973

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The average length of stay for all others varied considerably for the group 65 years and over among regions, with 10.9 days of care in the West and 18.4 in the Northeast (table D).

**CONCLUSION**

Analysis of estimates for 1973 on the utilization of short-stay hospitals in the United States in terms of age, sex, color, hospital size and ownership, and region, based on the Hospital Discharge Survey, can be summarized as follows:

1. Patients under 15 years of age had the lowest rates of discharges and days of care per 1,000 population and the shortest average length of stay of any age group. Rates of discharges and days of care and average length of stay increased with age.

2. Female patients overall had higher discharge and days of care rates than did male patients, but male rates were higher than those of females for age groups under 15 and 65 years or over. Average length of stay was generally longer for males, but it was longer for female patients aged 65 years and over.

3. White patients were generally older than patients in the all other category, had a greater proportion of female patients, excluding deliveries, and had a shorter average length of stay for each age and sex group.

4. Small hospitals tended to have a greater proportion of their patients in the oldest age group, and large hospitals had proportionately more of their patients in the 15–64 age group. Average length of stay was shortest in the smallest hospitals and increased steadily with hospital size.

5. Voluntary nonprofit hospitals cared for almost three-quarters of all patients discharged and reported female discharges 51 percent greater than male. Voluntary nonprofit hospitals had the longest average length of stay and proprietary hospitals the shortest.

6. The North Central Region had the highest rate of discharges and days of care per 1,000 population, and the West Region had the lowest rates. Average length of stay was also lowest in the West Region.

7. In general, patients under 15 years of age admitted to hospitals with less than 100 beds in the West Region had the shortest hospital episodes, whereas female patients 65 years and over admitted to hospitals with 500 beds or more located in the Northeast Region had the longest average length of stay.

A more complete analysis of the interrelationships among these variables and their effects on reported estimates is not possible due to the sampling errors inherent in the statistical design.
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(DISCHARGES FROM NONFEDERAL SHORT-STAY HOSPITALS. EXCLUDES NEWBORN INFANTS)

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| 15-44 years          | 3,873                | 777   | 2,278   | 818   | 26,337  | 3,700   | 15,603 | 7,034   |
| 45-64 years          | 3,637                | 688   | 2,165   | 785   | 33,761  | 4,718   | 20,541 | 6,502   |
| 65 years and over    | 3,094                | 772   | 1,803   | 519   | 35,807  | 7,449   | 21,610 | 6,749   |

Northeast

| Under 15 years       | 2,883                | 298   | 2,053   | 532   | 28,027  | 2,145   | 19,808 | 6,074   |
| 15-44 years          | 473                  | 38    | 355     | 81    | 2,434   | 143     | 1,783  | 508     |
| 45-64 years          | 823                  | 88    | 564     | 171   | 6,458   | 451     | 4,300  | 1,707   |
| 65 years and over    | 708                  | 75    | 511     | 123   | 9,495   | 774     | 6,849  | 1,673   |

1/ Includes discharge data for which sex was not stated.
### TABLE 5. NUMBER OF PATIENTS DISCHARGED FROM SHORT-STAY HOSPITALS AND DAYS OF CARE, BY SEX, AGE, GEOGRAPHIC REGION, AND BED SIZE OF HOSPITAL: UNITED STATES, 1979—CON.

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(DISCHARGES FROM NONFEDERAL SHORT-STAY HOSPITALS. EXCLUDES NEWBORN INFANTS)

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| 1-4 YEARS | 2,902 | 2.7 | 417.3 | 114.6 | 4.1 |
| 5-14 YEARS | 5,014 | 4.7 | 253.4 | 69.4 | 4.2 |
| 15-24 YEARS | 8,471 | 8.0 | 467.6 | 128.1 | 6.0 |
| 25-34 YEARS | 7,992 | 7.5 | 596.0 | 163.3 | 6.6 |
| 35-44 YEARS | 9,875 | 9.3 | 920.6 | 252.2 | 7.9 |
| 45-54 YEARS | 14,949 | 14.1 | 1,319.4 | 361.5 | 8.7 |
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| 65-74 YEARS | 19,735 | 18.6 | 3,524.7 | 965.7 | 11.0 |
| 75 YEARS AND OVER | 16,073 | 15.2 | 5,675.3 | 1,554.9 | 12.4 |

| FEMALE | | | |
| ALL AGES | 143,271 | 100.0 | 1,344.9 | 368.5 | 7.4 |
| UNDER 1 YEAR | 1,616 | 1.1 | 1,074.4 | 294.4 | 6.7 |
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| 25-34 YEARS | 17,997 | 12.6 | 1,253.3 | 343.4 | 5.1 |
| 35-44 YEARS | 15,317 | 10.7 | 1,320.3 | 361.7 | 7.0 |
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| 65-74 YEARS | 22,578 | 15.8 | 3,097.6 | 848.7 | 11.7 |
| 75 YEARS AND OVER | 25,483 | 17.8 | 5,572.5 | 1,526.7 | 13.4 |

1/ EXPRESSED AS DAILY NUMBER OF BEDS OCCUPIED PER 100,000 CIVILIAN, NONINSTITUTIONALIZED POPULATION.

2/ INCLUDES DISCHARGE DATA FOR WHICH SEX WAS NOT STATED.
### TABLE 7. NUMBER AND PERCENT DISTRIBUTION OF PATIENTS DISCHARGED FROM SHORT-STAY HOSPITALS BY AGE AND LENGTH OF STAY, ACCORDING TO SEX: UNITED STATES, 1973

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(Discharges from nonfederal short-stay hospitals. Excludes newborn infants)

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TABLE 10. NUMBER AND PERCENT DISTRIBUTION OF DAYS OF CARE FOR PATIENTS DISCHARGED FROM SHORT-STAY HOSPITALS BY GEOGRAPHIC REGION AND AGE, ACCORDING TO SEX: UNITED STATES, 1973

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(DISCHARGES FROM NONFEDERAL SHORT-STAY HOSPITALS. EXCLUDES NEWBORN INFANTS)

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OWNERSHIP OF HOSPITAL, AGE OF PATIENT, AND SEX: UNITED STATES, 1973

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### TABLE 17. NUMBER, PERCENT DISTRIBUTION, AND RATE OF PATIENTS DISCHARGED FROM SHORT-STAY HOSPITALS, BY SEX AND AGE: UNITED STATES, 1973

(Discharges from nonfederal short-stay hospitals. Excludes newborn infants)

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| 1-4 YEARS | | | |
| 5-14 YEARS | | | |
| 15-24 YEARS | | | |
| 25-34 YEARS | | | |
| 35-44 YEARS | | | |
| 45-54 YEARS | | | |
| 55-64 YEARS | | | |
| 65-74 YEARS | | | |
| 75 YEARS AND OVER | | | |

| FEMALE | | | |
| 19,266 | 100.0 | 180.9 |
| UNDER 1 YEAR | | | |
| 1-4 YEARS | | | |
| 5-14 YEARS | | | |
| 15-24 YEARS | | | |
| 25-34 YEARS | | | |
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| 75 YEARS AND OVER | | | |

1/ Includes discharge data for which sex was not stated.
Statistical Design of the Hospital Discharge Survey

Scope of the survey.—The scope of the Hospital Discharge Survey (HDS) encompasses patients discharged from noninstitutional hospitals which have six beds or more for inpatient use, are located in the 50 States and the District of Columbia, and have an average length of stay of less than 30 days. Although all discharges of inpatients from these hospitals are within the scope of the survey, all newborn infants are excluded from this report.

Sampling frame and bed size of hospital.—The universe (sampling frame) for the HDS consists of short-stay hospitals, excluding military and Veterans Administration hospitals, that are included in the Master Facility Inventory of Hospitals and Institutions (MFI). A detailed description of how the MFI was developed, its content, plans for maintaining it, and procedures for assessing the completeness of its coverage is published in an earlier report. There were 7,407 hospitals in the universe. The distribution of short-stay hospitals by bed size and region in the universe and in the HDS sample is shown in table I. The sample for 1973 consisted of 497 hospitals, of which 31 were ruled out of scope of the 1973 survey because they failed to meet the definition of a short-stay hospital and of which 42 refused to participate. Estimates are based on a sample of about 225,000 abstracts from the remaining 424 hospitals that participated in 1973.

Sample design.—All hospitals with 1,000 beds or more in the universe of short-stay hospitals were selected with certainty in the sample. All hospitals with less than 1,000 beds were stratified, the primary strata being the 24 bed-size-by-region classes shown in table I. Within each of these 24 primary strata, the allocation of the hospitals was made through a controlled-selection technique so that hospitals in the sample would be properly distributed with regard to ownership and geographic division. Sample hospitals were drawn with probabilities ranging from certainty for the largest hospitals to 1 in 40 for the smallest hospitals.

The within-hospital sampling ratio for selecting discharges varied inversely with the probability of selection of the hospital. The smallest sampling fraction of discharged patients was taken in the largest hospitals, and the largest fraction was taken in the smallest hospitals. This was done to compensate for the fact that hospitals were selected with probabilities proportionate to their size class and to assure that the overall probability of selecting a discharge would be approximately the same in all hospitals.

In all hospitals the daily listing sheet of discharges was the frame from which the subsamples of discharges were selected within the sample hospitals. The sample discharges were selected by a random technique, usually on the basis of the terminal digit(s) of the patient's medical record number—a number assigned when the patient was admitted to the hospital. If the hospital's daily discharge listing did not show the medical record numbers, the sample was selected by starting with a randomly selected discharge and taking every kth discharge thereafter.

Estimation.—Statistics produced by the HDS are derived by a complex procedure. The basic unit of estimation is the sample patient abstract. The estimating procedure used to produce essentially unbiased national estimates has three principal components: (1) inflation of reciprocals of the probabilities of sample selection, (2) adjustment for nonresponse, and (3) ratio adjustments to fixed totals. These components are described in appendix I of two earlier publications.

Data Collection and Processing

Data collection.—Depending on the study procedure agreed upon with the hospital administrator, the sample selection and the transcription of information from the hospital records to the abstract forms were performed by either the hospital staff or representatives of the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), or by both. In more than three-fourths of the hospitals that participated in the HDS during 1973, this work was performed by the medical records department of the hospital. In the remaining hospitals, nearly all the work was performed by personnel of the U.S. Bureau of the Census acting for NCHS.
Table I. Distribution of short-stay hospitals in the universe (MFI) and in the Hospital Discharge Survey sample, and the number of hospitals that participated in the survey, by size of hospital and geographic region: United States, 1973

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Size of hospital</th>
<th>All regions</th>
<th>Northeast</th>
<th>North Central</th>
<th>South</th>
<th>West</th>
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<tr>
<td>Universe</td>
<td>7,407</td>
<td>1,146</td>
<td>2,064</td>
<td>2,832</td>
<td>1,365</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total sample</td>
<td>487</td>
<td>79</td>
<td>129</td>
<td>146</td>
<td>148</td>
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<tr>
<td>Number participating</td>
<td>424</td>
<td>115</td>
<td>128</td>
<td>118</td>
<td>63</td>
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| 6-49 beds        |             |           |               |       |      |
| Universe         | 3,304       | 209       | 865           | 1,549 | 681  |
| Total sample     | 64          | 7         | 18            | 26    | 13   |
| Number participating | 43 | 5         | 15            | 14    | 9    |

| 50-99 beds       |             |           |               |       |      |
| Universe         | 1,746       | 293       | 467           | 642   | 344  |
| Total sample     | 72          | 13        | 19            | 27    | 13   |
| Number participating | 61 | 10        | 16            | 24    | 11   |

| 100-199 beds     |             |           |               |       |      |
| Universe         | 1,224       | 288       | 392           | 365   | 179  |
| Total sample     | 103         | 26        | 31            | 32    | 14   |
| Number participating | 91 | 26        | 26            | 25    | 14   |

| 200-299 beds     |             |           |               |       |      |
| Universe         | 583         | 191       | 158           | 140   | 94   |
| Total sample     | 89          | 30        | 26            | 19    | 14   |
| Number participating | 76 | 27        | 23            | 14    | 12   |

| 300-499 beds     |             |           |               |       |      |
| Universe         | 397         | 111       | 131           | 102   | 53   |
| Total sample     | 93          | 25        | 30            | 26    | 12   |
| Number participating | 84 | 23        | 28            | 24    | 9    |

| 500-999 beds     |             |           |               |       |      |
| Universe         | 135         | 45        | 48            | 29    | 13   |
| Total sample     | 58          | 19        | 19            | 13    | 7    |
| Number participating | 51 | 15        | 17            | 12    | 7    |

| 1,000 beds or more |            |           |               |       |      |
| Universe          | 18          | 9         | 3             | 5     | 1    |
| Total sample      | 18          | 9         | 3             | 5     | 1    |
| Number participating | 18 | 9         | 3             | 5     | 1    |

For nearly all survey hospitals, data were transcribed from hospital records to the form shown in figure 1.

*Data processing and editing of data.*—Shipments of completed abstract forms for each sample hospital, along with sample selection control sheets, were transmitted to NCHS for processing. Every shipment of abstracts was reviewed; each abstract form was checked for completeness; and, when necessary, problems were referred to the hospitals for clarification and correction.

Final editing was done by computer inspection of the demographic data compared with the category code assigned to each abstract. If the patient's sex was left blank, it was coded and tabulated as "not stated."

Very few rejects were encountered. Those found were corrected by inspection of data on the computer tape. If age was left blank, it was imputed by assigning the patient an age consistent with the ages of other patients with the same category code. If the dates of admission or discharge were not given, and if they could not be obtained from the monthly sample listing sheet transmitted by the sample hospital, a length of stay was imputed by assigning the patient a stay consistent with the stays of other patients of the same age. Other missing demographic items were coded and tabulated as "not stated."
Figure I. Medical Abstract for the Hospital Discharge Survey.

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<td>2. HDS number...............</td>
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<td>3. Medical record number.....</td>
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<th>II. Patient Characteristics</th>
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<td>1. Date of birth: Month Day Year</td>
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<td>2. Age (complete ONLY if date of birth not given): Units</td>
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<tr>
<td>1 □ years</td>
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<tr>
<td>2 □ months</td>
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<tr>
<td>3 □ days</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3. Sex: 1 □ Male 2 □ Female</td>
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<tr>
<td>4. Race or color: 1 □ White 2 □ Negro 3 □ Other nonwhite 4 □ &quot;Nonwhite&quot; 5 □ Not stated</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5. Marital status: 1 □ Married 2 □ Single 3 □ Widowed 4 □ Divorced 5 □ Separated 6 □ Not stated</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6. Discharge status: 1 □ Alive 2 □ Dead</td>
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<tr>
<th>III. Diagnoses and Operations</th>
</tr>
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<tr>
<td>1. Final diagnoses:</td>
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<tr>
<td>2. Operations:</td>
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</table>

Completed by __________________________ Date ______________________

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Diagnoses __________________________

Operations _________________________
Table II. Civilian noninstitutionalized population, by age and sex: United States, July 1, 1973

[Consistent with Current Population Reports, Series P-25, No. 500. Numbers in thousands]

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<th>Age</th>
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<td>99,307</td>
<td>106,529</td>
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<tr>
<td>0-14 years</td>
<td>55,559</td>
<td>28,313</td>
<td>27,246</td>
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<td>Under 1 year</td>
<td>3,077</td>
<td>1,573</td>
<td>1,504</td>
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<td>1-4 years</td>
<td>13,626</td>
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<td>15-44 years</td>
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<td>15-24 years</td>
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<td>45-64 years</td>
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<td>65 years and over</td>
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<td>65-74 years</td>
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<td>75 years and over</td>
<td>7,405</td>
<td>2,832</td>
<td>4,573</td>
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Table III. Civilian noninstitutionalized population, by sex, geographic region, and age: United States, July 1, 1973

[Consistent with Current Population Reports, Series P-25, No. 500. Numbers in thousands]

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<thead>
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<th>All ages</th>
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<th>15-44 years</th>
<th>45-64 years</th>
<th>65 years and over</th>
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<td>55,559</td>
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<td>20,294</td>
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<td>7,926</td>
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<td>13,354</td>
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<tr>
<td>West</td>
<td>17,294</td>
<td>4,925</td>
<td>7,520</td>
<td>3,503</td>
<td>1,346</td>
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<tr>
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<td>28,313</td>
<td>42,253</td>
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<td>9,850</td>
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Population Estimates

The base populations used in computing rates are unpublished estimates for the U.S. civilian noninstitutionalized population as of July 1973 provided by the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

The population estimates for the United States by age and sex (table II) and by age, sex, and geographic region (table III) are consistent with the estimates of the civilian population published by the U.S. Bureau of the Census in Current Population Reports, Series P-25. However, they are not official population estimates of the U.S. Bureau of the Census. Estimates of the regional populations by age and sex were provided by the U.S. Bureau of the Census specifically for use in the HDS for computing rates.

General Qualifications

Rounding of numbers.—Estimates of the number of discharges and number of days of care were rounded to the nearest thousand for tabular presentation. Percents and rates were calculated on the basis of unrounded estimates. Due to rounding, detailed figures within tables do not always add to totals.

Patient characteristics not stated.—Age and/or sex was not stated for less than 1 percent of all 1973 discharges. However, color was not stated for approximately 13 percent of the patients discharged.
during each year. The proportion of sample hospital records with color not stated varied considerably among the sample hospitals.

Reliability of Estimates

Estimates from sample surveys such as the HDS are subject to two types of errors—measurement or nonsampling errors, and sampling errors. Measurement errors can occur in a complete count or census as well as in a sample survey. Sampling errors, on the other hand, occur because a sample instead of a complete count is taken.

Measurement errors.—These include errors due to hospital nonresponse, missing abstracts, information incompletely or inaccurately recorded on abstract forms, and processing errors. Some of these have been discussed in earlier sections.

Sampling errors.—The standard error in this survey is primarily a measure of the sampling variability that occurs by chance because the estimates are based on a sample of short-stay hospitals rather than on all discharges from all short-stay hospitals.

The relative standard error of an estimate is obtained by dividing the standard error of the estimate by the estimate itself and is expressed as a percentage of the estimate.

The chances are about 68 out of 100 that the value obtained in a complete enumeration is contained in the interval represented by the estimate plus and minus one standard error of the estimate, 95 out of 100 for two standard errors, and 99 out of 100 for 2 1/2 standard errors. Applying the illustration at the bottom of figure II, the chances are about 68 out of 100 that the value that would be obtained in a complete enumeration is contained in the interval 4,243,000 ± 5.0 percent of 4,243,000 (between 4,030,850 and 4,455,150); 99 out of 100 for the interval 4,243,000 ± 5.0 percent of 4,243,000, multiplied by 2.5.

The standard error of one statistic is generally different from that of another even when the two come from the same survey. To derive standard errors that would be applicable to a wide variety of statistics and that could be prepared at a moderate cost, a number of approximations were required. As a result, figure II and tables IV and V provide general standard errors.

Figure II. Approximate relative standard errors of estimated numbers of patients discharged for patient characteristics, by geographic region and/or size of hospital, type of ownership, and for all hospitals.

Illustration of use of figure II: As shown in table 2, an estimated 4,243,000 patients aged 15-44 years were discharged during 1973 within the South Region. The relative standard error of this estimate as read from the line “Region and/or size groups” is approximately 5.0 percent: the standard error of 4,243,000 is 212,150 (5.0 percent of 4,243,000).
errors for a wide variety of estimates rather than the specific error for any statistic.

The relative standard errors and approximate standard errors of percentages that have been prepared for this report are applicable to estimates of discharges and days of care for patient characteristics (age, sex, color, marital status, and discharge status, and cross-classifications, e.g., age by sex) cross-classified by one of three hospital groupings as follows: (1) by region (e.g., Northeast) and/or by size (e.g., 6-99 beds), (2) by type of ownership (e.g., government), or (3) by hospitals summed over all regions, size, and ownership groups (all hospitals). The particular figure or table to which one refers to obtain a sampling error is contingent upon both the type of estimate (e.g., discharges) and the hospital grouping with which the patient characteristic(s) is cross-classified. The procedures that apply are as follows:

1. Approximate relative standard errors of estimated number of discharges are obtained from the curves shown in figure II.

2. Approximate relative standard errors of estimated number of days of care are obtained from the curves shown in figure III.

3. Approximate standard errors of estimated percentages of discharges when the characteristic(s) used to form the numerator of the percentage is a subclass of the denominator are shown in table IV.

4. Approximate standard errors of estimated percentages of days of care when the characteristic(s) used to form the numerator of the percentage is a subclass of the denominator are shown in table V.

Approximate standard errors of average lengths of stay can be calculated as in the following example:

Suppose the standard error ($\sigma R$) of the average length of stay during 1973 for males aged 15-44 years for all hospitals is desired. The estimated number of discharges for this statistic is 3,873,000 (table 1) and the estimated number of days of care is 26,337,000 (table 10).

Illustration of use of figure III: As shown in table 14, an estimated 4,758,000 days of care during 1973 were provided to patients aged 15-44 years in proprietary hospitals. The relative standard error of this estimate as read from the line “Ownership groups” is approximately 17.0 percent: the standard error is 808,860 (17.0 percent of 4,758,000).
Table IV. Approximate standard errors of percentages shown in this report for discharges: Patient characteristics classified by geographic region and for all hospitals

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Illustration of use of table IV: Table 1 shows that 29.3 percent of the 9,899,000 white male patients discharged during 1973 from all hospitals were aged 45-64 years. Linear interpolation between the values shown in table IV will yield an approximate standard error of 0.5 percent for an estimate of 29.3 percent with a base of 9,899,000.

Table V. Approximate standard errors of percentages shown in this report for days of care: Patient characteristics classified by geographic region and for all hospitals

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Illustration of use of table V: Table 12 shows that of the 24,655,000 days of care provided for males discharged during 1973 from hospitals with 500 beds or more, 27.4 percent of the days were utilized by patients 65 years and over. Linear interpolation between the values shown in table V will yield an approximate standard error of 1.9 percent for an estimate of 27.4 percent with a base of 24,655,000.

Let \[ R' = \frac{\text{Number of days of care}}{\text{Number of discharges}} \]

\[ = \frac{26,337,000}{3,873,000} = 6.8 \text{ days.} \]

The relative standard error \( (V_R') \) of 26,337,000 (from all hospitals curve in figure III) is 2.9 percent or 0.029; \( V'_R = 0.029^2 \). The relative standard error \( (V_V) \) of 3,873,000 (from all hospitals curve in figure II) is 3.2 percent or 0.032; \( V'_V = 0.032^2 \). The sample correlation coefficient \( (r) \) which measures the closeness of the relation between the estimated number of days of care and the estimated number of discharges has been computed to be .75.

\[ V_R'^2 = V'_R^2 + V'_V^2 - 2r V'_R V'_V \]

\[ = 0.029^2 + 0.032^2 - 2(0.029)(0.032) \]

\[ = 0.00078 + 0.00102 - 0.00134 \]

\[ = 0.00046 \]

\[ V_R' = \sqrt{0.00046} = 0.0214 \]

\[ \sigma_R' = R' V_R' = 6.8 \times 0.0214 = 0.15 \text{ days.} \]
DEFINITIONS OF CERTAIN TERMS USED IN THIS REPORT

Terms Relating to Hospitalization

Patient.—A person who is formally admitted to the inpatient service of a short-stay hospital for observation, care, diagnosis, or treatment. In this report the number of patients refers to the number of discharges during 1973 including multiple discharges of the same individual (if any) from one short-stay hospital or more. All newborn infants, defined as those admitted by birth to the hospital, are excluded from this report. "Inpatient" and "patient" are used synonymously.

Patients under 1 year of age.—Includes infants admitted on the day of birth, directly or by transfer from another medical facility, with or without mention of a disease, disorder, or immaturity.

Discharge.—The formal release of an inpatient by a hospital, that is, the termination of a period of hospitalization by death or by disposition to place of residence, nursing home, or another hospital. In this report, "discharges" and "patients (or inpatients) discharged" are used synonymously.

Discharge rate.—The ratio of the number of hospital discharges (inpatients) during a year to the number of persons in the civilian noninstitutionalized population as of July 1 of that year.

Days of care.—The total number of inpatient days accumulated at time of discharge by patients discharged from short-stay hospitals during 1973. A stay of less than 1 day (inpatient admission and discharge on the same day) is counted as 1 day in the summation of total days of care. For patients admitted and discharged on different days, the number of days of care is computed by counting all days from (and including) the date of admission to (but not including) the date of discharge.

Rate of days of care.—The ratio of the number of inpatient days accumulated at time of discharge by patients discharged from short-stay hospitals during a year to the number of persons in the civilian noninstitutionalized population as of July 1 of that year.

Average length of stay.—The total number of inpatient days accumulated at time of discharge by patients discharged during 1973 divided by the number of patients discharged. "Average stay," "duration of stay," and "length of stay" are used interchangeably.

Hospitals and Hospital Characteristics

Short-stay hospitals.—General and short-term special hospitals having six beds or more for inpatient use and an average (mean) length of stay of less than 30 days. Military and Veterans Administration hospitals and hospital units of institutions are not included. "Hospitals" and "short-stay hospitals" are used synonymously.

Size of hospital.—Measured by the number of beds, cribs, and pediatric bassinets regularly maintained (set up and staffed for use) for inpatients; bassinets for newborn infants are not included. In this report the classification of hospitals by size is based on the number of beds at or near midyear reported by the hospitals.

Location of hospitals.—See "Geographic region."

Type of ownership of hospital.—Refers to the type of organization that controls and operates the hospital. In this report the classification of hospitals by type of ownership is based on responses provided by sample hospitals. The hospitals are grouped as follows:
1. Voluntary hospitals, Hospitals operated by a church or another nonprofit organization.
2. Government hospitals, Hospitals operated by State and local governments.
3. Proprietary hospitals, Hospitals controlled by individuals, partnerships, or corporations for profit.

Demographic Terms

Age.—Refers to age at last birthday prior to admission to the hospital inpatient service. (Newborn infants are not included.)

Color.—In this report patients are classified into two groups, "white" and "all other." The all other classification includes all categories other than white, some of which are too small for statistical purposes to be presented separately. White includes Mexican and Puerto Rican unless specifically identified as all other.

Geographic region.—In this report hospitals are classified by location according to the four geographic regions of the United States which correspond to those used by the U.S. Bureau of the Census:
<table>
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<th>States Included</th>
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<td>Michigan, Ohio, Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, and Kansas</td>
</tr>
<tr>
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