

Time Period/Data Year(s): HFY 2014 covers October 1st – September 30th for all hospitals. HFY 2015 covers 12 months based on each hospital's unique fiscal year which in most cases is the same time frame as the hospital cost report filing. Governing Legislation: M.G.L. c. 12C, section 8; Regulation 957 CMR 9:00 Hospital Financial Data Reporting Requirements.

Description	This measure reflects the number of emergency department visits at Massachusetts acute hospitals.
Frequency	CHIA reports on this measure annually as part of its Hospital Profiles publication.
Statutory Definition	CHIA is directed to collect from acute and non-acute hospitals “a charge book, the filing of cost data and audited financial statements and the submission of merged billing and discharge data.”
Data Submitters	All Massachusetts acute hospitals
Data Included	This data is sourced from Hospital Cost Reports. Total number of Emergency Department Visits is an aggregate count of each hospital's emergency department visits.
Quality Assurance Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each hospital's emergency department visits reported on the Hospital Cost Report are verified during the report intake process. • All publication materials are reviewed by CHIA analysts, managers, and team director.
Reports	Massachusetts Hospital Profiles
Data Notes	Emergency department visit counts may also be sourced from CHIA's Outpatient Emergency Department (ED) Database, collected pursuant to M.G.L. c. 12C, section 8 and Regulation 957 CMR 8.00. Reported counts by hospitals in the ED Database may vary from total counts reported by hospitals in the Hospital Cost Reports.

Statewide Number of Emergency Department Visits

How to Obtain Data	Emergency department visit data is available in the Hospital Profiles Databook on CHIA's website .
Related CHIA Measures	None
Questions?	Questions may be directed to mary.byrnes@state.ma.us