

CHIA Standard Statistics: Total Number of Patient Inpatient Discharges



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 inpatient discharges from 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. The total inpatient discharge count is an aggregate count of each acute hospital’s inpatient discharges.
Quality Assurance Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each hospital’s discharges reported on the Hospital Cost Report are verified during the report intake process. • These discharge counts are then compared to inpatient discharge data submitted by hospitals to CHIA’s Hospital Inpatient Discharge Database (HIDD). HIDD submissions are verified through the HIDD intake verification process. All publication materials are reviewed by CHIA analysts, managers, and team director.
Reports	Massachusetts Hospital Profiles
Data Notes	<p>Inpatient discharge counts may also be sourced from the Hospital Inpatient Discharge Database (HIDD), collected pursuant to M.G.L. c. 12C, section 8 and Regulation 957 CMR 8.00. Reported counts by hospitals in the HDD may vary from total discharges reported by hospitals in the Hospital Cost Reports. Hospitals have explained that this is due to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Timing – while HIDD is accurate when submitted (75 days after the close of a quarter), a case may be reclassified as outpatient, usually due to a change in payer

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	<p>designation. Payers may have different clinical criteria for defining an inpatient and outpatient stay;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• HIDD edits – discharges reported by the hospital that did not pass HDD edits may have been excluded from the HIDD but included in the Hospital Cost Report; and• Payer classification/status differences between the Hospital Cost Report and HIDD.
How to Obtain Data	Inpatient discharge data is available in the Hospital Profiles Databook on CHIA's website .
Related CHIA Measures	Most frequent inpatient discharges by Diagnostic Related Group (DRG) Statewide inpatient severity index
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