

Lowell General Hospital

2022 Hospital Profile

OVERVIEW

City/Town:	Lowell, MA
Region:	Northeastern Massachusetts
Hospital Type:	Community-High Public Payer Hospital
Total Staffed Beds in HFY22:	352, Large Hospital
Hospital System Affiliation:	Tufts Medicine
Hospital System Surplus (Deficit) in HFY22:	(\$530,357,000)
Change in Ownership HFY18-HFY22:	Not Applicable

Tax Status:	Non-profit
Trauma Center Designation:	Adult: Level 3
Total FTE's in HFY22:	2,374.68
FY22 Case Mix Index:	1.02
Public Payer Mix ¹ :	66.5%: HPP Hospital
Percent of Total GPSR - Medicare/Medicaid/Commercial:	46% / 21% / 28%
CY21 Commercial Statewide Relative Price:	0.81

FINANCIAL

GROSS AND NET PATIENT SERVICE REVENUES (GPSR & NPSR)

	HFY18	HFY19	HFY20	HFY21	HFY22
Inpatient GPSR	\$428.1M	\$412.4M	\$400.8M	\$466.5M	\$449.3M
Outpatient GPSR	\$821.8M	\$856.3M	\$775.0M	\$862.6M	\$867.8M
Total GPSR	\$1,249.9M	\$1,268.7M	\$1,175.8M	\$1,329.0M	\$1,317.1M
Inpatient NPSR per CMAD	\$11,435	\$10,591	\$10,456	\$11,617	\$10,020
Inpatient NPSR	\$228.0M	\$204.5M	\$182.2M	\$202.6M	\$183.9M
Outpatient NPSR	\$226.2M	\$249.5M	\$226.5M	\$248.1M	\$261.4M

*Data Source: CHIA Hospital Cost Reports

REVENUE & EXPENSES

	HFY18	HFY19	HFY20	HFY21	HFY22
Operating Revenue	\$472.6M	\$472.0M	\$477.1M	\$501.5M	\$509.7M
Non-Operating Revenue ³	\$7.7M	\$0.9M	\$5.1M	\$19.2M	(\$11.2M)
COVID Funding Included in Operating Revenue ⁴	-	-	\$31.3M	\$11.5M	\$8.7M
Total Revenue	\$480.3M	\$472.9M	\$482.1M	\$520.7M	\$498.5M
Total Expenses	\$457.1M	\$458.8M	\$469.7M	\$492.8M	\$594.4M
Total Surplus (Deficit)	\$23.2M	\$14.1M	\$12.4M	\$27.9M	(\$96.0M)
Operating Margin	3.2%	2.8%	1.5%	1.7%	(17.0%)
Non-Operating Margin	1.6%	0.2%	1.0%	3.7%	(2.3%)
Total Margin	4.8%	3.0%	2.6%	5.4%	(19.3%)

*Data Source: Standardized Financial Statements

SOLVENCY AND LIQUIDITY

	HFY18	HFY19	HFY20	HFY21	HFY22
Total Net Assets or Equity	\$161.0M	\$137.8M	\$123.7M	\$160.4M	\$96.9M
Current Ratio	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.4
Debt Service Coverage Ratio	3.6	3.3	4.5	3.4	(5.1)
Cash Flow to Total Debt	18.0%	14.8%	8.2%	13.6%	(19.1%)
Equity Financing Ratio	32.9%	30.3%	20.4%	27.3%	19.8%
Average Age of Plant	11.0	13.0	15.0	14.0	11.0

*Data Source: Standardized Financial Statements

UTILIZATION

Licensed Beds in HFY22:	428
Available Beds in HFY22:	428
Staffed Beds in HFY22:	352
HFY22 Percentage Occupancy:	69.6%
Inpatient Discharges in HFY22:	18,065
Change HFY21-HFY22:	1.6%
Percent of Total Region Discharges in HFY22:	13.9%
Percent of Statewide Total Discharges in HFY22:	2.5%
Inpatient Days in HFY22:	89,418
Change HFY21-HFY22:	13.6%
Percent of Total Region Inpatient Days in HFY22:	13.7%
Percent of Statewide Total Inpatient Days in HFY22:	2.2%
Average Length of Stay in HFY22:	5.0
Change HFY21-HFY22:	11.7%
Emergency Department Visits in HFY22:	88,049
Change HFY21-HFY22:	5.5%
Percent of Total Region Emergency Department Visits in HFY22:	17.3%
Percent of Statewide Total Emergency Department Visits in HFY22:	3.2%
Outpatient Visits in HFY22:	154,503
Change HFY21-HFY22:	(3.0%)

*Data Source: CHIA Hospital Cost Reports

TOP DISCHARGES BY INPATIENT CASE (DRG) IN FY22

Inpatient Case (DRG) ⁵	Discharges	Percent of Total Hospital Discharges
Normal Neonate Birth	1,550	8.6%
Vaginal delivery	1,215	6.8%
Septicemia & Disseminated Infections	1,036	5.8%
Major Resp Infect & Inflamm	876	4.9%
Heart failure	861	4.8%
Cesarean delivery	457	2.5%
Other pneumonia	406	2.3%
Cardiac Arrhythmia	340	1.9%
Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	338	1.9%
Kidney & Urinary Tract Infections	336	1.9%

*Data Source: CHIA Hospital Discharge Dataset

TOP DISCHARGES BY COMMUNITY IN FY22

Community ⁵	Discharges	Percent of Total Community Discharges
Lowell, MA	8,301	72%
Dracut, MA	2,201	67%
Tewksbury, MA	1,257	36%
Chelmsford, MA	1,173	51%
Tyngsboro, MA	586	60%
North Chelmsford, MA	498	60%
Westford, MA	481	30%
North Billerica, MA	336	28%
Billerica, MA	335	11%
Pelham, NH	335	46%

*Data Source: CHIA Hospital Discharge Dataset

For descriptions of the metrics, please see the technical appendix.

¹ High Public Payer Hospitals (HPP) reported a minimum of 63% of gross patient service revenue from public payers.

² Effective HFY 2020, supplemental revenue is not included in net patient service revenue for all hospitals. Prior to HFY 2020, reporting of supplemental revenue varied by hospital.

³ There was an accounting change adopted by most hospitals beginning in HFY 2020 in which unrealized gains and losses on investments are now recognized as non-operating revenue.

⁴ Federal and State COVID-19 relief funding was distributed to hospitals as part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act beginning in HFY2020. A portion of this funding was reported as operating revenue.

⁵ Inpatient cases and communities with less than 25 discharges have been omitted from the Top Discharges by Inpatient Case (DRG) and Top Discharges by Community charts.



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