

# Total Number of Patient Inpatient Discharges



Time Period/Data Year(s): HFY 2018 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.

<b>Description</b>	This measure reflects the number of inpatient discharges from Massachusetts acute hospitals.
<b>Frequency</b>	CHIA reports on this measure annually as part of its Hospital Profiles publication.
<b>Statutory Definition</b>	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.”
<b>Data Submitters</b>	All Massachusetts acute hospitals
<b>Data Included</b>	This data is sourced from Hospital Cost Reports. The total inpatient discharge count is an aggregate count of each acute hospital’s inpatient discharges.
<b>Quality Assurance Process</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Each hospital’s discharges reported on the Hospital Cost Report are verified during the report intake process.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>
<b>Reports</b>	<a href="#">Massachusetts Hospital Profiles</a>
<b>Data Notes</b>	<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"> <li>• 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</li> </ul>

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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"> <li>• 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</li> <li>• Payer classification/status differences between the Hospital Cost Report and HIDD.</li> <li>• Note: The FY 2015 discharges of 807,457 do not include 953 discharges from the Kindred Hospitals. The Kindred hospitals changed their licenses to non-acute licenses. If they were included the number of discharges would be 808,410.</li> </ul>
<b>How to Obtain Data</b>	Inpatient discharge data is available in the Hospital Profiles Databook on CHIA's <a href="#">website</a> .
<b>Related CHIA Measures</b>	<p>Most frequent inpatient discharges by Diagnostic Related Group (DRG)</p> <p>Statewide inpatient severity index</p>
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