

**Table V.18**

**National Community Hospital Utilization  
1973 - 2006**

| Year | Admissions<br>in millions | Inpatient<br>Days<br>in millions | Average<br>Stay<br>in days | Outpatient<br>Visits<br>in millions | Adjusted<br>Expenses<br>per<br>Inpatient Day |
|------|---------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| 1973 | 31.7                      | 248                              | 7.8                        | 173                                 | \$102  |
| 1974 | 32.9                      | 255                              | 7.8                        | 189                                 | 114  |
| 1975 | 33.4                      | 258                              | 7.7                        | 191                                 | 134  |
| 1976 | 34.0                      | 261                              | 7.7                        | 201                                 | 153  |
| 1977 | 34.3                      | 261                              | 7.6                        | 199                                 | 174  |
| 1978 | 34.5                      | 262                              | 7.6                        | 202                                 | 194  |
| 1979 | 35.1                      | 265                              | 7.6                        | 199                                 | 217  |
| 1980 | 36.1                      | 273                              | 7.6                        | 202                                 | 245  |
| 1981 | 36.4                      | 278                              | 7.6                        | 203                                 | 284  |
| 1982 | 36.4                      | 278                              | 7.6                        | 248                                 | 327  |
| 1983 | 36.2                      | 273                              | 7.6                        | 210                                 | 369  |
| 1984 | 35.2                      | 257                              | 7.3                        | 212                                 | 411  |
| 1985 | 33.4                      | 237                              | 7.1                        | 219                                 | 460  |
| 1986 | 32.4                      | 229                              | 7.1                        | 232                                 | 501  |
| 1987 | 31.6                      | 227                              | 7.2                        | 246                                 | 539  |
| 1988 | 31.5                      | 227                              | 7.2                        | 269                                 | 586  |
| 1989 | 31.1                      | 225                              | 7.2                        | 286                                 | 637  |
| 1990 | 31.2                      | 226                              | 7.2                        | 301                                 | 687  |
| 1991 | 31.1                      | 223                              | 7.2                        | 322                                 | 752  |
| 1992 | 31.0                      | 221                              | 7.1                        | 349                                 | 820  |
| 1993 | 30.7                      | 216                              | 7.0                        | 367                                 | 881  |
| 1994 | 30.7                      | 207                              | 6.7                        | 383                                 | 931  |
| 1995 | 30.9                      | 200                              | 6.5                        | 414                                 | 968  |
| 1996 | 31.1                      | 194                              | 6.2                        | 440                                 | 1,006  |
| 1997 | 31.6                      | 193                              | 6.1                        | 450                                 | 1,033  |
| 1998 | 31.8                      | 191                              | 6.0                        | 474                                 | 1,067  |
| 1999 | 32.4                      | 192                              | 5.9                        | 495                                 | 1,103  |
| 2000 | 33.0                      | 192                              | 5.8                        | 521                                 | 1,149  |
| 2001 | 33.8                      | 194                              | 5.7                        | 538                                 | 1,217  |
| 2002 | 34.5                      | 197                              | 5.7                        | 556                                 | 1,290  |
| 2003 | 34.8                      | 197                              | 5.7                        | 563                                 | 1,379  |
| 2004 | 35.1                      | 198                              | 5.6                        | 572                                 | 1,450  |
| 2005 | 35.2                      | 197                              | 5.6                        | 584                                 | 1,522  |
| 2006 | 35.3                      | 198                              | 5.6                        | 600                                 | 1,612  |

SOURCE: American Hospital Association

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