

Table V.3
Medicare Short-Stay Hospital Discharges by Length of Stay
Calendar Year 2009

Total Length of Stay	Discharges (aged and disabled)			Total Days of Care		
	Number	Percent Distribution	Cumulative Percent Distribution	Number	Percent Distribution	Cumulative Percent Distribution
TOTAL	11,558,205	100.0	--	63,441,875	100.0	--
1 day	1,565,250	13.5	13.5	1,565,250	2.5	2.5
2 days	1,753,555	15.2	28.7	3,507,110	5.5	8.0
3 days	1,979,620	17.1	45.8	5,938,860	9.4	17.4
4 days	1,446,645	12.5	58.4	5,786,580	9.1	26.5
5 days	1,052,805	9.1	67.5	5,264,025	8.3	34.8
6 days	794,970	6.9	74.3	4,769,820	7.5	42.3
7 days	623,310	5.4	79.7	4,363,170	6.9	49.2
8 days	455,465	3.9	83.7	3,643,720	5.7	54.9
9 days	332,825	2.9	86.6	2,995,425	4.7	59.6
10 days	260,105	2.3	88.8	2,601,050	4.1	63.7
11 days	204,695	1.8	90.6	2,251,645	3.5	67.3
12 days	161,805	1.4	92.0	1,941,660	3.1	70.3
13 days	140,125	1.2	93.2	1,821,625	2.9	73.2
14 days	128,695	1.1	94.3	1,801,730	2.8	76.1
15 days	99,280	0.9	95.2	1,489,200	2.3	78.1
16 days	76,895	0.7	95.8	1,230,320	1.9	80.3
17 days	64,645	0.6	96.4	1,098,965	1.7	82.1
18 days	52,755	0.5	96.8	949,590	1.5	83.6
19 days	44,085	0.4	97.2	837,615	1.3	84.9
20 days	39,095	0.3	97.6	781,900	1.2	86.1
21-30 days	190,535	1.6	99.2	4,636,835	7.3	93.4
31-40 days	51,040	0.4	99.7	1,767,860	2.8	96.2
41-50 days	19,585	0.2	99.8	878,145	1.4	97.6
51-60 days	8,680	0.1	99.9	476,720	0.8	98.4
61-90 days	8,365	0.1	100.0	599,050	0.9	99.3
91 days or more	3,375	(1)	100.0	444,005	0.7	100.0

¹ Less than 0.05%

NOTES: These data reflect individual stays. A beneficiary may use more than one stay and each is counted separately. Calendar year data are derived from the 2009 MEDPAR stay record file. This file includes stays recorded in CMS central office through June 2010. Totals do not necessarily equal the sum of rounded components. Data may differ from other sources or from the same source with different update cycle.

SOURCE: CMS/ORDI

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