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This report describes the structure and contents of the Ground Ambulance Data Collection System (GADCS) analytic file (the "GADCS analytic file") used by RAND to conduct the analyses described throughout *Medicare Ground Ambulance Data Collection System (GADCS)* Report Appendix: Year 1 – Year 4 Cohort Analysis, Data Reported Through May 15, 2025. RAND created GADCS analytic files using extracts of the underlying "long-format" (i.e., with each combination of respondent and variable in a separate line in the data) GADCS data from the Fee for Service Data Collection System. As described in the previously published report¹ in detail, RAND:

- Restructured and reorganized the data in a "wide" format (i.e., with each responding organization contributing only one row of data) so that it was ready for analysis.
- Applied a variety of internal validation checks and, in some cases, cleaned, imputed, or otherwise recoded responses (see Appendix B of the previously published report for more detail). In these cases, the initial submitted information is preserved in the long-format GADCS extract.
- Constructed a range of derived variables useful for analysis.

Changes from Previous Version

This version of the codebook updates the variables with data reported as of May 15, 2025 from all four GADCS cohorts (Year 1 to Year 4). This version includes Year 1 and 2 organizations that certified after the data cut-off used in the previous analysis (July 15, 2024), and Year 3 and 4 organizations certifying their responses by May 15, 2025. We updated the non-response weights to reflect the organizations reporting data since the previous report. In selected places, we have expanded the descriptive information in the table notes for added clarity.

All items in this appendix have been weighted for non-response unless otherwise indicated.

Codebook Conventions

Following the GADCS instrument, this codebook is structured by numbered section from Section 2 (Organizational Characteristics) through Section 13 (Revenues). The following sections report variable information in each section of the GADCS instrument, starting with Section 2 (Organizational Characteristics). There are no substantive responses reported in Section 1 (General Survey Instructions).

Reported costs represent the share of costs that the respondent designated as ground ambulance-related, unless otherwise stated. Within each section, horizontal dividers define boundaries between descriptions of each specific variable in the analytic file. Each variable's description includes:

¹ Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, "Medicare Ground Ambulance Data Collection System (GADCS) Report: Year 1 and Year 2 Cohort Analysis," December 2024. Available online: https://www.cms.gov/files/document/medicare-ground-ambulance-data-collection-system-gadcs-report-year-1-and-year-2-cohort-analysis.pdf.

- A variable name including the GADCS item section ("S") and question ("Q") in a S##Q## format, with additional suffixes (e.g., "a," "b," and "c") as appropriate to differentiate between subparts of questions.
 - Some variables have a row ("R") and column ("C") number added also, to reflect the answer position for some table-format questions, such as in Section 7 – Labor Costs (S##Q##R##C##).
- The corresponding GADCS item number.
- The GADCS question text (note this is sometimes abridged for brevity). The GADCS printable instrument with full question text is available on the GADCS website.²
- Item type (dichotomous, categorical, continuous, etc.).
- Weighted denominator (i.e., the sum of weights for organizations in the applicable denominator) rounded to the nearest integer.
- Descriptive statistics appropriate to the variable type:
 - For dichotomous and categorical variables, weighted counts and percentages for each response option (with both coded responses like "(0)" and "(1)" and response labels like "No" and "Yes" listed in the table).
 - o For continuous variables, the weighted mean, standard deviation, 25th percentile, median, and 75th percentile calculated over applicable responses.
 - Note percentages and weighted counts may not sum to 100 percent or to the applicable denominator for descriptive statistics throughout the codebook due to rounding.
 - We censored descriptive statistics calculated over fewer than 20 unweighted observations and labeled censored values "N/R" for not reported.
- A description of the applicable denominator in words.
 - o For many items, skip logic patterns would limit the number of organizations needing to respond.
- A summary of relevant skip patterns/programming notes determining the next item viewed by respondents in words.

² The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. Medicare Ground Ambulance Data Collection Instrument, November 2023. Available at: https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/Ambulance-FeeSchedule/Downloads/Medicare-Ground-Ambulance-Data-Collection-System-Instrument.pdf. Last accessed: August 2025.

Section 2: Organizational Characteristics

Question 1 [S02Q01, Categorical]: "Is *[pre-populate number]* an NPI [National Provider Identifier] your organization used to bill Medicare for ground ambulance services during the data collection period?"

Response options and summary statistics (unweighted):

Response	n	%
No (0) or Partial (2)	283	3.68
Yes (1)	7,413	96.32
Total (denominator)	7,696	100.00

<u>Denominator</u>: The denominator for Section 2, Question 1 is unweighted and reflects all certified responses from the raw GADCS extract. For all subsequent codebook entries, response options "No (0)" and "Partial (2)" are treated as non-responses and removed from the analytic file (n=283 of 7,696 total NPIs removed for a total of n=7,413 unweighted NPIs). An additional 26 NPIs were excluded from the analytic file due to having no Medicare claims in their data collection year, or having a submission status other than "Approved", leaving 7,387 unweighted NPIs in the analytic file.

<u>Programming/skip logic:</u> No $(0) \rightarrow S02Q01a$; Yes $(1) \rightarrow S02Q02$; Partial $(2) \rightarrow S02Q01$ partial start.

Question 1.a.i [S02Q01a, Categorical]: "You indicated that NPI [pre-populate number] was not used by your organization to bill for ground ambulance services from [INSERT START DATE] to [INSERT END DATE]. NPI [pre-populate number] was used to bill Medicare for ground ambulance services in [insert sampling year], which was the basis for CMS selecting your organization for participation in the Medicare Ground Ambulance Data Collection System. Please select the reason for your answer."

Response options and summary statistics (unweighted):

Response	n	%
The NPI was in operation during the data collection period but was not used during the data collection period to bill	150	70.09
Medicare for ground ambulance services (1) The NPI was deactivated prior to, during, or after the data	64	29.91
collection period (2), no answer recorded (9) Total (denominator)	214	100.00

<u>Denominator:</u> Organizations responding "No (0)" to S02Q01 or, to avoid an unweighted cell size less than 20, "Partial (2)" to S02Q01. Some organizations responding "No (0)" to S02Q01 did not answer this question (S02Q01a). Table reports unweighted responses and shares (see S02Q01 note for details).

<u>Programming/skip logic:</u> "Not used for billing (1)" or "Deactivated (2)" \rightarrow S02Q01b. "Missing (9)" \rightarrow STOP; Refer to GADCS Help Desk.

Questions 1.a.ii.1 and 1.a.iii.1 [S02Q01b, Dichotomous]: [For S02Q01a=(1)]: "I confirm. NPI [PRE-POPULATE NUMBER] was deactivated prior to, during, or after the data collection period from [INSERT START DATE] to [INSERT END DATE]." [For S02Q01a=(2)]: "Please confirm your response. If you answer, "I confirm," your organization's responsibility to report information to the Medicare Ground Ambulance Data Collection System is complete."

Response options and summary statistics (unweighted):

Response	n	%
Contact Help Desk (0)	0	0.00
I confirm (1) or no answer recorded (9)	214	100.00
Total (denominator)	214	100.00

<u>Denominator:</u> Organizations responding "No (0)" to S02Q01 or, to avoid an unweighted cell size less than 20, "Partial (2)" to S02Q01. Table reports unweighted responses and shares (see S02Q01 note for details).

<u>Programming/skip logic:</u> "I confirm (1)" \rightarrow STOP; Submission complete; response transitions to certification. "Contact Help Desk (0)" \rightarrow STOP; Refer to GADCS Help Desk (programming checks prevent certified responses from having this response).

Question 1.c.i.1 [S02Q01_partial_start, Date]: "Please enter the date range during which the selected NPI billed Medicare for ground ambulance services. Enter your data collection period start date and/or stop date: Start Date."

Summary statistics not reported due to fewer than 20 unweighted responses for one or more categories.

<u>Denominator</u>: Organizations responding "Partial (2)" to S02Q01.

Programming/skip logic: To S02Q01 partial end.

Question 1.c.i.2 [S02Q01_partial_end, Date]: "Please enter the date range during which the selected NPI billed Medicare for ground ambulance services. Enter your data collection period start date and/or stop date: End Date."

Summary statistics not reported due to fewer than 20 unweighted responses for one or more categories.

<u>Denominator</u>: Organizations responding "Partial (2)" to S02Q01.

Programming/skip logic: To S02Q02.

Question 2 [S02Q02, Dichotomous]: "Is this NPI part of a larger "parent organization" that owns or operates multiple NPIs billing for ground ambulance services?"

Response options and summary statistics:

Response	n	%
No (0)	9,092	94.63
Yes (1)	516	5.37
Total (denominator)	9,608	100.00

Denominator: All respondents.

Programming/skip logic: To S02Q03.

Question 3 [S02Q03, Dichotomous]: "Is [INSERT ORGANIZATION NAME] the name of your organization? For the remainder of the instrument, the term "organization" refers to the NPI for which CMS is requesting data."

Response options and summary statistics:

Response	n	%
No (0)	0	0.00
Yes (1)	9,608	100.00
Total (denominator)	9,608	100.00

<u>Denominator:</u> All respondents.

<u>Programming/skip logic:</u> "Yes (1)" \rightarrow S02Q04; "No (0)" \rightarrow STOP; Refer to GADCS Help Desk (programming checks prevent certified responses from having this response).

Question 4 [S02Q04, Free text]: "What is the name, job title, and contact information for the primary person completing this instrument?"

Response information:

Response	n	%
[Free text]	9,608	100.00
Total (denominator)	9,608	100.00

Denominator: All respondents.

Programming/skip logic: To S02Q05.

Note: Text field contains names and contact information and is not used for empirical analysis.

Question 5 [S02Q05, Categorical]: "Which description of ownership type best fits your organization?"

Response options and summary statistics:

Response	n	%
For-profit (1)	1,427	14.85
Non-profit excl. gov't. (2)	2,660	27.68
Government (3)	5,409	56.30
Public-private partnership (4)	112	1.16
Total (denominator)	9,608	100.00

Denominator: All respondents.

Programming/skip logic: To S02Q06.

Question 6 [S02Q06, Dichotomous]: "Did your organization use volunteer labor for any positions related to your ground ambulance service during the data collection period?"

Response options and summary statistics:

Response	n	%
No (0)	6,161	64.13
Yes (1)	3,446	35.87
Total (denominator)	9,608	100.00

Denominator: All respondents.

<u>Note:</u> Reported statistics collectively describe organizations that either answered "Yes" to S02Q06 or, in rare cases, organizations answering "No" to S02Q06 while also reporting using volunteer labor in S07Q01.

Programming/skip logic: To S02Q07.

Question 7 [S02Q07, Categorical]: "Which category best describes your ground ambulance operation?"

Response options and summary statistics:

Response	n	%
Fire department-based (1)	4,068	42.34
Police or other public safety department-based (2)	73	0.76
Government stand-alone EMS [Emergency Medical Services] agency (3)	1,844	19.19
Hospital or other Medicare provider of services (4)	644	6.71
Independent/proprietary organization primarily providing EMS services (5)	2,388	24.85
Independent/proprietary organization primarily providing non-emergency services (6)	590	6.14
Other (7)	0.00	0.00
Total (denominator)	9,608	100.00

Denominator: All respondents.

<u>Note:</u> We reclassified all of the 155 organizations selecting 'Other' into one of the other categories based on their text write-in field (next question).

<u>Programming/skip logic:</u> "Other (7)" \rightarrow S02Q07_oth_text; "Fire department-based (1)," "Police or other public safety department-based (2)," or "Hospital or other Medicare provider of services (4)" \rightarrow S02Q08; All other response options \rightarrow S02Q09_firedept.

Question 7.g [S02Q07 oth text, Free text]: "Other (please specify)"

Response information:

Response	n	%
[Free text]	155	100.00
Total (denominator)	155	100.00

<u>Denominator:</u> Respondents answering "Other (7)" to S02Q07.

<u>Note:</u> We reclassified all 155 organizations that selected other into one of the main categories in Question 7 using the free-text information in this field.

Programming/skip logic: Skip logic noted in response to last question.

Question 8 [S02Q08, Dichotomous]: "You indicated that your ground ambulance operation is *[FILL "fire department-based," "police or other public safety department-based," or "hospital-based or other Medicare provider-based" as appropriate based on responses to Section 2, Question 7].* Please confirm that your ground ambulance operation shared operational costs, such as building space or personnel, with these other operations."

Response options and summary statistics:

Response	n	%
Costs were not shared (0)	251	5.28
Yes, we shared some or all costs (1)	4,495	94.72
Total (denominator)	4,746	100.00

<u>Denominator</u>: Respondents answering "Fire department-based (1)," "Police or other public safety department-based (2)," or "Hospital or other Medicare provider of services (4)" to S02Q07.

<u>Programming/skip logic:</u> If S02Q07 response is "Fire department-based (1)" \rightarrow S02Q09 police; All others \rightarrow S02Q09 firedept.

Question 9.a [S02Q09_firedept, Dichotomous]: "Does your organization provide any of the following services or operations (select all that apply): (a) A fire department?"

Response options and summary statistics:

Response	n	%
No (0)	5,276	94.88
Yes (1)	285	5.12
Total (denominator)	5,561	100.00

<u>Denominator:</u> Respondents with responses other than "Fire-department based (1)" for S02Q07.

<u>Programming/skip logic:</u> If S02Q07 response is "Police or other public safety department-based (2)" \rightarrow S02Q09 hospital; All others \rightarrow S02Q09 police.

Question 9.b [S02Q09_police, Dichotomous]: "Does your organization provide any of the following services or operations (select all that apply): (b) A police or other public safety department?"

Response options and summary statistics:

Response	n	%
No (0)	8,790	92.18
Yes (1)	746	7.82
Total (denominator)	9,535	100.00

<u>Denominator</u>: Respondents with responses other than "Police or other public safety department-based (2)" for S02Q07.

<u>Programming/skip logic:</u> If S02Q07 response is "Hospital or other Medicare provider of services (4)" \rightarrow S02Q09_healthcare; All others \rightarrow S02Q09_hospital.

Question 9.c [S02Q09_hospital, Dichotomous]: "Does your organization provide any of the following services or operations (select all that apply): (c) A hospital or other Medicare provider of services?"

Response options and summary statistics:

Response	n	%
No (0)	8,866	98.72
Yes (1)	115	1.28
Total (denominator)	8,981	100.00

<u>Denominator</u>: Respondents with responses other than "Hospital or other Medicare provider of services (4)" for S02Q07.

Programming/skip logic: To S02Q09 healthcare.

Question 9.d [S02Q09_healthcare, Dichotomous]: "Does your organization provide any of the following services or operations (select all that apply): (d) Other health care delivery operations?"

Response options and summary statistics:

Response	n	%
No (0)	9,210	95.86
Yes (1)	397	4.14
Total (denominator)	9,608	100.00

<u>Denominator:</u> All respondents.

Programming/skip logic: To S02Q09 air.

Question 9.e [S02Q09_air, Dichotomous]: "Does your organization provide any of the following services or operations (select all that apply): (e) An air ambulance operation?"

Response options and summary statistics:

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Response	n	%
No (0)	9,498	98.86
Yes (1)	109	1.14
Total (denominator)	9,608	100.00

<u>Denominator:</u> All respondents.

Programming/skip logic: To S02Q09 oth.

Question 9.f [S02Q09_oth, Dichotomous]: "Does your organization provide any of the following services or operations (select all that apply): (f) Other?"

Response options and summary statistics:

Response	n	%
No (0)	9,059	94.29
Yes (1)	548	5.71
Total (denominator)	9,608	100.00

Denominator: All respondents.

<u>Programming/skip logic:</u> "Yes (1)" \rightarrow S02Q09_oth_text; "No (0)" \rightarrow S02Q10.

Question 9.f [S02Q09 oth text, Free text]: "Other (please specify)"

Response information:

Response	n	%
[Free text]	548	100.00
Total (denominator)	548	100.00

Denominator: Respondents answering "Yes (1)" to S02Q09 oth.

Programming/skip logic: To S02Q10.

Question 10 [S02Q10, Dichotomous]: "Does your organization routinely provide ground ambulance responses to 911 calls?"

Response options and summary statistics:

Response	n	%
No (0)	1,003	10.44
Yes (1)	8,605	89.56
Total (denominator)	9,608	100.00

Denominator: All respondents.

Programming/skip logic: To S02Q11.

Question 11 [S02Q11, Dichotomous]: "Do you operate land-based ambulances?"

Summary statistics not reported due to fewer than 20 unweighted responses for one or more categories.

Denominator: All respondents.

Programming/skip logic: To S02Q12.

Question 12 [S02Q12, Dichotomous]: "Do you operate water-based ambulances?"

Summary statistics not reported due to fewer than 20 unweighted responses for one or more categories.

Denominator: All respondents.

Programming/skip logic: To S02Q13.

Question 13 [S02Q13, Dichotomous]: "Do you operate air ambulances?"

Response options and summary statistics:

Response	n	%
No (0)	9,469	98.55
Yes (1)	139	1.45
Total (denominator)	9,608	100.00

Denominator: All respondents.

Programming/skip logic: To S02Q14.

Question 14 [S02Q14, Categorical]: "Which staff deployment model best describes your organization?"

Response options and summary statistics:

Response	n	%
Static deployment (1)	5,319	56.64
Dynamic deployment (2)	2,407	23.74
Combined deployment (3)	1,881	19.62
Total (denominator)	9,608	100.00

Denominator: All respondents.

<u>Programming/skip logic:</u> If S02Q10 = "Yes (1)" \rightarrow S02Q15; Else \rightarrow S02Q16.

Question 15 [S02Q15, Dichotomous]: "Do you provide 911 emergency service around the clock for all days in the year?"

Response options and summary statistics:

Response	n	%
No (0)	186	2.16
Yes (1)	8,419	97.84
Total (denominator)	8,605	100.00

<u>Denominator:</u> Respondents answering "Yes (1)" to S02Q10.

Programming/skip logic: To S02Q16.

Question 16 [S02Q16, Dichotomous]: "Do you ever provide paramedic intercepts?"

Response options and summary statistics:

Response	n	%
No (0)	9,383	97.66
Yes (1)	225	2.34
Total (denominator)	9,608	100.00

<u>Denominator</u>: All respondents.

Programming/skip logic: To S02Q17.

Question 17 [S02Q17, Dichotomous]: "Other than what was reported in item 16, do you ever deploy ALS [Advanced Life Support] emergency response staff as a joint response to meet a Basic Life Support (BLS) ground ambulance from another organization during the course of responses?"

Response options and summary statistics:

Response	n	%
No (0)	6,041	62.88
Yes (1)	3,566	37.12
Total (denominator)	9,608	100.00

Denominator: All respondents.

Programming/skip logic: To S02Q18.

Question 18 [S02Q18, Categorical]: "Did your organization contract out core ground ambulance functions, like EMS responses, EMT staffing, or provision of ambulances, during its 12-month data collection period?"

Response options and summary statistics:

Response	n	%
No (0)	8,779	91.37
Yes, EMT labor specifically (1)	381	3.96
Yes, Broader ground ambulance services (2)	321	3.34
Yes, EMT labor and broader ground ambulance services (3)	127	1.32
Total (denominator)	9,608	100.00

Denominator: All respondents.

Programming/skip logic: END Section 2; all respondents proceed to Section 3.

Section 3: Service Area

Question 1 [S03Q01, Delimited text]: "Please select the ZIP codes(s) in which your primary service area is located."

Response information:

Response	n	%
[delimited text]	9,608	100.00
Total (denominator)	9,608	100.00

Denominator: All respondents.

<u>Programming/skip logic:</u> If "Yes (1)" to S02Q10 \rightarrow S03Q02; Else \rightarrow S03Q03.

Note: Text field contains comma-delimited ZIP Codes.

Question 2 [S03Q02, Dichotomous]: "Are you the primary emergency ground ambulance organization in most or all of your primary service area (either for ALS, BLS, or both)?"

Response options and summary statistics:

Response	n	%
No (0)	473	5.50
Yes (1)	8,133	94.50
Total (denominator)	8,605	100.00

Denominator: Respondents answering "Yes (1)" to S02Q10.

Programming/skip logic: To S03Q03.

Question 3 [S03Q03, Categorical]: "During a response, what is the approximate average trip time (in minutes) across all service levels (BLS, ALS, etc.) in your primary service area?"

Response options and summary statistics:

Response	n	%
Less than 30 minutes (1)	1,135	11.81
30 minutes–60 minutes (2)	3,499	36.42
61 minutes–90 minutes (3)	2,849	29.65
91 minutes–120 minutes (4)	1,380	14.37
121–150 minutes (5)	451	4.69
More than 150 minutes (6)	294	3.06
Total (denominator)	9,608	100.00

Denominator: All respondents.

Programming/skip logic: To S03Q04.

Question 4 [S03Q04, Dichotomous]: "Do you have a secondary service area?"

Response options and summary statistics:

Response	n	%
No (0)	4,888	50.88
Yes (1)	4,719	49.12
Total (denominator)	9,608	100.00

Denominator: All respondents.

<u>Programming/skip logic:</u> If "Yes (1)" \rightarrow S03Q05; If "No (0)" \rightarrow END Section 3.

Question 5 [S03Q05, Delimited text]: "Please select the ZIP codes(s) in which your secondary service is located."

Response information:

Response	n	%
[delimited text]	4,719	100.00
Total (denominator)	4,719	100.00

<u>Denominator:</u> Respondents answering "Yes (1)" to S03Q04.

Programming/skip logic: To S03Q06.

Note: Text field contains comma-delimited ZIP Codes.

Question 6 [S03Q06, Categorical]: "During a response, what is the approximate average trip time (in minutes) across all service levels (BLS, ALS, etc.) in your secondary service area?"

Response options and summary statistics:

Response n		%
Less than 30 minutes (1)	347	7.36
30 minutes–60 minutes (2)	1,330	28.18
61 minutes–90 minutes (3)	1,562	33.10
91 minutes–120 minutes (4)	876	18.57
121–150 minutes (5)	373	7.90
More than 150 minutes (6)	231	4.89
Total (denominator)	4,719	100.00

Denominator: Respondents answering "Yes (1)" to S03Q04.

Programming/skip logic: END Section 3. Respondents return to GADCS Dashboard.

Section 4: Emergency Response Time

Question 1 [S04Q01, Dichotomous]: "Here, response time is defined as the time from when the call comes into dispatch to when the ground ambulance or another EMS response vehicle arrives on the scene. Do you define response time in this way?"

Response options and summary statistics:

Response	n	%
No (0)	1,857	21.58
Yes (1)	6,748	78.42
Total (denominator)	8,605	100.00

Denominator: Respondents answering "Yes (1)" to S02Q10.

<u>Programming/skip logic:</u> If "Yes (1)" \rightarrow S04Q03a; Else \rightarrow S04Q02.

Question 2 [S04Q02, Categorical]: "Please select the definition that best fits your organization's measurement of response time."

Response options and summary statistics:

Response	n	%
From the time the ground ambulance leaves the station to the time the ground ambulance or other EMS vehicle is at the scene (1)	362	19.50
From the time our organization receives a call from dispatch to the time the ground ambulance or other EMS vehicle is at the scene (2)	1,280	68.96
Other (3)	214	11.54
Total (denominator)	1,857	100.00

Denominator: Respondents answering "Yes (1)" to S02Q10 and "No (0)" to S04Q01.

Programming/skip logic: If "Other (3)" \rightarrow S04Q02 oth text; Else \rightarrow S04Q03a.

Question 2 [S04Q02_oth_text, Free text]: "Other (please specify)."

Response information:

Response	n	%
[Free text]	214	100.00
Total (denominator)	214	100.00

<u>Denominator</u>: Respondents answering "Other (3)" to S04Q02.

Programming/skip logic: To S04Q03a.

Question 3.a [S04Q03a, Dichotomous]: "Are you able to report statistics related to response times as measured by your organization?"

Response options and summary statistics:

Response	n	%
No (0)	1,044	12.13
Yes (1)	7,561	87.87
Total (denominator)	8,605	100.00

<u>Denominator:</u> Respondents answering "Yes (1)" to S02Q10.

<u>Programming/skip logic:</u> If "Yes (1)" \rightarrow S04Q03b; If "No (0)" \rightarrow S04Q03e.

Question 3.b [S04Q03b, Continuous]: "What is the average response time for ground ambulance emergency responses in your primary service area?"

Summary statistics:

Denom. (n)	Mean	Std. dev.	25 th pctl.	Median	75 th pctl.
7,546	10.31	8.79	6.00	8.00	11.00

<u>Denominator:</u> Respondents answering "Yes (1)" to S02Q10 and "Yes (1)" to S04Q03a. Respondents answering "N/A" [missing] are excluded in the calculation of the mean, standard deviation, 25th percentile, median, and 75th percentile.

Programming/skip logic: If "N/A" [missing] \rightarrow S04Q03d; Else \rightarrow S04Q03c.

Question 3.c [S04Q03c Continuous]: "What is your best estimate of the share of responses that take more than twice as long as the average response time as reported in the prior question?"

Summary statistics:

Denom. (n)	Mean	Std. dev.	25 th pctl.	Median	75 th pctl.
7,546	0.10	0.10	0.02	0.05	0.12

<u>Denominator:</u> Respondents answering "Yes (1)" to S02Q10, "Yes (1)" to S04Q03a, and a numeric response to S04Q03b.

Programming/skip logic: If "Yes (1)" to S03Q04 \rightarrow S04Q03d; Else \rightarrow S04Q04.

Question 3.d [S04Q03d, Continuous]: "What is the average response time for ground ambulance emergency responses in your secondary service area?"

Summary statistics:

Denom. (n)	Mean	Std. dev.	25 th pctl.	Median	75 th pctl.
3,856	15.98	11.56	10.00	13.00	19.00

<u>Denominator</u>: Respondents answering "Yes (1)" to S02Q10, "Yes (1)" to S04Q03a, and "Yes (1)" to S03Q04. Respondents answering "N/A" [missing] are excluded in the calculation of the mean, standard deviation, 25th percentile, median, and 75th percentile.

Programming/skip logic: To S04Q04.

Question 3.e [S04Q03e, Continuous]: "What is your best estimate of the average response time for ground ambulance emergency responses in your primary service area?"

Summary statistics:

Denom. (n)	Mean	Std. dev.	25 th pctl.	Median	75 th pctl.
1,008	12.45	11.37	7.00	10.00	15.00

<u>Denominator:</u> Respondents answering "Yes (1)" to S02Q10 and "No (0)" to S04Q03a. Respondents answering "N/A" [missing] are excluded in the calculation of the mean, standard deviation, 25th percentile, median, and 75th percentile.

<u>Programming/skip logic:</u> If "N/A" [missing] → S04Q03g; Else → S04Q03f.

Question 3.f [S04Q03f, Continuous]: "What is your best estimate of the share of responses that take more than twice as long as the average response time as reported in the prior question?"

Summary statistics:

Denom. (n)	Mean	Std. dev.	25 th pctl.	Median	75 th pctl.
1,008	0.13	0.12	0.05	0.10	0.20

<u>Denominator:</u> Respondents answering "Yes (1)" to S02Q10, "No (0)" to S04Q03a, and a numeric response to S04Q03b. Respondents answering "N/A" [missing] are excluded in the calculation of the mean, standard deviation, 25th percentile, median, and 75th percentile.

<u>Programming/skip logic:</u> If "Yes (1)" to S03Q04 → S04Q03g; Else → S04Q04.

Question 3.g [S04Q03g, Continuous]: "What is your best estimate of the average response time for ground ambulance emergency responses in your secondary service area?"

Summary statistics:

Denom. (n)	Mean	Std. dev.	25 th pctl.	Median	75 th pctl.
439	19.60	11.33	12.00	16.00	25.00

<u>Denominator:</u> Respondents answering "Yes (1)" to S02Q10, "No (0)" to S04Q03a, and "Yes (1)" to S03Q04. Respondents answering "N/A" [missing] are excluded in the calculation of the mean, standard deviation, 25th percentile, median, and 75th percentile.

Programming/skip logic: To S04Q04.

Question 4 [S04Q04, Dichotomous]: "Is your organization required or incentivized to meet response time targets?"

Response options and summary statistics:

Response	n	%
No (0)	6,351	73.81
Yes (1)	2,253	26.19
Total (denominator)	8,605	100.00

<u>Denominator</u>: Respondents answering "Yes (1)" to S02Q10.

Programming/skip logic: If "Yes (1)" \rightarrow S04Q04a; If "No (0)" \rightarrow END Section 4.

Question 4.a [S04Q04a, Categorical]: "Who determines the response time targets required or incentivized?"

Response options and summary statistics:

Response	n	%
Our organization sets our own target response time (1)	963	42.75
Local municipality (2)	255	11.30
County (3)	447	19.83
Other (4)	588	26.11
Total (denominator)	2,253	100.00

Denominator: Respondents answering "Yes (1)" to S02Q10 and "Yes (1)" to S04Q04.

<u>Programming/skip logic:</u> If "Other (4)" \rightarrow S04Q04a oth text; Else \rightarrow S04Q04b.

Question 4.a [S04Q04a_oth_text, Free text]: "Other (please specify)."

Response information:

Response	n	%
[Free text]	588	100.00
Total (denominator)	588	100.00

<u>Denominator:</u> Respondents answering "Yes (1)" to S02Q10, "Yes (1)" to S04Q04, and "Other (4)" to S04Q04a.

Programming/skip logic: To S04Q04b.

Question 4.b [S04Q04b, Dichotomous]: "Are you penalized monetarily if you exceed the response time targets?"

Response options and summary statistics:

Response	n	%
No (0)	2,008	89.09
Yes (1)	246	10.91
Total (denominator)	2,253	100.00

Denominator: Respondents answering "Yes (1)" to S02Q10 and "Yes (1)" to S04Q04.

Programming/skip logic: END Section 4.

Section 5: Service Volume

Question 1 [S05Q01, Continuous]: "What was your organization's total number of responses during your organization's data collection period?"

Summary statistics:

Denom. (n)	Mean	Std. dev.	25 th pctl.	Median	75 th pctl.
9,608	7,192.82	26,888.34	509	1,763	4,943

<u>Denominator</u>: All respondents.

Programming/skip logic: To S05Q02.

Question 2 [S05Q02, Continuous]: "What was your organization's total number of ground ambulance responses during your organization's data collection period?"

Summary statistics:

Denom. (n)	Mean	Std. dev.	25 th pctl.	Median	75 th pctl.
9,608	6,381.22	22,771.57	447	1,525	4,392

Denominator: All respondents.

Programming/skip logic: To S05Q03.

Question 3 [S05Q03, Dichotomous]: "Does your organization respond to calls with another non-transporting agency such as a local fire department that is not part of your organization?"

Response options and summary statistics:

Response	n	%
No (0)	4,735	49.29
Yes (1)	4,872	50.71
Total (denominator)	9,608	100.00

Denominator: All respondents.

<u>Programming/skip logic:</u> "Yes (1)" \rightarrow S05Q03a; "No (0)" and if "Yes (1)" to S02Q10 \rightarrow S05Q04; Else \rightarrow S05Q05.

Question 3.a [S05Q03a, Continuous]: "What is your best estimate of the percentage of total ground ambulance responses that involved a non-transporting agency?"

Summary statistics:

Denom. (n)	Mean	Std. dev.	25th pctl.	Median	75 th pctl.
4,872	0.32	0.30	0.08	0.20	0.50

<u>Denominator</u>: All respondents answering "Yes (1)" to S05Q03.

Programming/skip logic: To S05Q03b paramedic.

Question 3.b.i [S05Q03b_paramedic, Dichotomous]: "What kind of labor does the non-transporting agency provide during ground ambulance responses? Please check all that apply: Paramedics."

Response options and summary statistics:

Response	n	%
No (0)	3,467	71.16
Yes (1)	1,405	28.84
Total (denominator)	4,872	100.00

Denominator: All respondents answering "Yes (1)" to S05Q03.

Programming/skip logic: To S05Q03b otherEMT.

Question 3.b.ii [S05Q03b_otherEMT, Dichotomous]: "What kind of labor does the non-transporting agency provide during ground ambulance responses? Please check all that apply: Other EMT."

Response options and summary statistics:

Response	n	%
No (0)	2,610	53.58
Yes (1)	2,262	46.42
Total (denominator)	4,872	100.00

Denominator: All respondents answering "Yes (1)" to S05Q03.

Programming/skip logic: To S05Q03b oth.

Question 3.b.iii [S05Q03b_oth, Dichotomous]: "What kind of labor does the non-transporting agency provide during ground ambulance responses? Please check all that apply: Other."

Response options and summary statistics:

Response	n	%
No (0)	1,668	34.24
Yes (1)	3,204	65.76
Total (denominator)	4,872	100.00

Denominator: All respondents answering "Yes (1)" to S05Q03.

<u>Programming/skip logic:</u> If "Yes (1)" \rightarrow S05Q03b oth text; Else \rightarrow S05Q03c.

Question 3.b.iv [S05Q03b_oth_text, Free text]: "Other (specify)."

Response information:

Response	n	%
[Free text]	3,159	98.60
Total (denominator)	3,204	100.00

<u>Denominator</u>: All respondents answering "Yes (1)" to S05Q03 and "Yes (1)" to S05Q03b oth. Some organizations did not supply free text for this field.

Programming/skip logic: To S05Q03c.

Question 3.c [S05Q03c, Continuous]: "In what percentage of ground ambulance transports do you estimate the non-transporting agency continues to provide medical care in the ambulance during the transport?"

Summary statistics:

Denom. (n)	Mean	Std. dev.	25th pctl.	Median	75 th pctl.
4,872	0.06	0.15	0.00	0.00	0.03

Denominator: All respondents answering "Yes (1)" to S05Q03.

<u>Programming/skip logic:</u> If "Yes (1)" to S02Q10 \rightarrow S05Q04; Else \rightarrow S05Q05.

Question 4 [S05Q04, Continuous]: "What percentage of your ground ambulance responses are in your secondary service area?"

Summary statistics:

Denom. (n)	Mean	Std. dev.	25th pctl.	Median	75 th pctl.
4,719	0.13	0.15	0.03	0.08	0.18

Denominator: Respondents answering "Yes (1)" to S03Q04.

Programming/skip logic: To S05Q05.

Question 5 [S05Q05, Continuous]: "What was the total number of ground ambulance responses that did not result in a ground ambulance transport during your organization's data collection period?"

Summary statistics:

Denom. (n)	Mean	Std. dev.	25 th pctl.	Median	75 th pctl.
9,605	2,549.22	10,943.44	95	420	1,429

<u>Denominator:</u> All respondents with non-zero responses.

<u>Programming/skip logic:</u> If response $>0 \rightarrow S05Q05a$; If response= $0 \rightarrow S05Q06$.

Question 5.a [S05Q05a, Continuous]: "Of the ground ambulance responses that did not result in a ground ambulance transport, what percentage received medical treatment on site?"

Summary statistics:

Denom. (n)	Mean	Std. dev.	25th pctl.	Median	75 th pctl.
9,206	0.34	0.32	0.05	0.24	0.55

Denominator: All respondents with non-zero responses to S05Q05.

Programming/skip logic: To S05Q06.

Question 6 [S05Q06, Continuous]: "What was the total number of ground ambulance transports for your organization during your organization's data collection period, across all payer types, and regardless of the level of service or geography?"

Summary statistics:

Denom. (n)	Mean	Std. dev.	25 th pctl.	Median	75 th pctl.
9,603	4,841.85	15,909.00	317	1,148	3,449

<u>Denominator:</u> All respondents with non-zero responses.

<u>Programming/skip logic</u>: If "Yes (1)" to $S02Q02 \rightarrow S05Q06a$; Else $\rightarrow S05Q07$.

Question 6.a [S05Q06a, Continuous]: "What was the total number of ground ambulance transports across all of the NPIs operated by your parent organization/central office during your organization's data collection period, across all payer types and regardless of the level of service or geography?"

Summary statistics:

Denom. (n)	Mean	Std. dev.	25 th pctl.	Median	75 th pctl.
516	1,528,160.25	2,047,728.75	3,921	40,323	4,257,387

<u>Denominator:</u> Respondents answering "Yes (1)" to S02Q02.

Programming/skip logic: To S05Q07.

Question 7 [S05Q07, Continuous]: "Of the ground ambulance transports your organization provided during your organization's data collection period, how many were paid (either in part or in full) across all payer types and regardless of the level of service or geography by the time you are reporting data to CMS?"

Summary statistics:

_	Denom. (n)	Mean	Std. dev.	25th pctl.	Median	75 th pctl.
	9,603	3,935,49	12,701.57	245	892	2,783

Denominator: All respondents with non-zero responses.

Programming/skip logic: To S05Q08.

Question 8 [S05Q08, Dichotomous]: "Does your organization participate in standby events?"

Response options and summary statistics:

Response	n	%
No (0)	1,860	19.35
Yes (1)	7,748	80.65
Total (denominator)	9,608	100.00

Denominator: All respondents.

<u>Programming/skip logic:</u> If "Yes (1)" to S02Q16 \rightarrow S05Q09. If "No (0)" to S02Q16 and "Yes (1)" to S02Q17 \rightarrow S05Q10; Else \rightarrow END Section 5.

Question 9 [S05Q09, Continuous]: "What was the number of responses during your organization's data collection period for which your organization provided paramedic intercepts?"

Summary statistics:

Denom. (n)	Mean	Std. dev.	25 th pctl.	Median	75 th pctl.
225	98.68	393.28	1	9	34

<u>Denominator:</u> Respondents answering "Yes (1)" to S02Q16.

<u>Programming/skip logic:</u> If "Yes (1)" to S02Q17 \rightarrow S05Q10; Else \rightarrow END Section 5.

Question 10 [S05Q10, Continuous]: "Excluding paramedic intercepts meeting Medicare's definition reported above, what was the number of responses during your organization's data collection period for which your organization provided an ALS intervention as a joint response to meet a BLS ground ambulance from another organization?"

Summary statistics:

Denom. (n)	Mean	Std. dev.	25th pctl.	Median	75 th pctl.
3,566	65.09	258.46	0	2	18

<u>Denominator:</u> Respondents answering "Yes (1)" to S02Q17.

Programming/skip logic: END Section 5.

Section 6: Service Mix

Question 1 [S06Q01, Continuous]: "What percentage of your organization's ground ambulance responses fell into the following categories?"

Summary statistics: Emergency

Denom. (n)	Mean	Std. dev.	25th pctl.	Median	75 th pctl.
9,608	0.81	0.30	0.74	0.97	1.00

Summary statistics: Non-emergency

Denom. (n)	Mean	Std. dev.	25 th pctl.	Median	75 th pctl.
9,608	0.19	0.30	0.00	0.03	0.26

Denominator: All respondents.

Programming/skip logic: If "Yes (1)" to S02Q12 \rightarrow S06Q02; Else \rightarrow S06Q03.

Question 2 [S06Q02R##C02, Continuous]: "What percentage of your organization's ground ambulance transports fell into the following categories?"

Summary statistics not reported due to fewer than 20 unweighted responses.

<u>Denominator:</u> Respondents answering "Yes (1)" to S02Q12.

Programming/skip logic: To S06Q03.

Question 3: Column 2 (percentage) [S06Q03R##C02, Continuous]: "What percentage of your organization's ground ambulance transports fell into the following categories?"

Summary statistics:

Response	Denom. (n)	Mean	Std. dev.	25th pctl.	Median	75 th pctl.
[01] BLS, Non-emergency (A0428)	9,608	0.16	0.28	0.00	0.01	0.18
[02] BLS, Emergency (A0429)	9,608	0.40	0.29	0.17	0.35	0.57
[03] ALS, Level 1, Non-emergency (A0426)	9,608	0.04	0.11	0.00	0.00	0.02
[04] ALS, Level 1, Emergency (A0427)	9,608	0.37	0.28	0.06	0.40	0.60
[05] ALS, Level 2 (A0433)	9,608	0.02	0.06	0.00	0.01	0.02
[06] Specialty care transport (A0434)	9,608	0.01	0.07	0.00	0.00	0.00

<u>Denominator</u>: All respondents.

Programming/skip logic: To S06Q04.

Question 4 [S06Q04, Continuous]: "In thinking across all of your ground ambulance transports, what is the percentage of transports that are interfacility?"

Summary statistics:

Denom. (n)	Mean	Std. dev.	25th pctl.	Median	75 th pctl.
9,608	0.17	0.28	0.00	0.01	0.23

<u>Denominator</u>: All respondents.

<u>Programming/skip logic:</u> END Section 6. If "Fire department-based (1)" or "Police or other public safety department-based (2)" to $S02Q07 \rightarrow S07Q01R\#\#C02$. Else, if $S02Q06 = "Yes (1)" \rightarrow S07Q01R\#\#C03$. Else $\rightarrow S07Q01R\#\#C06$.

Section 7: Labor Costs

Question 1: Column 2 (Paid staff without public safety role) [S07Q01R##C02,

Dichotomous]: "Please indicate if your organization had paid staff (full and/or part time) [and/or used volunteer staff (show only if Section 2, Question 6 is Yes(1)] in each of the following categories during your organization's data collection period."

Summary statistics:

Row	n	%
[01] EMT-Basic	604	13.57
[02] EMT-Intermediate	255	5.74
[03] EMT-Paramedic	529	11.89
[04] Nurse, doctor, medical staff	42	0.95
[05] Emergency medical responder	74	1.67
[06] Ambulance driver	96	2.16
[07] Medical director	263	5.92
[08] Administrative	1,244	27.97
[09] Management	415	9.33
[10] Dispatch/call center	204	4.58
[11] Vehicle maintenance	375	8.44
[12] Facilities maintenance	325	7.31
[13] Other	37	0.84

<u>Denominator:</u> Respondents answering ("Fire department-based (1)" or "Police or other public safety department-based (2)" to S02Q07) OR ("Yes (1)" to S02Q09a or S02Q09b).

<u>Programming/skip logic:</u> If "Yes (1)" to S02Q06 \rightarrow S07Q01R##C03; Else \rightarrow S07Q01R##C04.

Question 1: Column 3 (Volunteer staff without public safety role) [S07Q01R##C03,

Dichotomous]: "Please indicate if your organization had paid staff (full and/or part time) [and/or used volunteer staff (show only if Section 2, Question 6 is Yes(1)] in each of the following categories during your organization's data collection period."

Summary statistics:

Row	n	%
[01] EMT-Basic	518	29.71
[02] EMT-Intermediate	184	10.56
[03] EMT-Paramedic	209	11.99
[04] Nurse, doctor, medical staff	58	3.31
[05] Emergency medical responder	180	10.32
[06] Ambulance driver	322	18.49
[07] Medical director	276	15.81
[08] Administrative	277	15.87
[09] Management	211	12.12
[10] Dispatch/call center	N/R	N/R
[11] Vehicle maintenance	192	11.02
[12] Facilities maintenance	201	11.54
[13] Other	N/R	N/R

<u>Denominator:</u> Respondents answering [("Fire department-based (1)" or "Police or other public safety department-based (2)" to S02Q07) OR ("Yes (1)" to S02Q09a or S02Q09b)] AND "Yes (1)" to S02Q06.

<u>Programming/skip logic:</u> If "Fire department-based (1)" or "Police or other public safety department-based (2)" to $S02Q07 \rightarrow S07Q01R\#C04$; Else $\rightarrow S07Q01R\#C05$.

Question 1: Column 4 (Paid staff with public safety role) [S07Q01R##C04, Dichotomous]:

"Please indicate if your organization had paid staff (full and/or part time) [and/or used volunteer staff (show only if Section 2, Question 6 is Yes(1)] in each of the following categories during your organization's data collection period."

Summary statistics:

Row	n	%
[01] EMT-Basic	2,867	65.95
[02] EMT-Intermediate	1,162	26.74
[03] EMT-Paramedic	2,705	62.23
[04] Nurse, doctor, medical staff	73	1.68
[05] Emergency medical responder	318	7.32
[06] Ambulance driver	310	7.13
[07] Medical director	422	9.71
[08] Administrative	1,777	40.88
[09] Management	1,832	42.14
[10] Dispatch/call center	578	13.30
[11] Vehicle maintenance	784	18.03
[12] Facilities maintenance	595	13.69
[13] Other	105	2.41

<u>Denominator</u>: Respondents answering ("Fire department-based (1)" or "Police or other public safety department-based (2)" to S02Q07) OR ("Yes (1)" to S02Q09a or S02Q09b).

<u>Programming/skip logic:</u> If "Yes (1)" to S02Q06 → S07Q01R##C05; Else → S07Q02.

Question 1: Column 5 (Volunteer staff with public safety role) [S07Q01R##C05,

Dichotomous]: "Please indicate if your organization had paid staff (full and/or part time) [and/or used volunteer staff (show only if Section 2, Question 6 is Yes(1)] in each of the following categories during your organization's data collection period."

Summary statistics:

Row	n	%
[01] EMT-Basic	1,150	67.25
[02] EMT-Intermediate	406	23.89
[03] EMT-Paramedic	490	28.65
[04] Nurse, doctor, medical staff	57	3.33
[05] Emergency medical responder	433	25.31
[06] Ambulance driver	696	40.97
[07] Medical director	235	13.77
[08] Administrative	353	20.75
[09] Management	376	21.98
[10] Dispatch/call center	N/R	N/R
[11] Vehicle maintenance	293	17.16
[12] Facilities maintenance	294	17.32
[13] Other	N/R	N/R

<u>Denominator:</u> Respondents answering [("Fire department-based (1)" or "Police or other public safety department-based (2)" to S02Q07) OR ("Yes (1)" to S02Q09a or S02Q09b)] AND "Yes (1)" to S02Q06.

Programming/skip logic: To S07Q02.

Question 1: Column 6 (Paid staff) [S07Q01R##C06, Dichotomous]: "Please indicate if your organization had paid staff (full and/or part time) [and/or used volunteer staff (show only if Section 2, Question 6 is Yes(1)] in each of the following categories during your organization's data collection period."

Summary statistics:

Row	n	%
[01] EMT-Basic	4,187	82.17
[02] EMT-Intermediate	2,081	41.26
[03] EMT-Paramedic	3,600	70.58
[04] Nurse, doctor, medical staff	608	12.04
[05] Emergency medical responder	783	15.67
[06] Ambulance driver	1,093	21.85
[07] Medical director	1,374	27.21
[08] Administrative	3,522	69.21
[09] Management	2,929	57.31
[10] Dispatch/call center	1,528	30.37
[11] Vehicle maintenance	1,427	28.49
[12] Facilities maintenance	1,095	21.70
[13] Other	194	3.88

<u>Denominator:</u> Respondents not selecting ("Fire department-based (1)" or "Police or other public safety department-based (2)" to S02Q07) AND not selecting ("Yes (1)" to S02Q09a or S02Q09b).

<u>Programming/skip logic:</u> If "Yes (1)" to S02Q06 → S07Q01R##C07; Else → S07Q02.

Question 1: Column 7 (Volunteer staff) [S07Q01R##C07, Dichotomous]: "Please indicate if your organization had paid staff (full and/or part time) [and/or used volunteer staff (show only if Section 2, Question 6 is Yes(1)] in each of the following categories during your organization's data collection period."

Summary statistics:

Row	n	%
[01] EMT-Basic	1,387	84.96
[02] EMT-Intermediate	549	34.06
[03] EMT-Paramedic	563	34.53
[04] Nurse, doctor, medical staff	184	11.49
[05] Emergency medical responder	480	30.26
[06] Ambulance driver	855	53.63
[07] Medical director	723	45.01
[08] Administrative	576	36.12
[09] Management	633	39.55
[10] Dispatch/call center	116	7.28
[11] Vehicle maintenance	437	27.46
[12] Facilities maintenance	496	31.12
[13] Other	60	3.78

<u>Denominator:</u> Respondents not selecting [("Fire department-based (1)" or "Police or other public safety department-based (2)" to S02Q07) AND not selecting ("Yes (1)" to S02Q09a or S02Q09b)] AND responding "Yes (1)" to S02Q06.

Programming/skip logic: To S07Q02.

Question 2 [S07Q02, Dichotomous]: "Does your organization contract with a medical director, rather than employing them directly?"

Response options and summary statistics:

Response	n	%
No (0)	2,503	39.45
Yes (1)	3,842	60.55
Total (denominator)	6,345	100.00

Denominator: Respondents answering "No (0)" to S07Q01R07C##.

<u>Programming/skip logic:</u> If "Yes (1)" \rightarrow S07Q02a; If "No (0)" and >1 "No (0)" response within S07Q01R##C## \rightarrow S07Q03; If "No (0)" and only "Yes (1)" responses within S07Q01R##C## \rightarrow S071Q01.

Question 2.a [S07Q02a, Continuous]: "Please report the total compensation amount for medical direction services that your organization paid, not the value of the medical director's time."

Summary statistics:

Denom. (n)	Mean	Std. dev.	25 th pctl.	Median	75 th pctl.
3,842	18,075.21	102,699.34	0.00	2000.00	12,000.00

Denominator: Respondents answering "Yes (1)" to S07Q02.

<u>Programming/skip logic:</u> If >1 "No (0)" response within S07Q01R##C## \rightarrow S07Q03R##C## as appropriate; If "No (0)" and only "Yes (1)" responses within S07Q01R##C## \rightarrow S071Q01.

Question 3: Row 1 (labor category provided by another entity) [S07Q03R01C##,

Continuous]: "This labor category is part of our ground ambulance operation but is paid for or provided at no cost by another entity."

Summary statistics:

Column	n	%
[02] EMT-Basic	N/R	N/R
[03] EMT-Intermediate	39	0.41
[04] EMT-Paramedic	43	0.45
[05] Nurse, doctor, medical staff	135	1.40
[06] Emergency medical responder	56	0.58
[07] Ambulance driver	29	0.30
[08] Medical director	302	3.14
[09] Administrative	86	0.90
[10] Management	84	0.88
[11] Dispatch/call center	508	5.29
[12] Vehicle maintenance	136	1.42
[13] Facilities maintenance	137	1.43

<u>Denominator</u>: All respondents.

Programming/skip logic: To S07Q03R02C##.

Question 3: Row 2 (assigned to different category) [S07Q03R02C##, Continuous]: "One or more staff do perform these functions, but we assigned these staff to another category per the instructions."

Summary statistics:

Column	n	%
[02] EMT-Basic	65	0.67
[03] EMT-Intermediate	298	3.10
[04] EMT-Paramedic	49	0.51
[05] Nurse, doctor, medical staff	264	2.75
[06] Emergency medical responder	371	3.86
[07] Ambulance driver	560	5.83
[08] Medical director	63	0.65
[09] Administrative	491	5.11
[10] Management	1,025	10.67
[11] Dispatch/call center	152	1.58
[12] Vehicle maintenance	713	7.43
[13] Facilities maintenance	1,395	14.52

<u>Denominator</u>: All respondents.

Programming/skip logic: To S07Q03R03C##.

Question 3: Row 3 (no staff in category) [S07Q03R03C##, Continuous]: "We do not have staff in this labor category related to our ground ambulance operation and/or we contract with another organization for this role."

Summary statistics:

Column	n	%
[02] EMT-Basic	446	4.65
[03] EMT-Intermediate	4,620	48.08
[04] EMT-Paramedic	1,970	20.51
[05] Nurse, doctor, medical staff	7,546	78.54
[06] Emergency medical responder	6,513	67.78
[07] Ambulance driver	5,421	56.42
[08] Medical director	1,534	15.97
[09] Administrative	1,544	16.07
[10] Management	2,070	21.54
[11] Dispatch/call center	5,827	60.65
[12] Vehicle maintenance	4,944	51.45
[13] Facilities maintenance	4,825	50.21

Denominator: All respondents.

Programming/skip logic: To S07Q03R04C##.

Question 3: Row 4 (Other) [S07Q03R04C##, Continuous]: "Other (please specify)."

Summary statistics:

Column	n	%
[02] EMT-Basic	53	0.56
[03] EMT-Intermediate	552	5.74
[04] EMT-Paramedic	262	2.73
[05] Nurse, doctor, medical staff	737	7.67
[06] Emergency medical responder	587	6.11
[07] Ambulance driver	520	5.41
[08] Medical director	437	4.55
[09] Administrative	272	2.83
[10] Management	329	3.42
[11] Dispatch/call center	792	8.24
[12] Vehicle maintenance	544	5.66
[13] Facilities maintenance	527	5.48

<u>Denominator:</u> All respondents.

Programming/skip logic: To S071Q01R##C02.

Section 7.1: Paid EMT/Response Staff Compensation and Hours Worked

Question 1: Column 2 (Total annual compensation for all paid EMT/response staff) [S071Q01R##C02, Continuous]: "Please report about EMT/response staff in your organization during your organization's data collection period; specifically: Total annual compensation for all paid EMT/response staff."

Summary statistics:

Row	Denom.	Mean	Std. dev.	25 th	Median	75 th pctl.
	(n)			pctl.		
[01] EMT-Basic, PS NPI, no PS role	609	2,352,599	18,583,708	56,812	153,487	401,009
[02] EMT-Basic, PS NPI, PS role	2,926	3,127,759	16,027,211	112,631	315,000	1,042,981
[03] EMT-Int., PS NPI, no PS role	258	1,402,157	9,197,764	21,593	68,635	228,599
[04] EMT-Int., PS NPI, PS role	1,171	965,962	3,507,647	50,379	132,336	475,422
[05] EMT-Paramedic, PS NPI, no PS role	471	5,497,998	47,396,936	44,824	212,500	835,031
[06] EMT-Paramedic, PS NPI, PS role	2,705	4,486,593	14,529,231	292,668	1,152,000	3,549,200
[07] Nurse, doctor, PS NPI, no PS role	39	652,912	1,093,480	8,520	72,168	876,510
[08] Nurse, doctor, PS NPI, PS role	73	394,804	1,954,818	3,641	82,748	178,818
[09] EMR, PS NPI, no PS role	66	1,601,726	8,142,138	1,578	7,514	35,428
[10] EMR, PS NPI, PS role	318	10,305,413	170,326,800	3,115	10,254	50,405
[11] Amb. driver, PS NPI, no PS role	89	28,430	61,880	575	5,498	29,252
[12] Amb. driver, PS NPI, PS role	310	196,785	965,352	2,970	14,125	58,910
[13] EMT-Basic, non-public safety NPI	4,247	1,768,370	10,134,792	115,178	285,885	822,551
[14] EMT-Int., non-public safety NPI	2,070	394,571	2,244,660	30,609	89,751	235,017
[15] EMT-Paramedic, non-public safety NPI	3,485	1,783,203	8,546,059	144,833	440,815	1,233,278
[16] Nurse, doctor, non-public safety NPI	549	643,119	2,131,117	4,523	56,168	571,531
[17] EMR, non-public safety NPI	770	195,592	730,354	7,025	28,470	105,441
[18] Amb. driver, non-public safety NPI	1,075	447,745	5,487,487	7,791	34,528	119,130

<u>Denominator:</u> Respondents answering "Yes (1)" response within [(S07Q01R01C02–S07Q01R06C02) OR (S07Q01R01C04–S07Q01R06C04) OR (S07Q01R01C06–S07Q01R06C06)].

Programming/skip logic: To S071Q01R##C03.

Question 1: Column 3 (Total hours worked annually for paid EMT/response staff) [S071Q01R##C03, Continuous]: "Please report about EMT/response staff in your organization during your organization's data collection period; specifically: Total hours worked annually for paid EMT/response staff."

Row	Denom. (n)	Mean	Std. dev.	25th pctl.	Median	75 th pctl.
[01] EMT-Basic, PS NPI, no PS role	609	56,186	433,182	3,561	7,877	17,520
[02] EMT-Basic, PS NPI, PS role	2,926	69,899	345,106	5,215	13,272	35,040
[03] EMT-Int., PS NPI, no PS role	258	21,933	98,656	1,006	3,281	9,598
[04] EMT-Int., PS NPI, PS role	1,171	24,273	73,805	2,190	5,274	16,365
[05] EMT-Paramedic, PS NPI, no PS role	471	72,813	416,002	2,377	8,450	27,036
[06] EMT-Paramedic, PS NPI, PS role	2,705	93,403	340,548	10,162	34,886	83,701
[07] Nurse, doctor, PS NPI, no PS role	39	12,520	22,428	277	1,717	12,264
[08] Nurse, doctor, PS NPI, PS role	73	5,224	21,211	144	1,386	2,299
[09] EMR, PS NPI, no PS role	66	35,505	146,585	107	430	1,950
[10] EMR, PS NPI, PS role	318	92,724	1,398,927	220	709	2,497
[11] Amb. driver, PS NPI, no PS role	89	1,824	2,676	61	492	2,266
[12] Amb. driver, PS NPI, PS role	310	9,166	54,016	204	1,034	3,072
[13] EMT-Basic, non-public safety NPI	4,247	55,911	263,753	6,304	15,288	38,517
[14] EMT-Int., non-public safety NPI	2,070	13,664	78,328	1,680	4,199	10,945
[15] EMT-Paramedic, non-public safety						
NPI	3,485	44,091	107,908	6,256	17,038	39,898
[16] Nurse, doctor, non-public safety NPI	549	12,688	41,606	141	1,770	10,152
[17] EMR, non-public safety NPI	770	6,879	14,873	374	2,080	6,283
[18] Amb. driver, non-public safety NPI	1,075	10,485	51,411	496	2,174	7,058

 $\underline{Denominator:} \ Respondents \ answering \ ``Yes (1)" \ response \ within \ [(S07Q01R01C02-S07Q01R06C02) \ OR \ (S07Q01R01C04-S07Q01R06C04) \ OR \ (S07Q01R01C06-S07Q01R06C06)].$

Programming/skip logic: To S071Q01R##C04.

Question 1: Column 4 (Total hours worked annually related to ground ambulance operations) [S071Q01R##C04, Continuous]: "Please report about EMT/response staff in your organization during your organization's data collection period; specifically: Total hours worked annually related to ground ambulance operations."

Row	Denom.	Mean	Std. dev.	25th pctl.	Median	75 th pctl.
	(n)			-		
[01] EMT-Basic, PS NPI, no PS role	609	40,151	210,400	2,597	6,990	15,451
[02] EMT-Basic, PS NPI, PS role	2,926	49,062	273,651	3,158	8,760	21,853
[03] EMT-Int., PS NPI, no PS role	258	18,481	84,912	974	2,883	8,435
[04] EMT-Int., PS NPI, PS role	1,171	16,409	57,022	1,115	3,288	10,541
[05] EMT-Paramedic, PS NPI, no PS						
role	471	52,295	230,929	2,167	7,761	23,916
[06] EMT-Paramedic, PS NPI, PS role	2,705	64,334	201,389	6,865	21,065	58,217
[07] Nurse, doctor, PS NPI, no PS role	39	10,380	19,970	256	1,717	12,264
[08] Nurse, doctor, PS NPI, PS role	73	2,559	6,823	72	806	1,855
[09] EMR, PS NPI, no PS role	66	33,082	135,746	100	422	1,950
[10] EMR, PS NPI, PS role	318	51,476	783,247	62	349	1,626
[11] Amb. driver, PS NPI, no PS role	89	1,594	2,264	61	492	2,266
[12] Amb. driver, PS NPI, PS role	310	8,187	53,479	100	716	2,759
[13] EMT-Basic, non-public safety NPI	4,247	54,120	261,982	5,741	14,400	36,549
[14] EMT-Int., non-public safety NPI	2,070	13,190	78,234	1,449	4,080	10,496
[15] EMT-Paramedic, non-public safety						
NPI	3,485	42,287	106,589	5,742	15,728	37,740
[16] Nurse, doctor, non-public safety						
NPI	549	9,527	26,088	84	1,060	8,914
[17] EMR, non-public safety NPI	770	6,514	14,263	304	2,047	6,049
[18] Amb. driver, non-public safety NPI	1,075	9,542	46,307	458	2,133	6,652

<u>Denominator</u>: Respondents answering "Yes (1)" response within [(S07Q01R01C02–S07Q01R06C02) OR (S07Q01R01C04–S07Q01R06C04) OR (S07Q01R01C06–S07Q01R06C06)].

Programming/skip logic: To S071Q01R##C05.

Question 1: Column 5 (Total hours worked annually related to fire, police, or other public safety operations) [S071Q01R##C05, Continuous]: "Please report about EMT/response staff in your organization during your organization's data collection period; specifically: Total hours worked annually related to fire, police, or other public safety operations."

Row	Denom.	Mean	Std. dev.	25th pctl.	Median	75 th pctl.
	(n)			-		
[01] EMT-Basic, PS NPI, no PS role	609	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
[02] EMT-Basic, PS NPI, PS role	2,926	18,131	94,358	0.00	1,796	7,907
[03] EMT-Int., PS NPI, no PS role	258	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
[04] EMT-Int., PS NPI, PS role	1,171	6,786	28,840	0.00	565	3,162
[05] EMT-Paramedic, PS NPI, no PS						
role	471	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
[06] EMT-Paramedic, PS NPI, PS role	2,705	25,480	149,568	62	4,680	19,507
[07] Nurse, doctor, PS NPI, no PS role	39	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
[08] Nurse, doctor, PS NPI, PS role	73	1,965	14,186	0.00	0.00	269
[09] EMR, PS NPI, no PS role	66	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
[10] EMR, PS NPI, PS role	318	41,156	616,520	0.00	25	514
[11] Amb. driver, PS NPI, no PS role	89	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
[12] Amb. driver, PS NPI, PS role	310	833	3,300	0.00	0.00	322
[13] EMT-Basic, non-public safety NPI	4,247	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
[14] EMT-Int., non-public safety NPI	2,070	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
[15] EMT-Paramedic, non-public safety						
NPI	3,485	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
[16] Nurse, doctor, non-public safety		·	·			
NPI	549	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
[17] EMR, non-public safety NPI	770	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
[18] Amb. driver, non-public safety NPI	1,075	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

<u>Denominator</u>: Respondents answering "Yes (1)" response within [(S07Q01R01C02–S07Q01R06C02) OR (S07Q01R01C04–S07Q01R06C04) OR (S07Q01R01C06–S07Q01R06C06)]. "N/A" indicates not applicable for non-public safety NPIs.

Programming/skip logic: To S071Q01R##C06.

Question 1: Column 6 (Hours worked annually related to all other responsibilities) [S071Q01R##C06, Continuous]: "Please report about EMT/response staff in your organization during your organization's data collection period; specifically: Hours worked annually related to all other responsibilities."

Row	Denom.	Mean	Std. dev.	25th pctl.	Median	75 th pctl.
	(n)					
[01] EMT-Basic, PS NPI, no PS role	609	16,034	309,202	0.00	0.00	217
[02] EMT-Basic, PS NPI, PS role	2,926	2,706	25,605	0.00	0.00	0.00
[03] EMT-Int., PS NPI, no PS role	258	3,452	22,843	0.00	0.00	58
[04] EMT-Int., PS NPI, PS role	1,171	1,077	7,881	0.00	0.00	30
[05] EMT-Paramedic, PS NPI, no PS role	471	20,517	298,237	0.00	0.00	300
[06] EMT-Paramedic, PS NPI, PS role	2,705	3,588	49,571	0.00	0.00	40
[07] Nurse, doctor, PS NPI, no PS role	39	2,140	8,034	0.00	0.00	21
[08] Nurse, doctor, PS NPI, PS role	73	700	4,260	0.00	0.00	37
[09] EMR, PS NPI, no PS role	66	2,422	14,886	0.00	0.00	15
[10] EMR, PS NPI, PS role	318	93	438	0.00	0.00	0.00
[11] Amb. driver, PS NPI, no PS role	89	230	1,239	0.00	0.00	0.00
[12] Amb. driver, PS NPI, PS role	310	146	1,489	0.00	0.00	0.00
[13] EMT-Basic, non-public safety NPI	4,247	1,767	16,943	0.00	0.00	0.00
[14] EMT-Int., non-public safety NPI	2,070	461	3,251	0.00	0.00	0.00
[15] EMT-Paramedic, non-public safety						
NPI	3,485	1,803	11,559	0.00	0.00	0.00
[16] Nurse, doctor, non-public safety NPI	549	3,161	31,452	0.00	0.00	0.00
[17] EMR, non-public safety NPI	770	365	2,464	0.00	0.00	0.00
[18] Amb. driver, non-public safety NPI	1,075	943	10,346	0.00	0.00	0.00

<u>Denominator:</u> Respondents answering "Yes (1)" response within [(S07Q01R01C02–S07Q01R06C02) OR (S07Q01R01C04–S07Q01R06C04) OR (S07Q01R01C06–S07Q01R06C06)].

<u>Programming/skip logic:</u> If "Yes (1)" to S02Q02 → S071Q02; Else if >1 "Yes (1)" response within [(S07Q01R07C02–S07Q01R13C02) OR (S07Q01R07C04–S07Q01R13C04) OR (S07Q01R07C06–S07Q01R13C06)] → S072Q01; Else if >1 "Yes (1)" response within (S07Q01R##C03 OR S07Q01R##C05 OR S07Q01R##C07) → S073Q01; Else END Section 7.

Question 2 [S071Q02, Continuous]: "Please report the allocated portion of EMT/response labor costs incurred at the level of the parent organization/central office of this NPI based on your organization's approach for allocating costs to specific NPIs."

Summary statistics:

Denom. (n)	Mean	Std. dev.	25 th pctl.	Median	75 th pctl.
516	439,546	1,622,106	0.00	0.00	0.00

<u>Denominator:</u> Respondents answering "Yes (1)" to S02Q02 and with >1 "Yes (1)" response within [(S07Q01R01C02–S07Q01R06C02) OR (S07Q01R01C04–S07Q01R06C04) OR (S07Q01R01C06–S07Q01R06C06)].

<u>Programming/skip logic:</u> If >1 "Yes (1)" response within [(S07Q01R07C02–S07Q01R13C02) OR (S07Q01R07C04–S07Q01R13C04) OR (S07Q01R07C06–S07Q01R13C06)] → S072Q01; Else if >1 "Yes (1)" response within (S07Q01R##C03 OR S07Q01R##C05 OR S07Q01R##C07) → S073Q01; Else END Section 7.

Section 7.2: Paid Administration, Facilities Staff, and Medical Director Compensation and Hours Worked

Question 1: Column 2 (Total annual compensation for paid admin./facilities/medical director staff) [S072Q01R##C02, Continuous]: "This question is about staff without EMT/response responsibilities, including administrative/facilities staff and medical director(s), in your organization annually during your organization's data collection period. Specifically: Total annual compensation for all paid administration/facilities and medical director staff."

Summary statistics:

Row	Denom. (n)	Mean	Std. dev.	25 th pctl.	Median	75 th pctl.
[01] Admin./fac. staff, PS NPI, no PS role	1,586	538,266	4,491,366	13,652	60,811	192,795
[02] Admin./fac. staff, PS NPI, PS role	2,566	1,663,614	14,190,287	53,465	158,200	542,445
[03] Medical dir., PS NPI, no PS role	256	70,691	519,890	2,500	6,000	20,000
[04] Medical dir., PS NPI, PS role	422	52,040	297,968	3,600	10,000	27,236
[05] Admin./fac. staff, non-public safety NPI	3,854	745,407	6,249,315	35,683	110,933	343,000
[06] Medical dir., non-public safety NPI	1,309	34,283	81,998	4,000	8,640	23,400

<u>Denominator</u>: Respondents answering "Yes (1)" response within [(S07Q01R07C02–S07Q01R13C02) OR (S07Q01R07C04–S07Q01R13C04) OR (S07Q01R07C06–S07Q01R13C06)].

Programming/skip logic: To S072Q01R##C03.

Question 1: Column 3 (Total hours worked annually for paid admin./facilities/medical director staff) [S072Q01R##C03, Continuous]: "This question is about staff without EMT/response responsibilities, including administrative/facilities staff and medical director(s), in your organization annually during your organization's data collection period. Specifically: Total hours annually worked by paid administration/facilities and medical director staff."

Row	Denom.	Mean	Std. dev.	25 th pctl.	Median	75 th pctl.
	(n)					
[01] Admin./fac. staff, PS NPI, no PS	1,586	10,633	69,486	651	2,080	4,730
role						
[02] Admin./fac. staff, PS NPI, PS role	2,566	24,405	149,712	2,000	4,160	10,821
[03] Medical dir., PS NPI, no PS role	256	1,102	5,405	49	120	360
[04] Medical dir., PS NPI, PS role	422	1,143	9,666	72	192	662
[05] Admin./fac. staff, non-public safety	3,854	17,876	79,350	1,562	4,080	11,559
NPI						
[06] Medical dir., non-public safety NPI	1,309	594	2,474	60	138	520

<u>Denominator</u>: Respondents answering "Yes (1)" response within [(S07Q01R07C02–S07Q01R13C02) OR (S07Q01R07C04–S07Q01R13C04) OR (S07Q01R07C06–S07Q01R13C06)].

Programming/skip logic: To S072Q01R##C04.

Question 1: Column 4 (Total hours worked annually related to ground ambulance operations) [S072Q01R##C04]: "This question is about staff without EMT/response responsibilities, including administrative/facilities staff and medical director(s), in your organization annually during your organization's data collection period. Specifically: Total hours worked annually related to ground ambulance operations by paid administration/facilities and medical director staff."

Row	Denom.	Mean	Std. dev.	25 th pctl.	Median	75 th pctl.
	(n)					
[01] Admin./fac. staff, PS NPI, no PS	1,586	6,071	61,804	120	971	2,365
role						
[02] Admin./fac. staff, PS NPI, PS role	2,566	13,486	102,871	522	1,905	5,000
[03] Medical dir., PS NPI, no PS role	256	1,023	5,403	33	100	276
[04] Medical dir., PS NPI, PS role	422	944	7,795	57	150	520
[05] Admin./fac. staff, non-public safety	3,854	15,173	75,804	960	3,000	9,691
NPI						
[06] Medical dir., non-public safety NPI	1,309	402	820	49	120	365

<u>Denominator:</u> Respondents answering "Yes (1)" response within [(S07Q01R07C02–S07Q01R13C02) OR (S07Q01R07C04–S07Q01R13C04) OR (S07Q01R07C06–S07Q01R13C06)].

Programming/skip logic: To S072Q01R##C05.

Question 1: Column 5 (Total Hours Worked Annually Related to Fire, Police, and/or Other Public Safety Operations) [S072Q01R##C05, Continuous]: "This question is about staff without EMT/response responsibilities, including administrative/facilities staff and medical director(s), in your organization annually during your organization's data collection period. Specifically: Total Hours Worked Annually Related to Fire, Police, and/or Other Public Safety Operations."

Row	Denom.	Mean	Std. dev.	25 th pctl.	Median	75 th pctl.
	(n)					
[01] Admin./fac. staff, PS NPI, no PS						
role	1,586	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
[02] Admin./fac. staff, PS NPI, PS role	2,566	8,603	57,838	56	1,017	3,530
[03] Medical dir., PS NPI, no PS role	256	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
[04] Medical dir., PS NPI, PS role	422	134	1,898	0.00	0.00	0.00
[05] Admin./fac. staff, non-public safety						
NPI	3,854	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
[06] Medical dir., non-public safety NPI	1,309	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

<u>Denominator:</u> Respondents answering "Yes (1)" response within [(S07Q01R07C02–S07Q01R13C02) OR (S07Q01R07C04–S07Q01R13C04) OR (S07Q01R07C06–S07Q01R13C06)]. "N/A" indicates not applicable for non-public safety NPIs.

Programming/skip logic: To S072Q01R##C06.

Question 1: Column 6 (Total hours worked related to all other responsibilities) [S072Q01R##C06, Continuous]: "This question is about staff without EMT/response responsibilities, including administrative/facilities staff and medical director(s), in your organization annually during your organization's data collection period. Specifically: Total hours annually related to all other responsibilities for paid administration/facilities and medical director staff."

Summary statistics:

Row	Denom.	Mean	Std. dev.	25th pctl.	Median	75 th pctl.
	(n)					
[01] Admin./fac. staff, PS NPI, no PS						
role	1,586	4,562	30,432	0.00	200	1,930
[02] Admin./fac. staff, PS NPI, PS role	2,566	2,315	16,113	0.00	0.00	496
[03] Medical dir., PS NPI, no PS role	256	78	332	0.00	0.00	0.26
[04] Medical dir., PS NPI, PS role	422	64	355	0.00	0.00	0.00
[05] Admin./fac. staff, non-public safety						
NPI	3,854	2,703	21,602	0.00	0.00	352
[06] Medical dir., non-public safety NPI	1,309	193	1,940	0.00	0.00	0.00

<u>Denominator:</u> Respondents answering "Yes (1)" response within [(S07Q01R07C02–S07Q01R13C02) OR (S07Q01R07C04–S07Q01R13C04) OR (S07Q01R07C06–S07Q01R13C06)].

Programming/skip logic: To S072Q02.

Question 2 [S072Q02R01C##, Categorical]: "Among staff who were partly or entirely related to your ground ambulance operation, did you have one or more individual staff members devoting a total of at least half time (i.e., 1,000 hours annually or approximately 20 hours a week) to each of the following activities?"

Response options and summary statistics:

Response	n	%
Billing (1)	3,133	32.61
Data analysis (2)	2,449	25.49
Training (3)	3,178	33.08
Medical quality assurance (4)	3,144	32.73

<u>Denominator:</u> Respondents answering "Yes (1)" response within [(S07Q01R07C02–S07Q01R13C02) OR (S07Q01R07C04–S07Q01R13C04) OR (S07Q01R07C06–S07Q01R13C06)].

<u>Programming/skip logic:</u> If "Yes (1)" to S02Q02 \rightarrow S072Q03; Else if >1 "Yes (1)" response within (S07Q01R##C03 OR S07Q01R##C05 OR S07Q01R##C07) \rightarrow S073Q01; Else END Section 7.

Question 3 [S072Q03, Continuous]: "Please report the allocated portion of administrative/facilities labor costs incurred at the level of the parent organization/central office of this NPI based on your organization's approach for allocating costs to specific NPIs."

Summary statistics:

Denom. (n)	Mean	Std. dev.	25 th pctl.	Median	75 th pctl.
516	425,931	861,763	2,645	116,848	502,550

<u>Denominator:</u> Respondents answering "Yes (1)" to S02Q02 and with >1 "Yes (1)" response within [(S07Q01R07C02–S07Q01R13C02) OR (S07Q01R07C04–S07Q01R13C04) OR (S07Q01R07C06–S07Q01R13C06)].

Programming/skip logic: END Section 7.

Section 7.3: Volunteer Labor

Question 1 [S073Q01, Continuous]: "How many individuals were EMT/response volunteers during your organization's data collection period?"

Summary statistics:

Denom. (n)	Mean	Std. dev.	25th pctl.	Median	75 th pctl.
3,039	21	42.54	7.00	14.00	24.00

<u>Denominator:</u> Respondents with >1 "Yes (1)" response within [(S07Q01R07C03–S07Q01R13C03) OR (S07Q01R07C05–S07Q01R13C05) OR (S07Q01R07C07–S07Q01R13C07)].

Programming/skip logic: To S073Q02R##C03

Question 2: Column 2 (Total hours for all volunteer EMT/response staff) [S073Q02R##C02, Continuous]: "This question is about the hours of EMT/response volunteers annually during your organization's data collection period. Specifically: Total hours for all volunteer EMT/response staff."

Summary statistics:

Row	Denom.	Mean	Std. dev.	25th pctl.	Median	75 th pctl.
	(n)					
[01] EMT-Basic, PS NPI, no PS role	518	1,715	4,182	200	534	1,208
[02] EMT-Basic, PS NPI, PS role	1,184	3,682	16,265	312	973	3,000
[03] EMT-Int., PS NPI, no PS role	191	693	1,912	10	100	375
[04] EMT-Int., PS NPI, PS role	423	1,208	3,832	66	257	988
[05] EMT-Paramedic, PS NPI, no PS role	190	580	1,790	38	140	346
[06] EMT-Paramedic, PS NPI, PS role	490	1,471	9,182	60	259	844
[07] Nurse, doctor, PS NPI, no PS role	53	123	277	15	40	120
[08] Nurse, doctor, PS NPI, PS role	57	159	264	22	53	156
[09] EMR, PS NPI, no PS role	162	948	3,722	31	90	432
[10] EMR, PS NPI, PS role	432	1,007	3,701	76	269	850
[11] Amb. driver, PS NPI, no PS role	303	713	1,527	47	180	500
[12] Amb. driver, PS NPI, PS role	696	1,404	5,460	149	481	1,102
[13] EMT-Basic, non-public safety NPI	1,338	3,706	9,472	316	1,118	3,883
[14] EMT-Int., non-public safety NPI	520	1,197	2,290	90	415	1,200
[15] EMT-Paramedic, non-public safety NPI	516	1,292	4,869	60	285	1,000
[16] Nurse, doctor, non-public safety NPI	167	323	992	10	48	166
[17] EMR, non-public safety NPI	476	847	1,551	40	200	950
[18] Amb. driver, non-public safety NPI	844	1,386	2,952	110	422	1,400

<u>Denominator</u>: Respondents answering "Yes (1)" response within [(S07Q01R01C02–S07Q01R06C02) OR (S07Q01R01C04–S07Q01R06C04) OR (S07Q01R01C06–S07Q01R06C06)].

Programming/skip logic: To S073Q02R##C03.

Question 2: Column 3 (Total hours worked annually related to ground ambulance operations) [S073Q02R##C03, Continuous]: "This question is about the hours of EMT/response volunteers annually during your organization's data collection period. Specifically: Total hours worked annually related to ground ambulance operations"

Row	Denom.	Mean	Std. dev.	25th pctl.	Median	75 th pctl.
	(n)			-		
[01] EMT-Basic, PS NPI, no PS role	518	1,400	4,000	124	383	900
[02] EMT-Basic, PS NPI, PS role	1,184	2,371	12,519	152	480	1,491
[03] EMT-Int., PS NPI, no PS role	191	521	1,722	10	75	238
[04] EMT-Int., PS NPI, PS role	423	787	3,238	30	157	461
[05] EMT-Paramedic, PS NPI, no PS role	190	487	1,778	25	62	250
[06] EMT-Paramedic, PS NPI, PS role	490	980	7,627	23	115	400
[07] Nurse, doctor, PS NPI, no PS role	53	104	268	12	31	100
[08] Nurse, doctor, PS NPI, PS role	57	78	130	10	30	90
[09] EMR, PS NPI, no PS role	162	747	3,574	13	45	200
[10] EMR, PS NPI, PS role	432	621	2,796	26	136	399
[11] Amb. driver, PS NPI, no PS role	303	558	1,355	24	115	397
[12] Amb. driver, PS NPI, PS role	696	765	4,381	60	198	520
[13] EMT-Basic, non-public safety NPI	1,338	3,260	9,195	250	868	3,091
[14] EMT-Int., non-public safety NPI	520	1,026	2,159	56	300	960
[15] EMT-Paramedic, non-public safety NPI	516	1,020	4,032	32	200	754
[16] Nurse, doctor, non-public safety NPI	167	217	592	5	30	153
[17] EMR, non-public safety NPI	476	733	1,429	26	150	747
[18] Amb. driver, non-public safety NPI	844	1,215	2,706	89	320	1,200

<u>Denominator:</u> Respondents answering "Yes (1)" response within [(S07Q01R01C02–S07Q01R06C02) OR (S07Q01R01C04–S07Q01R06C04) OR (S07Q01R01C06–S07Q01R06C06)].

Programming/skip logic: To S073Q02R##C04.

Question 2: Column 4 (Total hours worked annually related to fire, police, or other public safety operations) [S073Q02R##C04, Continuous]: "This question is about the hours of EMT/response volunteers annually during your organization's data collection period. Specifically: Total hours worked annually related to fire, police, or other public safety operations."

Row	Denom.	Mean	Std. dev.	25 th pctl.	Median	75 th pctl.
	(n)			-		
[01] EMT-Basic, PS NPI, no PS role	518	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
[02] EMT-Basic, PS NPI, PS role	1,184	979	5,091	20	140	600
[03] EMT-Int., PS NPI, no PS role	191	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
[04] EMT-Int., PS NPI, PS role	423	299	1,155	5	34	210
[05] EMT-Paramedic, PS NPI, no PS role	190	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
[06] EMT-Paramedic, PS NPI, PS role	490	349	1,922	4	40	200
[07] Nurse, doctor, PS NPI, no PS role	53	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
[08] Nurse, doctor, PS NPI, PS role	57	40	91	1	5	30
[09] EMR, PS NPI, no PS role	162	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
[10] EMR, PS NPI, PS role	432	274	961	6	43	192
[11] Amb. driver, PS NPI, no PS role	303	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
[12] Amb. driver, PS NPI, PS role	696	483	1,434	10	100	408
[13] EMT-Basic, non-public safety NPI	1,338	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
[14] EMT-Int., non-public safety NPI	520	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
[15] EMT-Paramedic, non-public safety NPI	516	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
[16] Nurse, doctor, non-public safety NPI	167	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
[17] EMR, non-public safety NPI	476	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
[18] Amb. driver, non-public safety NPI	844	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

<u>Denominator:</u> Respondents answering "Yes (1)" response within [(S07Q01R01C02–S07Q01R06C02) OR (S07Q01R01C04–S07Q01R06C04) OR (S07Q01R01C06–S07Q01R06C06)].

Programming/skip logic: To S073Q02R##C05.

Question 2: Column 5 (Total hours worked annually related to all other responsibilities) [S073Q02R##C05, Continuous]: "This question is about the hours of EMT/response volunteers annually during your organization's data collection period. Specifically: Total hours worked annually related to all other responsibilities."

Row	Denom.	Mean	Std. dev.	25th pctl.	Median	75 th pctl.
	(n)			_		
[01] EMT-Basic, PS NPI, no PS role	518	315	932	0	36	200
[02] EMT-Basic, PS NPI, PS role	1,184	332	1,199	0	1	168
[03] EMT-Int., PS NPI, no PS role	191	172	554	0	0	52
[04] EMT-Int., PS NPI, PS role	423	122	435	0	0	54
[05] EMT-Paramedic, PS NPI, no PS role	190	93	170	0	12	150
[06] EMT-Paramedic, PS NPI, PS role	490	141	703	0	0	50
[07] Nurse, doctor, PS NPI, no PS role	53	19	48	0	0	9
[08] Nurse, doctor, PS NPI, PS role	57	41	153	0	1	31
[09] EMR, PS NPI, no PS role	162	201	720	0	0	40
[10] EMR, PS NPI, PS role	432	113	337	0	5	80
[11] Amb. driver, PS NPI, no PS role	303	155	517	0	0	150
[12] Amb. driver, PS NPI, PS role	696	157	549	0	0	80
[13] EMT-Basic, non-public safety NPI	1,338	445	1,655	0	12	250
[14] EMT-Int., non-public safety NPI	520	171	519	0	0	80
[15] EMT-Paramedic, non-public safety NPI	516	272	1,611	0	0	120
[16] Nurse, doctor, non-public safety NPI	167	106	514	0	0	20
[17] EMR, non-public safety NPI	476	114	509	0	0	34
[18] Amb. driver, non-public safety NPI	844	171	619	0	0	72

<u>Denominator</u>: Respondents answering "Yes (1)" response within [(S07Q01R01C02–S07Q01R06C02) OR (S07Q01R01C04–S07Q01R06C04) OR (S07Q01R01C06–S07Q01R06C06)]. "N/A" indicates not applicable for non-public safety NPIs.

Programming/skip logic: To S073Q03.

Question 3 [S073Q03, Continuous]: "How many individuals were administration/facility volunteers during your organization's data collection period?"

Summary statistics:

Denom. (n)	Mean	Std. dev.	25th pctl.	Median	75 th pctl.
1,760	7.00	39	0.00	1.00	4.00

<u>Denominator</u>: Respondents answering "Yes (1)" to S02Q06 and with >1 "Yes (1)" response within [(S07Q01R07C03–S07Q01R13C03) OR (S07Q01R07C05–S07Q01R13C05) OR (S07Q01R07C07–S07Q01R13C07)].

Programming/skip logic: To S073Q04R01C03.

Question 4: Column 3 [S073Q04R01C03, Continuous]: "Total number of hours worked annually for administration/facilities staff without fire/police/other public safety roles."

Summary statistics:

Denom. (n)	Mean	Std. dev.	25 th pctl.	Median	75 th pctl.
595	410	1,582	0.00	0.00	238

<u>Denominator:</u> Respondents answering "Yes (1)" to S02Q06 and with >1 "Yes (1)" response within [(S07Q01R07C03–S07Q01R13C03) OR (S07Q01R07C05–S07Q01R13C05)].

Programming/skip logic: To S073Q04R02C01.

Question 4: Column 3 [S073Q04R02C03, Continuous]: "Total number of hours worked annually for administration/facilities staff with fire/police/other public safety roles."

Summary statistics:

Denom. (n)	Mean	Std. dev.	25 th pctl.	Median	75 th pctl.
915	89	295	0.00	0.00	20

<u>Denominator:</u> Respondents answering "Yes (1)" to S02Q06 and with >1 "Yes (1)" response within [(S07Q01R07C03–S07Q01R13C03) OR (S07Q01R07C05–S07Q01R13C05)].

Programming/skip logic: To S073Q04R05C01.

Question 4: Column 3 [S073Q04R05C03, Continuous]: "What was the total number of administration/facility volunteer labor hours annually during your organization's data collection period?"

Summary statistics:

Denom. (n)	Mean	Std. dev.	25 th pctl.	Median	75 th pctl.
915	550	2,899	0.00	50	350

<u>Denominator:</u> Respondents answering "Yes (1)" to S02Q06 and with >1 "Yes (1)" response within S07Q01R07C07–S07Q01R13C07.

Programming/skip logic: To S073Q04R02C05.

Question 4 [S073Q04R02C05, Continuous]: "Number of hours related to fire/police/other public safety activities for administration/facilities staff with fire/police/other public safety roles."

Summary statistics:

Denom. (n)	Mean	Std. dev.	25 th pctl.	Median	75 th pctl.
438	580.80	4681.58	0.00	0.00	150.00

<u>Denominator:</u> Respondents answering "Yes (1)" to S02Q06 and with >1 "Yes (1)" response within [(S07Q01R07C03–S07Q01R13C03) OR (S07Q01R07C05–S07Q01R13C05)].

Programming/skip logic: To S073Q04R01C06.

Question 4 [S073Q04R01C06, Continuous]: "Number of hours related to all other responsibilities for administration/facilities staff without fire/police/other public safety roles."

Summary statistics:

Denom. (n)	Mean	Std. dev.	25 th pctl.	Median	75 th pctl.
623	156	715	0.00	0.00	48

<u>Denominator:</u> Respondents answering "Yes (1)" to S02Q06 and with >1 "Yes (1)" response within [(S07Q01R07C03–S07Q01R13C03) OR (S07Q01R07C05–S07Q01R13C05)].

Programming/skip logic: To S073Q04R02C06.

Question 4 [S073Q04R02C06, Continuous]: "Number of hours related to all other responsibilities for administration/facilities staff with fire/police/other public safety roles."

Summary statistics:

Denom. (n)	Mean	Std. dev.	25th pctl.	Median	75 th pctl.
595	79	339	0.00	0.00	10

<u>Denominator:</u> Respondents answering "Yes (1)" to S02Q06 and with >1 "Yes (1)" response within [(S07Q01R07C03–S07Q01R13C03) OR (S07Q01R07C05–S07Q01R13C05)].

Programming/skip logic: To S073Q04R05C06.

Question 4 [S073Q04R05C06, Continuous]: "Number of hours related to all other responsibilities for administration/facilities staff."

Summary statistics:

Denom. (n)	Mean	Std. dev.	25 th pctl.	Median	75 th pctl.
844	149	2,505	0.00	0.00	5.00

<u>Denominator:</u> Respondents answering "Yes (1)" to S02Q06 and with >1 "Yes (1)" response within S07Q01R07C07–S07Q01R13C07.

Programming/skip logic: To S073Q05a.

Question 5.a [S073Q05a, Continuous]: "What was the total number of medical director volunteer labor hours during your organization's data collection period? Number of hours."

Summary statistics:

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	Denom. (n)	Mean	Std. dev.	25th pctl.	Median	75 th pctl.		
•	1.209	77	436	6.00	20	52		

<u>Denominator:</u> Respondents answering "Yes (1)" to S02Q06 and with >1 "Yes (1)" response in S07Q01R07C03, S07Q01R07C05, or S07Q01R07C07.

Programming/skip logic: To S073Q05b.

Question 5.b [S073Q05b, Continuous]: "What was the total number of medical director volunteer labor hours during your organization's data collection period? Number of hours unrelated to ground ambulance activities."

Summary statistics:

Denom. (n)	Mean	Std. dev.	25 th pctl.	Median	75 th pctl.
1,209	18	269	0.00	0.00	0.00

<u>Denominator:</u> Respondents answering "Yes (1)" to S02Q06 and with >1 "Yes (1)" response in S07Q01R07C03, S07Q01R07C05, or S07Q01R07C07.

Programming/skip logic: To S073Q06.

Question 6 [S073Q06, Dichotomous]: "Did your organization provide stipends, honoraria, benefits, and/or other compensation for ground ambulance volunteer labor?"

Response options and summary statistics:

Response	n	%
No (0)	1,800	52.98
Yes (1)	1,598	47.02
Total (denominator)	3,399	100.00

<u>Denominator:</u> Respondents answering "Yes (1)" to S02Q06.

<u>Programming/skip logic:</u> If "Yes (1)" \rightarrow S073Q06a; If "Yes (1)" to S02Q02 \rightarrow S073Q07; Else END Section 7.

Question 6.a [S073Q06a, Continuous]: "What was the total cost for all volunteer compensation (e.g., stipends and/or benefits) during your organization's data collection period?"

Summary statistics:

Denom. (n)	Mean	Std. dev.	25th pctl.	Median	75 th pctl.
1,598	71,325	436,477	5,000	17,810	50,471

<u>Denominator:</u> Respondents answering "Yes (1)" to S02Q06.

<u>Programming/skip logic:</u> If "Yes (1)" to S02Q02 → S073Q07; Else END Section 7.

Question 7 [S073Q07, Continuous]: "Please report the allocated portion of administrative/facilities labor costs incurred at the level of the parent organization/central office of this NPI based on your organization's approach for allocating costs to specific NPIs."

Summary statistics not reported due to fewer than 20 unweighted responses.

<u>Denominator:</u> Respondents answering "Yes (1)" to S02Q02 and with >1 "Yes (1)" response within [(S07Q01R07C02–S07Q01R13C02) OR (S07Q01R07C04–S07Q01R13C04) OR (S07Q01R07C06–S07Q01R13C06)].

Programming/skip logic: END Section 7.

Section 8: Facilities Costs

Section 8.1: Facility Information

Question 1 [S081Q01, Continuous]: "How many total facilities (separate buildings) did your NPI utilize related to your ground ambulance operations?"

Summary statistics:

Denom. (n)	Mean	Std. dev.	25th pctl.	Median	75th pctl.
9,598	2.80	5.73	1.00	1.00	3.00

<u>Denominator</u>: All respondents reporting at least one facility with greater than zero percent allocation.

<u>Programming/skip logic:</u> To S081Q02 [Provide names of each facility for tracking purposes, not displayed in codebook] then to S081Q03.

Question 3: Column 2 (Your organization or another entity made rent or lease payments for the facility) [S081Q03_01lease, Continuous]: "For each of the following facilities, please check the option that best applies and enter the square footage and percentage of square footage associated with ground ambulance services: Your organization or another entity made rent or lease payments for the facility."

Summary statistics:

Denom. (n)	Mean	Std. dev.	25th pctl.	Median	75th pctl.
9,598	0.72	2.47	0.00	0.00	1.00

<u>Denominator</u>: All respondents reporting at least one facility with greater than zero percent allocation.

Programming/skip logic: Continue in S081Q03.

Question 3: Column 3 (Your organization or another entity owned the facility and made mortgage, interest, or other payments towards ownership) [S081Q03_02mortgage, Continuous]: "For each of the following facilities, please check the option that best applies and enter the square footage and percentage of square footage associated with ground ambulance services: Your organization or another entity owned the facility and made mortgage, interest, or other payments towards ownership."

Summary statistics:

Denom. (n)	Mean	Std. dev.	25th pctl.	Median	75th pctl.
9,598	0.09	0.37	0.00	0.00	0.00

<u>Denominator:</u> All respondents reporting at least one facility with greater than zero percent allocation.

Programming/skip logic: Continue in S081Q03.

Question 3: Column 4 (Your organization or another entity owns the facility outright) [S081Q03_03own, Continuous]: "For each of the following facilities, please check the option that best applies and enter the square footage and percentage of square footage associated with ground ambulance services: Your organization or another entity owns the facility outright."

Summary statistics:

Denom. (n)	Mean	Std. dev.	25th pctl.	Median	75th pctl.
9,598	1.77	4.85	0.00	1.00	2.00

<u>Denominator</u>: All respondents reporting at least one facility with greater than zero percent allocation.

Programming/skip logic: Continue in S081Q03.

Question 3: Column 4 (Facility was donated) [S081Q03_04donated, Continuous]: "For each of the following facilities, please check the option that best applies and enter the square footage and percentage of square footage associated with ground ambulance services: Facility was donated."

Summary statistics:

Denom. (n)	Mean	Std. dev.	25th pctl.	Median	75th pctl.
9,598	0.19	0.91	0.00	0.00	0.00

<u>Denominator</u>: All respondents reporting at least one facility with greater than zero percent allocation.

Programming/skip logic: Continue in S081Q03.

Question 3: Column 5 (Facility square footage) [S081Q03_05sqft_ga, Continuous]: "For each of the following facilities...enter the square footage and percentage of square footage associated with ground ambulance services."

Summary statistics:

_	Denom. (n)	Mean	Std. dev.	25th pctl.	Median	75th pctl.
	9,598	13,511	38,772	2,048	5,000	12,000

<u>Denominator</u>: All respondents reporting at least one facility with greater than zero percent allocation.

<u>Programming/skip logic:</u> If count >0 for S081Q03_02mortgage or S081Q03_03own → S082Q01; Else → S082Q02.

Section 8.2: Annual Lease, Mortgage, and Other Costs of Ownership for Facilities

Question 1 [S082Q01, Dichotomous]: "Did your organization calculate annual depreciation expenses for some or all of your facilities during your organization's data collection period?"

Response options and summary statistics:

Response	n	%
No (0)	4,650	63.05
Yes (1)	2,725	36.95
Total (denominator)	7,375	100.00

<u>Denominator:</u> Respondents with counts >0 for either S081Q03_02mortgage OR S081Q03_03own.

Programming/skip logic: To S082Q02.

Question 2: Column 2 (Annual lease or rental costs) [S082Q02 01lease, Continuous]:

"Please report annual lease/rent or cost of ownership for each facility during your organization's data collection period: Annual lease or rental costs."

Summary statistics:

Denom. (n)	Mean	Std. dev.	25th pctl.	Median	75th pctl.
2,635	85,261	216,043	4,800	19,182	66,220

<u>Denominator</u>: All respondents reporting at least one facility with greater than zero percent allocation.

Programming/skip logic: Continue in S082Q02.

Question 2: Column 3 (Annual depreciation expense) [S082Q02 02depreciation,

Continuous]: "Please report annual lease/rent or cost of ownership for each facility during your organization's data collection period: Annual depreciation expense."

Summary statistics:

Denom. (n)	Mean	Std. dev.	25th pctl.	Median	75th pctl.
2,726	94,166	441,558	2,769	18,965	64,898

<u>Denominator</u>: All respondents reporting at least one facility with greater than zero percent allocation.

Programming/skip logic: Continue in S082Q02.

Question 2: Column 4 (Total acquisition cost) [S082Q02 03acquisition, Continuous]:

"Please report annual lease/rent or cost of ownership for each facility during your organization's data collection period: Total acquisition cost."

Summary statistics:

Denom. (n)	Mean	Std. dev.	25th pctl.	Median	75th pctl.
6,906	93,058	1,121,318	0.00	0.00	0.00

<u>Denominator</u>: All respondents reporting at least one facility with greater than zero percent allocation.

Programming/skip logic: Continue in S082Q02.

Question 2: Column 5 (Annual mortgage interest, bond interest, or other costs of ownership) [S082Q02_04otherannual, Continuous]: "Please report annual lease/rent or cost of ownership for each facility during your organization's data collection period: Annual mortgage interest, bond interest, or other costs of ownership."

Summary statistics:

Denom. (n)	Mean	Std. dev.	25th pctl.	Median	75th pctl.
7,376	12,537	80,423	0.00	0.00	0.00

<u>Denominator</u>: All respondents reporting at least one facility with greater than zero percent allocation.

Programming/skip logic: Continue in S082Q02.

Question 3: Column 6 (No annual costs of ownership) [S082Q02_05nocost_own,

Continuous]: "Please report annual lease/rent or cost of ownership for each facility during your organization's data collection period: Number of facilities with no annual costs of ownership."

Summary statistics:

 Denom. (n)	Mean	Std. dev.	25th pctl.	Median	75th pctl.
9,598	1.06	2.37	0.00	1.00	1.00

<u>Denominator</u>: All respondents reporting at least one facility with greater than zero percent allocation.

Programming/skip logic: If "Yes (1)" to S02Q02 → S082Q03; Else S083Q01.

Question 3 [S082Q03, Continuous]: "Please report the allocated portion of rent, lease, or ownership facilities costs incurred at the level of your parent organization/central office (e.g., corporate or regional buildings, garages or service facilities serving multiple NPIs) to this NPI based on your organization's approach for allocating annual costs to specific NPIs."

Summary statistics:

Denom. (n)	Mean	Std. dev.	25th pctl.	Median	75th pctl.
516	18,595	51,377	0.00	375	16,549

Denominator: Respondents answering "Yes (1)" to S02Q02.

Programming/skip logic: To S083Q01.

Section 8.3: Insurance, Maintenance, Utilities, and Taxes

Question 1: Row 1 (Total facilities-related insurance costs) [S083Q01_insurance,

Continuous]: "Please indicate the total amount your organization paid for the following during your organization's data collection period: Total facilities-related insurance costs."

Summary statistics:

Denom. (n)	Mean	Std. dev.	25th pctl.	Median	75th pctl.
9,598	17,934	58,216	0.01	3,255	12,635

<u>Denominator</u>: All respondents reporting at least one facility with greater than zero percent allocation.

Programming/skip logic: Continue in S083Q01.

Question 1: Row 2 (Total facilities maintenance and improvement costs)

[S083Q01_maintenance, Continuous]: "Please indicate the total amount your organization paid for the following during your organization's data collection period: Total facilities maintenance and improvement costs."

Summary statistics:

Denom. (n)	Mean	Std. dev.	25th pctl.	Median	75th pctl.
9,598	35,435	127,918	200	5,090	21,848

<u>Denominator</u>: All respondents reporting at least one facility with greater than zero percent allocation.

<u>Programming/skip logic:</u> Continue in S083Q01.

Question 1: Row 3 (Total facilities utilities costs) [S083Q01_utilities, Continuous]: "Please indicate the total amount your organization paid for the following during your organization's data collection period: Total facilities utilities costs."

Summary statistics:

Denom. (n)	Mean	Std. dev.	25th pctl.	Median	75th pctl.
9,598	30,970	88,840	2,400	10,134	25,803

<u>Denominator</u>: All respondents reporting at least one facility with greater than zero percent allocation.

Programming/skip logic: Continue in S083Q01.

Question 1: Row 4 (Total facilities taxes) [S083Q01_taxes, Continuous]: "Please indicate the total amount your organization paid for the following during your organization's data collection period: Total facilities taxes."

Summary statistics:

Denom. (n)	Mean	Std. dev.	25th pctl.	Median	75th pctl.
9,598	2,255	12,641	0.00	0.00	0.00

<u>Denominator</u>: All respondents reporting at least one facility with greater than zero percent allocation.

<u>Programming/skip logic:</u> If "Yes (1)" to S02Q02 → S083Q02; Else END Section 8.

Question 2 [S083Q02, Continuous]: "Please report the allocated portion of insurance, maintenance, utilities, and taxes costs incurred at the level of your parent organization/central office (e.g., corporate or regional buildings, garages or service facilities serving multiple NPIs) to this NPI based on your organization's approach for allocating costs to specific NPIs."

Summary statistics:

Denom. (n)	Mean	Std. dev.	25th pctl.	Median	75th pctl.
516	56,478	715,713	0.00	767	13,547

Denominator: Respondents answering "Yes (1)" to S02Q02.

Programming/skip logic: END Section 8.

Section 9: Vehicle Costs

Section 9.1: Ground Ambulance Vehicle Costs

Question 1 [S091Q01, Continuous]: "How many ground ambulances does your organization own (including vehicles that have been purchased, gifted, or donated)? (Enter number)"

Summary statistics:

Denom. (n)	Mean	Std. dev.	25th pctl.	Median	75th pctl.
9,608	6.99	17	2.00	3.00	6.00

<u>Denominator</u>: All respondents.

Programming/skip logic: To S091Q02.

Question 1.a [S091Q01a, Dichotomous]: "Did your organization calculate annual depreciation expenses for some or all of your ground ambulances during your organization's data collection period?"

Response options and summary statistics:

Response	n	%
No (0)	5,406	56.75
Yes (1)	4,119	43.25
Total (denominator)	9,525	100.00

<u>Denominator:</u> All respondents with at least one owned vehicle.

Programming/skip logic: To S091Q02.

Question 2 [S091Q02, Continuous]: "How many ground ambulances does your organization lease?"

Summary statistics:

Denom. (n)	Mean	Std. dev.	25th pctl.	Median	75th pctl.
9,608	0.39	4.45	0.00	0.00	0.00

Denominator: All respondents.

<u>Programming/skip logic:</u> If "Yes (1)" to S02Q11 \rightarrow S091Q03; If "Yes (1)" to S02Q12 \rightarrow S091Q04; Else \rightarrow S091Q05.

Question 3 [S091Q03, Continuous]: "What was the total number of miles (billed and unbilled) traveled by land ambulances for any reason for your organization's data collection period?"

Summary statistics:

Denom. (n)	Mean	Std. dev.	25th pctl.	Median	75th pctl.
9,606	173,597	926,447	10,147	35,000	108,958

Denominator: All respondents answering "Yes (1)" to S02Q11.

<u>Programming/skip logic:</u> If "Yes (1)" to S02Q12 \rightarrow S091Q04; Else \rightarrow S091Q05.

Question 4 [S091Q04]: "What was the total number of statute miles (billed and unbilled) traveled by water ambulances for any reason for your organization's data collection period?" *Summary statistics not reported due to fewer than 20 unweighted responses.*

Denominator: All respondents answering "Yes (1)" to S02Q12.

Programming/skip logic: To S091Q05.

Question 5: Column 2 (Was this ambulance used to transport patients during your organization's data collection period?) [S091Q05_01transport, Continuous]: "Report the following information: Was this ambulance used to transport patients during your organization's data collection period?"

Summary statistics:

Denom. (n)	Mean	Std. dev.	25th pctl.	Median	75th pctl.
9,464	7	17	2	3	6

<u>Denominator</u>: All respondents with at least one ground ambulance used to transport patients.

<u>Note:</u> This table reports the average number of ground ambulance vehicles used to transport patients per organizations (constructed count of applicable vehicle-level entries in S091Q05).

<u>Programming/skip logic:</u> Continue in S091Q05.

Question 5: Column 3 (Was this ambulance donated?) [S091Q05_02donated, Continuous]:

"Report the following information: Was this ambulance donated?"

Summary statistics:

Denom. (n)	Mean	Std. dev.	25th pctl.	Median	75th pctl.
501	2	6	1	1	2

<u>Denominator</u>: All respondents with at least one donated ground ambulance.

<u>Note:</u> This table reports the average number of ground ambulance vehicles used to transport patients per organizations that were donated (constructed count of applicable vehicle-level entries in S091Q05).

Programming/skip logic: Continue in S091Q05.

Question 5: Column 4 (What was the annual depreciation expense?)

[S091Q05_03depreccost, Continuous]: "Report the following information: What was the annual depreciation expense?"

Summary statistics:

Denom. (n)	Mean	Std. dev.	25th pctl.	Median	75th pctl.
3,127	171,120	564,172	30,600	68,860	161,454

<u>Denominator</u>: All respondents that reported non-zero depreciation expenses.

Programming/skip logic: Continue in S091Q05.

Question 5: Column 4 (What was the purchase cost if purchased during your organization's data collection period?) [S091Q05_04purchasecost, Continuous]: "Report the following information: What was the purchase cost if purchased during your organization's data collection period?"

Summary statistics:

Denom. (n)	Mean	Std. dev.	25th pctl.	Median	75th pctl.
4,396	404,835	679,425	137,484	280,375	470,000

<u>Denominator</u>: All respondents that reported non-zero vehicle purchase costs.

Programming/skip logic: Continue in S091Q05.

Question 5: Column 5 (Annual loan interest or other costs of ownership not reported previously?) [S091Q05_05otherown, Continuous]: "Report the following information: "Annual loan interest or other costs of ownership not reported previously?"

Summary statistics:

Denom. (n)	Mean	Std. dev.	25th pctl.	Median	75th pctl.
2,477	51,476	136,752	4,671	16,174	45,335

<u>Denominator</u>: All respondents that reported other ownership costs.

Programming/skip logic: Continue in S091Q05.

Question 5: Column 7 (What was the cost to your organization for the remount?) [S091Q05_07remountcost, Continuous]: "Report the following information: What was the cost to your organization for the remount?"

Summary statistics:

Denom. (n)	Mean	Std. dev.	25th pctl.	Median	75th pctl.
1,179	251,586	345,363	104,856	158,950	300,000

<u>Denominator</u>: All respondents that reported at least one remounted ground ambulance (constructed count of applicable vehicle-level entries in S091Q05). Column 6 (yes/no) for whether a specific ambulance was remounted in the reporting year is not reported.

Programming/skip logic: Continue in S091Q05.

Question 5: Column 8 (Total lease cost to your organization for this ambulance for your organization's data collection period?) [S091Q05_08leasecost, Continuous]: "Total lease cost to your organization for this ambulance for your organization's data collection period?"

Denom. (n)	Mean	Std. dev.	25th pctl.	Median	75th pctl.
630	146,487	390,465	15,000	50,830	118,000

<u>Denominator</u>: All respondents that reported lease costs for at least one ground ambulance. Programming/skip logic: If "Yes (1)" to S02Q02 → S091Q06; Else → S092Q01.

Question 6 [S091Q06, Continuous]: "Please report the allocated portion of ground ambulance vehicle costs incurred at the level of the parent organization/central office of this NPI based on your organization's approach for allocating costs to specific NPIs."

Summary statistics:

Denom. (n)	Mean	Std. dev.	25th pctl.	Median	75th pctl.
516	63,462	244,665	0	0	1,055

Denominator: Respondents answering "Yes (1)" to S02Q02.

Programming/skip logic: To S092Q01.

Section 9.2: Other Vehicle Costs (Non-Ambulance)

Question 1 [S092Q01, Dichotomous]: "Did you own or lease any non-ambulance vehicles (including vehicles that have been purchased, gifted, or donated) that were used to respond to ground ambulance calls or support ground ambulance operations?"

Response options and summary statistics:

Response	n	%
No (0)	4,092	42.59
Yes (1)	5,516	57.41
Total (denominator)	9,608	100.00

<u>Denominator:</u> All respondents.

<u>Programming/skip logic:</u> If "No (0)" \rightarrow S093Q01; Else \rightarrow S092Q02a.

Question 2.a [S092Q02a, Continuous]: "Number of non-ambulance vehicles owned."

Summary statistics:

Denom. (n)	Mean	Std. dev.	25th pctl.	Median	75th pctl.
5,516	7.49	23.15	1.00	3.00	7.00

Denominator: Respondents answering "Yes (1)" to S092Q01.

<u>Note:</u> Vehicles that were allocated as 0 percent ground ambulance-related or that were not indicated by respondent to support ground ambulance operations were not included in total.

Programming/skip logic: If response to S092Q02a $>0 \rightarrow$ S092Q02b; Else \rightarrow S092Q02c.

Question 2.b [S092Q02b, Dichotomous]: "Did your organization calculate annual depreciation expenses for some or all of your non-ambulance vehicles during your organization's data collection period?"

Response options and summary statistics:

Response	n	%
No (0)	3,229	58.93
Yes (1)	2,251	41.07
Total (denominator)	5,480	100.00

Denominator: Respondents reporting >0 non-ambulance vehicles owned in S092Q02a.

Programming/skip logic: To S092Q02c.

Question 2.c [S092Q02c, Continuous]: "Number of non-ambulance vehicles leased?"

Summary statistics:

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	Denom. (n)	Mean	Std. dev.	25th pctl.	Median	75th pctl.
	5,516	0.18	1.78	0.00	0.00	0.00

Denominator: Respondents answering "Yes (1)" to S092Q01.

Programming/skip logic: To S092Q03.

Question 3 [S092Q03, Continuous]: "What was the total number of miles (billed and unbilled) traveled by non-ambulance land vehicles for any reason for your organization's data collection period?"

Summary statistics:

Denom. (n)	Mean	Std. dev.	25th pctl.	Median	75th pctl.
5,516	67,175	319,880	5,000	17,367	45,944

<u>Denominator:</u> Respondents answering "Yes (1)" to S092Q01.

Programming/skip logic: To S092Q04.

Question 4 [S092Q04, Continuous]: "What was the total number of statute miles (billed and unbilled) traveled by non-ambulance water vehicles for any reason for your organization's data collection period?"

Summary statistics:

Denom. (n)	Mean	Std. dev.	25th pctl.	Median	75th pctl.
9,608	171	7,887	0.00	0.00	0.00

<u>Denominator:</u> All respondents.

Programming/skip logic: To S092Q05.

Question 5: Column 2 (Was this vehicle used to respond to ground ambulance calls or support ground ambulance operations during your organization's data collection period?) [S092Q05_01support, Continuous]: "Report the following information: Was this vehicle used to respond to ground ambulance calls or support ground ambulance operations during your organization's data collection period?"

Summary statistics:

Denom. (n)	Mean	Std. dev.	25th pctl.	Median	75th pctl.
5,472	7.43	22.75	2.00	3.00	7.00

<u>Denominator:</u> Respondents reporting at least one non-ambulance vehicle that was used to respond to ground ambulance calls or support ground ambulance operations.

Note: Constructed count of applicable vehicle-level entries in S092Q05.

Programming/skip logic: Continue in S092Q05.

Question 5: Column 3 (What type of vehicle is this?), Response a (Fire truck)

[S092Q05_firetruck, Continuous]: "Report the following information: What type of vehicle is this? [Fire truck]"

Summary statistics:

Denom. (n)	Mean	Std. dev.	25th pctl.	Median	75th pctl.
2,342	6.31	15.01	2.00	3.00	6.00

<u>Denominator</u>: All respondents with at least one fire truck vehicle.

Note: Constructed count of applicable vehicle-level entries in S092Q05.

Programming/skip logic: Continue in S092Q05.

Question 5: Column 3 (What type of vehicle is this?), Response b (Land response vehicle) [S092Q05_LRV, Continuous]: "Report the following information: What type of vehicle is this? [Land response vehicle]"

Summary statistics:

_	Denom. (n)	Mean	Std. dev.	25th pctl.	Median	75th pctl.
_	826	2.29	8.88	1.00	1.00	2.00

Denominator: All respondents with at least one land response vehicle.

Note: Constructed count of applicable vehicle-level entries in S092Q05.

Programming/skip logic: Continue in S092Q05.

Question 5: Column 3 (What type of vehicle is this?), Response c (Water response vehicle) [S092Q05_WRV, Continuous]: "Report the following information: What type of vehicle is this? [Water response vehicle]"

Summary statistics:

_	Denom. (n)	Mean	Std. dev.	25th pctl.	Median	75th pctl.
-	280	2.28	8.88	1.00	1.00	2.00

<u>Denominator</u>: All respondents.

Note: Constructed count of applicable vehicle-level entries in S092Q05.

Programming/skip logic: Continue in S092Q05.

Question 5: Column 3 (What type of vehicle is this?), Response d (Vehicle that responds to emergencies but is not designed to transport patients) [S092Q05_nontransport,

Continuous]: "Report the following information: What type of vehicle is this? [Vehicle that responds to emergencies but is not designed to transport patients]"

Summary statistics:

Denom. (n)	Mean	Std. dev.	25th pctl.	Median	75th pctl.
4,206	4.34	11.45	1.00	2.00	4.00

Denominator: All respondents.

Note: Constructed count of applicable vehicle-level entries in S092Q05.

Programming/skip logic: Continue in S092Q05.

Question 5: Column 3 (What type of vehicle is this?), Response e (Other vehicle)

[S092Q05_other, Continuous]: "Report the following information: What type of vehicle is this? [Other vehicle]"

Summary statistics:

Denom. (n)	Mean	Std. dev.	25th pctl.	Median	75th pctl.
1,243	4.28	16.76	1.00	2.00	4.00

<u>Denominator:</u> All respondents.

Note: Constructed count of applicable vehicle-level entries in S092Q05.

Programming/skip logic: Continue in S092Q05.

Question 5: Column 4 (Was this vehicle donated?) [S092Q05 03donated, Continuous]:

"Report the following information: Was this vehicle donated?"

Summary statistics:

-	Denom. (n)	Mean	Std. dev.	25th pctl.	Median	75th pctl.
	5,472	0.13	0.64	0.00	0.00	0.00

<u>Denominator:</u> Respondents reporting at least one non-ambulance vehicle that was used to respond to ground ambulance calls or support ground ambulance operations.

Note: Constructed count of donated vehicles in S092Q05.

Programming/skip logic: Continue in S092Q05.

Question 5: Column 5 (What was the annual depreciation expense?)

[S092Q05_04depreccost, Continuous]: "Report the following information: What was the annual depreciation expense?"

Summary statistics:

Denom. (n)	Mean	Std. dev.	25th pctl.	Median	75th pctl.
5,472	51,110	341,102	0.00	0.00	7,605

<u>Denominator:</u> Respondents reporting at least one non-ambulance vehicle that was used to respond to ground ambulance calls or support ground ambulance operations.

Allocation note: Allocation based on mileage. Programming/skip logic: Continue in S092Q05.

Question 5: Column 4 (What was the purchase cost if purchased during your organization's data collection period?) [S092Q05_04purchasecost, Continuous]: "Report the following information: What was the purchase cost if purchased during your organization's data collection period?"

Summary statistics:

Denom. (n)	Mean	Std. dev.	25th pctl.	Median	75th pctl.
5,472	52,087	228,840	0.00	0.00	26,000

<u>Denominator:</u> Respondents reporting at least one non-ambulance vehicle that was used to respond to ground ambulance calls or support ground ambulance operations.

Allocation note: Allocation based on mileage.

<u>Programming/skip logic:</u> Continue in S092Q05.

Question 5: Column 5 (Annual loan interest or other costs of ownership not reported previously?) [S092Q05_05otherown, Continuous]: "Report the following information: Annual loan interest or other costs of ownership not reported previously?"

Summary statistics:

Denom. (n)	Mean	Std. dev.	25th pctl.	Median	75th pctl.
5,472	3,692	36,524	0.00	0.00	0.00

<u>Denominator:</u> Respondents reporting vehicles in Section 9.2.

<u>Allocation note:</u> Allocation based on mileage. <u>Programming/skip logic:</u> Continue in S092Q05.

Question 5: Column 8 (What was the annual lease expense for this vehicle?)

[S092Q05_08leasecost, Continuous]: "Report the following information: What was the annual lease expense for this vehicle?"

Summary statistics:

Denom. (n)	Mean	Std. dev.	25th pctl.	Median	75th pctl.
5,472	2,582	22,855	0.00	0.00	0.00

<u>Denominator:</u> Respondents reporting vehicles in Section 9.2.

Allocation note: Allocation based on mileage.

<u>Programming/skip logic:</u> If "Yes (1)" to S02Q02 → S092Q06; Else → S093Q01.

Question 6 [S092Q06, Continuous]: "Please report the allocated portion of non-ambulance vehicle costs incurred at the level of the parent organization/central office of this NPI based on your organization's approach for allocating costs to specific NPIs."

Summary statistics:

Denom. (n)	Mean	Std. dev.	25th pctl.	Median	75th pctl.
315	33,655	436,874	0.00	0.00	0.00

<u>Denominator:</u> Respondents answering "Yes (1)" to S02Q02 and reporting non-ambulance vehicles.

Programming/skip logic: To S093Q01.

Section 9.3: Other Costs Associated with Vehicles

Question 1 [S093Q01, Continuous] "What was the total registration cost of all vehicles (ground ambulance and non-ambulance) used to respond to ground ambulance calls or support ground ambulance operations for your organization's data collection period?"

Summary statistics:

Denom. (n)	Mean	Std. dev.	25th pctl.	Median	75th pctl.
9,608	1,426	12,011	0.00	0.00	189

Denominator: All respondents.

Programming/skip logic: To S093Q02.

Question 2 [S093Q02, Continuous] "What was the total license cost of all vehicles (ground ambulance and non-ambulance) used to respond to ground ambulance calls or support ground ambulance operations for your organization's data collection period?"

Summary statistics:

Denom. (n)	Mean	Std. dev.	25th pctl.	Median	75th pctl.
9,608	1,161	7,926	0.00	0.00	200

<u>Denominator:</u> All respondents.

Programming/skip logic: To S093Q03.

Question 3 [S093Q03, Continuous] "What was the total insurance cost of all vehicles (ground ambulance and non-ambulance) used to respond to ground ambulance calls or support ground ambulance operations for your organization's data collection period?"

Summary statistics:

Denom. (n)	Mean	Std. dev.	25th pctl.	Median	75th pctl.
9,608	40,306	144,753	2,405	7,810	23,968

Denominator: All respondents.

Programming/skip logic: To S093Q04.

Question 4 [S093Q04, Continuous] "What was the total maintenance cost of all vehicles (ground ambulance and non-ambulance) used to respond to ground ambulance calls or support ground ambulance operations during your organization's data collection period?"

Summary statistics:

Denom. (n)	Mean	Std. dev.	25th pctl.	Median	75th pctl.
9,608	82,128	345,879	5,000	19,065	58,352

Denominator: All respondents.

Programming/skip logic: To S093Q05.

Question 5 [S093Q05, Continuous] "What was the total fuel cost for all vehicles used to respond to ground ambulance calls or support ground ambulance operations for your organization's data collection period?"

Summary statistics:

Denom. (n)	Mean	Std. dev.	25th pctl.	Median	75th pctl.
9,608	83,494	260,965	6,482	20,750	61,037

<u>Denominator:</u> All respondents.

<u>Programming/skip logic:</u> If "Yes (1)" to S02Q02 → S093Q06; Else → END Section 9.

Question 6 [S093Q06, Continuous]: "Please report the allocated portion of registration, license, insurance, maintenance, and fuel costs incurred at the level of the parent organization/central office of this NPI based on your organization's approach for allocating costs to specific NPIs."

Summary statistics:

Denom. (n)	Mean	Std. dev.	25th pctl.	Median	75th pctl.
516	56,142	302,004	0.00	0.00	13

Denominator: Respondents answering "Yes (1)" to S02Q02.

Programming/skip logic: END Section 9.

Section 10: Equipment, Consumable, and Supply Costs

Section 10.1: Medical Equipment/Supplies

Question 1.a [S101Q01a, Dichotomous]: "Did your organization calculate annual depreciation expenses for some or all capital medical equipment during your organization's data collection period?"

Response options and summary statistics:

Response	n	%
No (0)	6,427	66.89
Yes (1)	3,181	33.11
Total (denominator)	9,608	100.00

<u>Denominator:</u> All respondents.

<u>Programming/skip logic:</u> If "Yes (1)" → S101Q01ai; Else → S101Q01aii.

Question 1.a.i [S101Q01ai, Continuous]: "What were your total annual depreciation expenses for medical equipment? If your organization calculates depreciation expense for multiple purposes (e.g., depreciation for tax incentive purposes vs. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) for standard auditing purposes), please report the depreciation expense captured for standard auditing purposes."

Summary statistics:

Denom. (n)	Mean	Std. dev.	25th pctl.	Median	75th pctl.
2,993	86,189	187,588	10,263	29,157	76,733

Denominator: Respondents reporting positive depreciation expenses.

Programming/skip logic: To S101Q01aii.

Question 1.a.ii [S101Q01aii, Continuous]: "How much did you spend to purchase capital medical equipment during your organization's data collection period? Only report purchase costs for equipment that you purchased during your organization's data collection period [If Yes (1) to Question 1a] and for which you did not report a depreciation expense in Question 1.a.i."

Summary statistics:

Denom. (n)	Mean	Std. dev.	25th pctl.	Median	75th pctl.
5,553	83,245	201,006	7,500	25,195	64,614

<u>Denominator:</u> All respondents with non-zero responses.

Programming/skip logic: To S101Q01aiii.

Question 1.a.iii [S101Q01aiii, Continuous]: "If applicable, what were your expenses related to renting and/or interest payments related to capital medical equipment?"

Summary statistics:

Denom. (n)	Mean	Std. dev.	25th pctl.	Median	75th pctl.
868	43,861	120,597	2,015	7,895	29,712

Denominator: All respondents with non-zero responses.

Programming/skip logic: To S101Q01b.

Question 1.b [S101Q01b, Continuous]: "Maintenance, certification, or service costs (do not include any costs that you include elsewhere in the instrument)?"

Summary statistics:

Denom. (n)	Mean	Std. dev.	25th pctl.	Median	75th pctl.
5,849	19,852	43,670	2,025	6,296	17,522

<u>Denominator:</u> All respondents with non-zero responses.

Programming/skip logic: To S101Q01c.

Question 2 [S101Q02, Dichotomous]: "Did your organization have any costs associated with medications purchased for ground ambulance services during your organization's data collection period?"

Response options and summary statistics:

Response	n	%
No (0)	2,038	21.22
Yes (1)	7,569	78.78
Total (denominator)	9,608	100.00

Denominator: All organizations.

Programming/skip logic: To S101Q02a.

Question 2.a [S101Q02a, Dichotomous]: "Can you report these costs separately from other medical supplies and consumables?"

Response options and summary statistics:

Response	n	%
No (0)	4,021	53.12
Yes (1)	3,549	46.88
Total (denominator)	7,569	100.00

<u>Denominator</u>: Organizations answering "Yes (1)" to S101Q02.

<u>Programming/skip logic:</u> If "Yes (1)" → S101Q02ai; Else → S101Q02b 01.

Question 2.a.i [S101Q02ai, Continuous]: "What was the total cost of medications your organization purchased during your organization's data collection period for ground ambulance services? Do not include in-kind donations."

Summary statistics:

Denom. (n)	Mean	Std. dev.	25 th pctl.	Median	75 th pctl.
3,532	20,696	52,019	1,620	5,000	14,712

Denominator: Organizations answering "Yes (1)" to S101Q02a and reporting a non-zero cost.

Programming/skip logic: To S101Q03.

Question 2.b.i [S101Q02b_01hospital, Dichotomous]: "Please select all reasons for no associated costs for medications during your organization's data collection period: The medications are supplied by a hospital or hospitals."

Response options and summary statistics:

Response	n	%
No (0)	620	30.40
Yes (1)	1,419	69.60
Total (denominator)	2,038	100.00

Denominator: Organizations answering "No (0)" to S101Q02.

Programming/skip logic: To S101Q02b 02otherentity.

Question 2.b.ii [S101Q02b_02otherentity, Dichotomous]: "Please select all reasons for no associated costs for medications during your organization's data collection period: The costs are paid for by another entity (e.g., local municipality)."

Response options and summary statistics:

Response	n	%
No (0)	1,879	92.19
Yes (1)	159	7.81
Total (denominator)	2,038	100.00

<u>Denominator</u>: Organizations answering "No (0)" to S101Q02.

Programming/skip logic: To S101Q02b_03inkind.

Question 2.b.iii [S101Q02b_03inkind, Dichotomous]: "Please select all reasons for no associated costs for medications during your organization's data collection period: The medications were donated or provided in-kind."

Response options and summary statistics:

Response	n	%
No (0)	1,981	97.17
Yes (1)	58	2.83
Total (denominator)	2,038	100.00

Denominator: Organizations answering "No (0)" to S101Q02.

Programming/skip logic: To S101Q02b 04nomeds.

Question 2.b.iv [S101Q02b_04nomeds, Dichotomous]: "Please select all reasons for no associated costs for medications during your organization's data collection period: We do not stock medications on our ground ambulances."

Response options and summary statistics:

Response	n	%
No (0)	1,593	78.14
Yes (1)	446	21.86
Total (denominator)	2,038	100.00

Denominator: Organizations answering "No (0)" to S101Q02.

Programming/skip logic: To S101Q03.

Question 3 [S101Q03, Continuous]: "What was the total cost of all other medical equipment, supplies, and consumables your organization purchased during your organization's data collection period?"

Summary statistics:

Denom. (n)	Mean	Std. dev.	25th pctl.	Median	75th pctl.
9,260	78,523	202,938	7,580	22,056	60,000

<u>Denominator:</u> All respondents reporting a non-zero cost.

Programming/skip logic: To S101Q03a (allocation factor responses not reported here).

Question 4 [S101Q04, Continuous]: "Please report the allocated portion of medical equipment and supply costs incurred at the level of the parent organization/central office of this NPI based on your organization's approach for allocating costs to specific NPIs."

Summary statistics:

Denom. (n)	Mean	Std. dev.	25th pctl.	Median	75th pctl.
287	45,420	189,814	270	916	16,338

Denominator: Organizations answering "Yes (1)" to S02Q02 and reporting positive costs.

Programming/skip logic: To S102Q01a.

Section 10.2: Non-Medical Equipment/Supplies

Question 1.a [S102Q01a, Dichotomous]: "Did your organization calculate annual depreciation expenses for some or all capital non-medical equipment during your organization's data collection period?"

Response options and summary statistics:

Response	n	%
No (0)	7,725	80.40
Yes (1)	1,883	19.60
Total (denominator)	9,608	100.00

Denominator: All respondents.

<u>Programming/skip logic:</u> If "Yes (1)" → S102Q01ai; Else → S102Q01aii

Question 1.a.i [S102Q01ai, Continuous]: "What were your total annual depreciation expenses for non-medical equipment? If your organization calculates depreciation expense for multiple purposes (e.g., depreciation for tax incentive purposes vs. GAAP for standard auditing purposes), please report the depreciation expense captured for standard auditing purposes."

Summary statistics:

Denom. (n)	Mean	Std. dev.	25th pctl.	Median	75th pctl.
1,669	72,806	179,963	2,916	13,801	62,146

Denominator: Respondents answering "Yes (1)" to S102Q01a.

Programming/skip logic: To S102Q01aii.

Question 1.a.ii [S102Q01aii, Continuous]: "How much did you spend to purchase capital non-medical equipment during your organization's data collection period?"

Summary statistics:

Denom. (n)	Mean	Std. dev.	25th pctl.	Median	75th pctl.
4,563	52,142	173,379	2,400	7,813	26,319

<u>Denominator</u>: All respondents with non-zero responses.

Programming/skip logic: To S102Q01aiii.

Question 1.a.iii [S102Q01aiii, Continuous]: "If applicable, what were your expenses related to renting and/or interest payments related to capital medical equipment?"

Summary statistics:

Denom. (n)	Mean	Std. dev.	25th pctl.	Median	75th pctl.
751	18,557	56,587	1,200	3,039	11,081

Denominator: All respondents with non-zero responses.

Programming/skip logic: To S102Q01b.

Question 1.b [S102Q01b, Continuous]: "Maintenance, certification, or service costs (do not include any costs that you include elsewhere in the instrument)."

Summary statistics:

Denom. (n)	Mean	Std. dev.	25th pctl.	Median	75th pctl.
2,549	27,069	85,541	1,160	4,317	15,000

Denominator: All respondents with non-zero responses.

Programming/skip logic: To S102Q01c.

Question 1.c [S102Q01c, Continuous]: "Was the percentage of non-medical equipment expenses attributable to ground ambulance services during your organization's data collection period?"

Summary statistics:

Denom. (n)	Mean	Std. dev.	25th pctl.	Median	75th pctl.
8,458	0.93	0.20	1.00	1.00	1.00

<u>Denominator:</u> All respondents with non-zero responses.

Programming/skip logic: To S102Q02.

Question 2 [S102Q02, Continuous]: "What was the total annual cost of uniforms by your organization purchased during your organization's data collection period for ground ambulance services?"

Summary statistics:

Denom. (n)	Mean	Std. dev.	25th pctl.	Median	75th pctl.
7,758	21,224	52,251	1,703	5,515	17,000

<u>Denominator</u>: All respondents with non-zero responses.

Programming/skip logic: To S102Q02a.

Question 2.a [S102Q02a, Continuous]: "What was the percentage of uniform expenses attributable to ground ambulance services during your organization's data collection period?"

Summary statistics:

Denom. (n)	Mean	Std. dev.	25th pctl.	Median	75th pctl.
4,191	0.83	0.25	0.72	1.00	1.00

<u>Denominator</u>: Respondents answering ("Fire department-based (1)" or "Police or other public safety department-based (2)" or "Hospital or other Medicare provider of services (4)" to S02Q07) OR ("Yes (1)" to [S02Q09a or S02Q09b or S02Q09c]).

Programming/skip logic: To S102Q03.

Question 3 [S102Q03, Continuous]: "What was the total cost of other non-medical supplies (e.g., paper, office supplies, postage) your organization purchased during your organization's data collection period?"

Summary statistics:

Denom. (n)	Mean	Std. dev.	25th pctl.	Median	75th pctl.
8,672	24,092	87,119	1,120	3,728	11,914

Denominator: All respondents.

Programming/skip logic: To S102Q03a.

Question 3.a [S102Q03a, Continuous]: "What was the percentage of non-medical supply expenses attributable to ground ambulance services during your organization's data collection period?"

Summary statistics:

Denom. (n)	Mean	Std. dev.	25th pctl.	Median	75th pctl.
9,285	0.86	0.26	0.80	1.00	1.00

<u>Denominator:</u> All respondents.

Programming/skip logic: If S02Q02 = "Yes (1)" \rightarrow S102Q04; Else \rightarrow END Section 10.

Question 4 [S102Q04, Continuous]: "Please report the allocated portion of non-medical equipment and supply expenses incurred at the level of the parent organization/central office of this NPI based on your organization's approach for allocating costs to specific NPIs."

Summary statistics:

Denom. (n)	Mean	Std. dev.	25th pctl.	Median	75th pctl.
293	27,818	160,381	2,184	7,234	19,971

<u>Denominator</u>: Organizations answering "Yes (1)" to S02Q02 and reporting positive expenses.

Programming/skip logic: END Section 10.

Section 11: Other Costs

Question 1 [S11Q01_ctrct_##[str], Continuous] "Please indicate total cost for each outside contracted service, and, if applicable, percentage of the cost attributable to ground ambulance services."

Summary statistics:

Row	Denom. (n)	Mean	Std. dev.	25 th pctl.	Median	75 th pctl.
[billing] Billing service	7,568	95,008	259,539	7,620	24,033	68,541
[accounting] Accounting service	3,607	11,979	19,841	1,900	5,000	12,085
[vehicle_repair] Vehicle maint./repair svc.	2,637	38,891	65,272	4,627	14,000	38,700
[dispatch] Dispatch/call center service	2,446	99,718	167,037	7,252	30,000	103,680
[facilities] Facilities maintenance services	1,654	17,404	27,794	1,550	5,403	17,900
[it] IT support service	2,780	28,415	58,901	1,889	7,188	21,233
[emt] EMT/response labor	952	275,440	384,570	10,000	86,500	373,500
[other] Other (specify)	1,667	73,983	145,931	3,289	11,990	54,878

<u>Denominator</u>: All respondents.

<u>Programming/skip logic:</u> If "Yes (1)" to S02Q02 → S11Q02; Else → S11Q04.

Question 2 [S11Q02, Continuous]: "Please report the allocated portion of these services incurred at the level of the parent organization/central office of this NPI based on your organization's approach for allocating costs to specific NPIs."

Summary statistics:

Denom. (n)	Mean	Std. dev.	25 th pctl.	Median	75 th pctl.
516	281,143	1,147,486	0	0	116,056

Denominator: All respondents answering "Yes (1)" to S02Q02.

Programming/skip logic: To S11Q04 exp##[str].

Question 4 [S11Q04_exp_##[str], Continuous]: "Please report total expenses by source for your organization's data collection period."

Summary statistics:

Row	Denom.	Mean	Std. dev.	25 th pctl.	Median	75 th pctl.
[biohazard] Biohazard waste and medication removal fees	2,264	2,464	3,670	396	1,000	2,764
[physician] Fee to physician(s) to oversee the paramedics and provide quality assurance	592	9,695	7,974	2,700	7,500	15,065
[laundry] Laundry	1,102	4,386	6,119	380	1,635	5,561
[travel] Travel other than for training	1,833	12,606	22,486	751	2,801	11,872
[dues] Organization dues, subscriptions	4,749	6,136	13,339	484	1,500	5,038
[subsidies] Subsidies paid to other organizations	317	26,014	27,930	1,500	9,900	67,493
[otheramb] Funds paid to other ground ambulance organizations for services	1,075	21,444	37,073	1,250	4,500	18,000
[nontransport] Funds paid to other non-transporting organizations for services	188	3,822	2,693	808	4,875	6,400
[board] Board of Directors / Trustees expenses	717	5,951	6,144	1,260	3,250	8,906
[ad] Advertising, including any type of advertising in any medium	2,935	8,633	17,904	364	1,560	6,382
[event] Event / meeting costs (including meals)	2,591	7,297	12,783	728	2,432	7,133
[software] IT software, licensing fees	3,458	33,873	73,421	2,319	8,280	26,972
[training] Training and continuing education costs	5,773	18,846	38,762	1,839	5,500	16,956
[interest] Interest paid	952	32,613	52,477	2,000	9,000	32,090
[physicals] Physicals and medical assessments	2,508	11,746	19,743	852	3,412	12,916
[recruiting] Recruiting expenses	1,100	11,273	15,160	1,000	3,935	15,000
[audit] Audit fees, legal fees, and other professional fees	3,029	34,510	74,029	1,982	7,257	26,198
[misc] Miscellaneous administrative fees/costs not already reported	3,353	47,613	111,006	2,432	8,016	29,812
[911] 911 service fees	302	14,535	16,421	750	4,150	38,895
[tolls] Fees for toll roads	988	3,144	5,093	101	600	3,274
[local] Fees paid to local jurisdictions required as condition of providing ground ambulance service	216	3,219	2,842	400	2,611	6,658
[regulatory] Fees for regulatory compliance or accreditation (annual cost per year)	1,599	5,545	12,530	200	903	3,000
[registration] Business registration and related fees	921	3,012	5,397	100	500	2,545
[licenses] Licenses	1,876	2,689	4,982	250	769	2,265
[fines] Fines, forfeitures, and citations	232	1,455	1,164	311	957	2,843
[taxes] Taxes	1,389	95,636	164,615	4,432	22,080	97,887
[insurance] Liability / malpractice insurance	3,567	40,610	79,567	3,000	9,599	35,927
[wc] Workers' compensation insurance	4,398	61,990	114,686	5,616	20,000	57,732
[insure] General insurance	2,543	59,718	121,656	2,838	11,112	48,000
[other] Any other expenses not reported elsewhere in the instrument	1,523	193,573	380,851	4,812	24,970	154,500

<u>Denominator</u>: All respondents answering "Yes" to the category in S11Q03 who reported at least one facility with greater than zero percent allocation.

<u>Note:</u> S11Q03 is not reported as a separate question in the codebook, as the responses are included in the table above as the denominator.

<u>Programming/skip logic:</u> If "Yes (1)" to S02Q02 → S11Q05; Else END Section 11.

Question 5 [S11Q05, Continuous]: "Please report the allocated portion of these miscellaneous costs incurred at the level the parent organization/central office of this NPI based on your organization's data collection period."

Summary statistics:

Denom. (n)	Mean	Std. dev.	25th pctl.	Median	75 th pctl.
486	272,081	1,307,787	0	23,647	198,291

Denominator: All respondents answering "Yes (1)" to S02Q02 and answering S11Q05.

Programming/skip logic: END Section 11.

Section 12: Total Cost

Question 1 [S12Q01, Continuous]: "Please provide the total expenses of your NPI for your organization's data collection period. The total expenses reported here should include all operating and capital costs (including costs for services not related to ground ambulance services). [Include only if Section 2, Question 2 (multiple NPIs) is Yes (1)] If applicable, include an allocated portion of your parent organization (or "central office") costs when reporting total costs in this question."

Summary statistics:

Denom. (n)	Mean	Std. dev.	25 th pctl.	Median	75 th pctl.
9,608	21,665,208	180,992,560	357,229	1,356,212	4,796,331

<u>Denominator</u>: All respondents.

Programming/skip logic: END Section 12.

Section 13: Revenues

Question 1 [S13Q01, Continuous]: "Please report total revenue from all sources your organization received during your organization's data collection period. Include revenues from services not related to ground ambulance services."

Summary statistics:

Denom. (n)	Mean	Std. dev.	25th pctl.	Median	75th pctl.
9,608	21,628,508	175,029,712	303,345	982,444	3,542,151

Denominator: All respondents.

Programming/skip logic: To S13Q02.

Question 2.a [S13Q02a, Dichotomous]: "Can you report revenue for ground ambulance transports from individual health care payer categories (e.g., Medicare, Medicaid, commercial insurance)?"

Response options and summary statistics:

Response	n	%
No (0)	2,536	26.40
Yes (1)	7,072	73.60
Total (denominator)	9,608	100.00

Denominator: All respondents.

<u>Programming/skip logic:</u> If "No (0)" \rightarrow S13Q02b; Else \rightarrow S13Q03.

Question 2.b [S13Q02b, Continuous]: "Please report the revenue from ground ambulance transports for all payers combined."

Summary statistics:

Denom. (n)	Mean	Std. dev.	25th pctl.	Median	75th pctl.
2,536	1,567,226	7,262,512	84,784	315,501	1,007,847

Denominator: Respondents answering "No (0)" to S13Q02a.

Programming/skip logic: To S13Q04.

Question 3: Column 3 (Total revenues) [S13Q03R##C03, Continuous]: "Please report total expenses by source for your organization's data collection period."

Summary statistics:

Row	Denom. (n)	Mean	Std. dev.	25 th pctl.	Median	75 th pctl.
Traditional (fee-for-service) Medicare	6,957	1,193,046	14,107,645	46,151	159,097	468,457
Medicare Advantage	6,112	1,238,482	18,452,476	32,626	117,328	389,838
Traditional (fee-for-service) Medicaid	6,318	417,990	4,831,801	4,620	25,582	115,144
Medicaid managed care	5,123	495,578	3,517,894	8,144	37,901	164,014
TRICARE	4,670	52,936	769,559	1,011	3,213	11,493
Veterans Health Administration	5,044	197,210	1,710,350	4,429	15,457	58,729
Commercial insurance	6,687	1,322,170	15,141,097	45,472	155,177	505,207
Workers' compensation	4,708	34,409	438,715	1,804	4,653	12,759
Patient self-pay	6,338	369,748	6,276,737	7,903	28,845	102,730

<u>Denominator:</u> Respondents answering "Yes (1)" to S13Q02a. Not all respondents reported revenue from the specific payer in the data collection period in the table above.

Programming/skip logic: Continue in S13Q03.

Question 3: Column 4 (cost sharing) [S13Q03R##C04, Dichotomous]: "Indicate if cost sharing (i.e., the amount for a ground ambulance transport that is billed to a patient with this insurance) was included."

Summary statistics:

Response	n	%
Traditional (fee-for-service) Medicare	3,139	32.67
Medicare Advantage	2,756	28.69
Traditional (fee-for-service) Medicaid	2,389	24.87
Medicaid managed care	1,961	20.41
TRICARE	2,027	21.09
Veterans Health Administration	2,004	20.86
Commercial insurance	3,132	32.60
Workers' compensation	1,785	18.58

<u>Denominator:</u> Respondents answering "Yes (1)" to S13Q02b AND >\$0 revenue in category. <u>Programming/skip logic:</u> To S13Q04. **Question 4 [S13Q04_01bill_mdcr_ffs, Categorical]:** "How often did your organization bill Traditional (fee-for-service) Medicare for the amount owed for a ground ambulance transport during your organization's data collection period?"

Response options and summary statistics:

Response	n	%
Never (0)	46	0.43
Sometimes (1)	573	4.48
Usually (2)	1,370	13.5
Always (3)	7,540	80.82
N/A – no patients transported (4)	80	0.77
Total (denominator)	9,608	100.00

<u>Denominator</u>: All respondents.

Programming/skip logic: Continue in S13Q04.

Question 4 [S13Q04_02bill_mdcr_ma, Categorical]: "How often did your organization bill Medicare Advantage (also known as Medicare Managed Care) for the amount owed for a ground ambulance transport during your organization's data collection period?"

Response options and summary statistics:

Response	n	%
Never (0)	133	1.23
Sometimes (1)	769	6.74
Usually (2)	1,219	11.91
Always (3)	7,113	76.5
N/A – no patients transported (4)	373	3.61
Total (denominator)	9,608	100.00

<u>Denominator</u>: All respondents.

Programming/skip logic: Continue in S13Q04.

Question 4 [S13Q04_03bill_mdcd_ffs, Categorical]: "How often did your organization bill Traditional (fee-for-service) Medicaid for the amount owed for a ground ambulance transport during your organization's data collection period?"

Response options and summary statistics:

Response	n	%
Never (0)	225	1.69
Sometimes (1)	916	8.96
Usually (2)	938	9.37
Always (3)	7,167	76.92
N/A – no patients transported (4)	361	3.06
Total (denominator)	9,608	100.00

<u>Denominator:</u> All respondents.

Programming/skip logic: Continue in S13Q04.

Question 4 [S13Q04_04bill_mdcd_mco, Categorical]: "How often did your organization bill Medicaid managed care for the amount owed for a ground ambulance transport during your organization's data collection period?"

Response options and summary statistics:

Response	n	%
Never (0)	413	3.57
Sometimes (1)	940	8.99
Usually (2)	927	9.48
Always (3)	6,392	68.86
N/A – no patients transported (4)	935	9.1
Total (denominator)	9,608	100.00

<u>Denominator</u>: All respondents.

Programming/skip logic: Continue in S13Q04.

Question 4 [S13Q04_05bill_tricare, Categorical]: "How often did your organization bill TRICARE for the amount owed for a ground ambulance transport during your organization's data collection period?"

Response options and summary statistics:

Response	n	%
Never (0)	358	2.87
Sometimes (1)	1,296	12.7
Usually (2)	454	5.00
Always (3)	6,033	65.82
N/A – no patients transported (4)	1,466	13.62
Total (denominator)	9,608	100.00

<u>Denominator</u>: All respondents.

Programming/skip logic: Continue in S13Q04.

Question 4 [S13Q04_06bill_vha, Categorical]: "How often did your organization bill the Veterans Health Administration for the amount owed for a ground ambulance transport during your organization's data collection period?"

Response options and summary statistics:

Response	n	%
Never (0)	370	2.41
Sometimes (1)	1,356	13.90
Usually (2)	607	6.78
Always (3)	6,173	67.51
N/A – no patients transported (4)	1,102	9.39
Total (denominator)	9,608	100.00

<u>Denominator:</u> All respondents.

Programming/skip logic: Continue in S13Q04.

Question 4 [S13Q04_07bill_comm, Categorical]: "How often did your organization bill commercial insurance for the amount owed for a ground ambulance transport during your organization's data collection period?"

Response options and summary statistics:

Response	n	%
Never (0)	109	0.56
Sometimes (1)	794	7.24
Usually (2)	1,025	10.25
Always (3)	7,481	80.56
N/A – no patients transported (4)	198	1.39
Total (denominator)	9,608	100.00

<u>Denominator:</u> All respondents.

Programming/skip logic: Continue in S13Q04.

Question 4 [S13Q04_08bill_wc, Categorical]: "How often did your organization bill workers' compensation for the amount owed for a ground ambulance transport during your organization's data collection period?"

Response options and summary statistics:

Response	n	%
Never (0)	439	3.28
Sometimes (1)	1,374	14.20
Usually (2)	429	4.52
Always (3)	6,025	66.50
N/A – no patients transported (4)	1,342	11.51
Total (denominator)	9,608	100.00

Denominator: All respondents.

Programming/skip logic: Continue in S13Q04.

Question 4 [S13Q04_09bill_patient, Categorical]: "How often did your organization bill patient self-pay (amount patients pay for deductibles, coinsurance, etc.) for the amount owed for a ground ambulance transport during your organization's data collection period?"

Response options and summary statistics:

Response	n	%
Never (0)	268	1.64
Sometimes (1)	1,544	15.19
Usually (2)	1,025	10.59
Always (3)	6,509	70.62
N/A – no patients transported (4)	261	1.96
Total (denominator)	9,608	100.00

<u>Denominator</u>: All respondents.

Programming/skip logic: To S13Q05.

Question 5: (Received revenue from category during your organization's data collection period) [S13Q05R##, Continuous]: "Please indicate if your organization received any revenues from any of the following sources during your organization's data collection period." Summary statistics:

	Share with revenue >\$0	Conditional mean <i>(on</i>	Conditional median (on
Category	(%)	>\$0, in \$)	>\$0, in \$)
Total across all Question 5 categories	74.47	2,177,569	162,265
Contracts with facilities	18.59	922,555	48,393
Revenue from payers for non-transport EMS/medical services	11.28	476,059	18,800
Revenues for subcontracted ground ambulance services	4.38	662,560	49,792
Fees for standby events	24.52	77,192	5,313
Membership fees	7.62	101,355	31,000
Charitable donations	25.73	35,545	5,870
Executive loan programs	N/R	N/R	N/R
Program-related investments	4.07	173,814	17,686
Local taxes earmarked for EMS	23.41	3,135,660	352,117
Contract revenue from local governments in return for	15.45	556,091	112,426
services			
Enterprise funds and utility rates	0.90	1,190,450	70,548
Sale of assets and services	8.23	85,431	8,428
Bond or debt financing	1.46	1,050,500	75,230
State or local donations of surplus vehicles or equipment	0.41	47,316	12,000
Other donations	3.56	38,250	5,289
Special-purpose grants	23.36	136,300	17,000
Matching grants	4.51	121,300	16,322
Technical assistance	1.98	149,806	4,540
Demonstration grants	2.48	579,554	97,321
Congressional earmarks	0.56	467,137	40,283
Other	20.80	1,984,525	36,343

<u>Denominator</u>: All respondents.

Programming/skip logic: END Section 13.