

Philadelphia County

Hospital Admissions

for Philadelphia County Residents in FY 2015

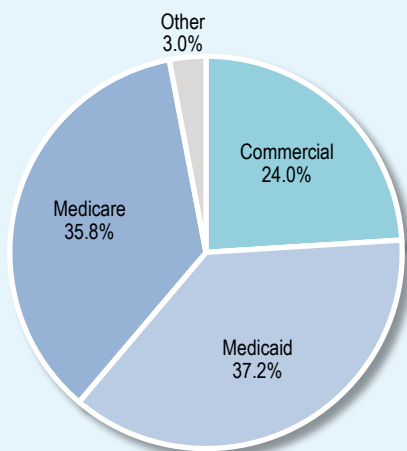


Hospital admissions

167,651 Philadelphia County residents (10.7%) were admitted to a PA hospital in FY 2015. Statewide, the percentage was 9.0%.

Some patients were admitted several times during the year, so the total number of hospital admissions for Philadelphia County residents was 245,644.

Hospital admissions by anticipated payer



Statewide, the percentages were:

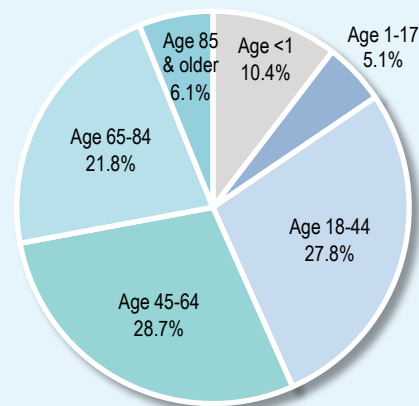
Medicare	44.9%
Medicaid	18.4%
Commercial	33.4%
Other*	3.3%

* Includes other government, self-pay, and unknown payer.

Where were residents hospitalized? (top 5 by number of admissions)

Hospital Name	Number of Admissions	Percent of Admissions
Temple University	26,450	10.8%
Albert Einstein	22,408	9.1%
Thomas Jefferson Univ	19,014	7.7%
Hospital University PA	17,148	7.0%
Pennsylvania	16,981	6.9%

Hospital admissions by age



Statewide, the percentages were:

Age <1	9.0%
1-17	3.6%
18-44	22.0%
45-64	25.5%
65-84	29.4%
85 & older	10.4%

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Hospitalization rates for chronic conditions and county rankings

Condition ¹	Hospitalization Rate ²		County Rank ³
	State	County	
Diabetes	21.5	38.4	67th
Heart Failure	40.9	61.6	61st
COPD ⁴ or Asthma (ages 40 or older)	50.2	96.8	64th
Bacterial Pneumonia	24.9	18.5	10th
Asthma (ages 18 to 39)	6.0	23.9	67th

¹ These conditions were defined using the Prevention Quality Indicators developed by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (www.qualityindicators.ahrq.gov).

² Per 10,000 residents.

³ Rankings are 1-67, where 1 is lowest (best) hospitalization rate. Higher rank might be dependent on population differences among counties (an older population, for example). Rates were not adjusted for population differences so that important effects of these patient characteristics were not masked by such adjustment. Note that 12.5% of Philadelphia County residents were age 65 or older; statewide the percentage was 16.0%.

⁴ Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease

Medicare payments

One way to examine health care resource use is to look at Medicare spending. The following table shows the average amount Medicare spent per beneficiary in calendar year 2014.

	All Pennsylvania	Philadelphia County
Average Medicare spending per beneficiary for all services	\$9,692	\$12,852
Average Medicare spending per beneficiary for inpatient services	\$3,304	\$5,278

These figures reflect actual (unadjusted) overall spending by the Medicare program for all Medicare fee-for-service beneficiaries regardless of age. "All services" includes hospital admissions, outpatient care, home health, hospice, etc. "Inpatient services" includes hospital admissions to inpatient acute care hospitals paid under the Prospective Payment System, critical access hospitals, inpatient psychiatric facilities, and psychiatric hospitals. In 2014, Philadelphia County had 229,723 Medicare beneficiaries, of which 120,450 were in the fee-for-service program, and 23,940 of these were admitted to the hospital at least once during 2014.

Data source: The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Geographic Variation Public Use File (www.cms.gov).

About PHC4

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