Carbon County

Hospital Admissions for Carbon County Residents in FY 2013

Hospital admissions

6,718 Carbon County residents (10.3%) were admitted to a PA hospital in FY 2013. Statewide, the percentage was 9.2%.

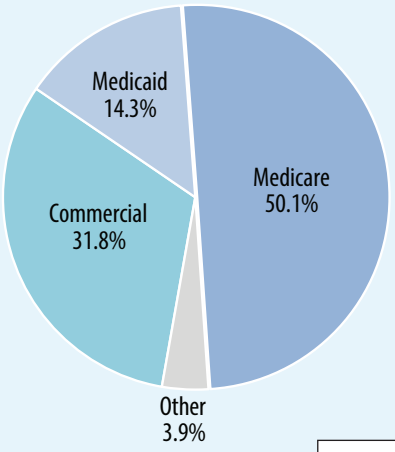
Some patients were admitted several times during the year, so the total number of hospital admissions for Carbon County residents was 10,422.

Where were residents hospitalized?

(Top 5 by number of admissions)

Hospital Name	Number of Admissions	Percent of Admissions
Lehigh Valley	2,641	25.3%
Gnaden Huetten Memorial	2,516	24.1%
St Luke's/Bethlehem	1,033	9.9%
Palmerton	995	9.5%
Hazleton General	731	7.0%

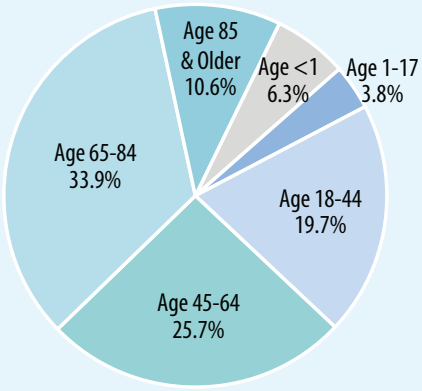
Hospital admissions by payer type



Statewide, the percentages were:

Medicare	44.8%
Medicaid	18.4%
Commercial	33.4%
Self Pay/Other/Unknown	3.5%

Hospital admissions by age



Statewide, the percentages were:

Age <1	8.7%
1-17	4.0%
18-44	22.0%
45-64	25.4%
65-84	29.3%
85 & older	10.5%

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Percentages may not total 100 due to rounding.

Hospitalization rates for chronic conditions and county rankings

Condition[1]	Hospitalization Rate[2] State	Hospitalization Rate[2] County	County Rank[3]
Diabetes	21.3	20.6	45th
Heart Failure	41.3	54.6	59th
COPD[4] or Asthma *(ages 40 or older)*	58.2	76.3	59th
Bacterial Pneumonia	29.9	43.0	46th
Asthma *(ages 18 to 39)*	6.7	9.9	62nd

[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 18.7% of Carbon 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 on average the amount Medicare spent per county enrollee in 2012.

Average Medicare Spending Per Enrollee	
State	County
$9,724	$9,489

These figures reflect actual (unadjusted) overall spending by the Medicare fee-for-service program (including hospital admissions, outpatient care, home health, etc.) for all Medicare beneficiaries regardless of age.

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

Want to know what Medicare pays health care facilities in PA for common outpatient services such as cataract surgery, MRIs or biopsies? Then visit PHC4's website at www.phc4.org and click on the interactive database of Medicare Payment Information for Common Outpatient Services.

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