

Washington County

Common Outpatient Procedures for Washington County Residents in FY 2013



1 in 6. In FY 2013, 1 in 6 Washington County residents (36,040) underwent an outpatient procedure in a Pennsylvania (PA) facility. Some of these residents had multiple outpatient procedure visits, for a total of 55,202 visits.

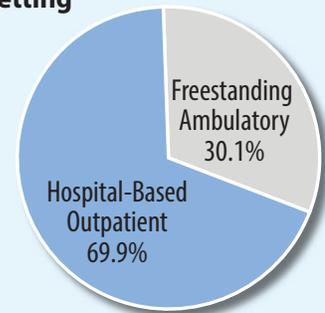
1.9 million. Statewide, 1.9 million PA residents had an outpatient procedure in a PA facility and about 27% of these had several outpatient procedure visits, for a total of 2.9 million visits in FY 2013.

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3.1 million. Overall, PHC4 collected 3.1 million outpatient procedure records (for PA and non-PA residents) from 174 hospital-based outpatient departments and 275 freestanding ambulatory surgery centers in FY 2013.

Outpatient Procedure Records by Setting



This report focuses on 10 outpatient procedures commonly performed in PA, with specific data shown for Washington Co.

Common Outpatient Procedures	Total for County Residents	% Freestanding Ambulatory Center	% Hospital Outpatient Department	Procedure Rate per 10,000 Residents	
				County Rate	State Rate
Colonoscopy with/without Biopsy	7,530	51.4%	48.6%	360.8	325.4
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	443	65.2%	34.8%	21.2	17.4
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	664	26.8%	73.2%	31.8	28.2
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	315	25.7%	74.3%	15.1	14.2
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	236	26.7%	73.3%	11.3	12.1
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	3,959	88.7%	11.3%	189.7	146.2
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	679	0.0%	100.0%	32.5	19.8
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	441	47.6%	52.4%	21.1	19.1
Repair of Hernia in Groin	437	29.7%	70.3%	20.9	18.2
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	882	17.3%	82.7%	42.3	30.1

Notes: These procedures were defined using the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality's Clinical Classifications Software. Outpatient procedures that were incorporated into inpatient records (e.g., outpatient diagnostic services for patients admitted to the hospital within 3 days of their outpatient visit) were not included here.

PHC4's outpatient procedure data, available through its special request program, is an important resource for health care facilities and providers, insurers, researchers, and consultants in studying issues such as access to care, cost and reimbursements, community need, and strategic planning.

Where did Washington County residents have these outpatient procedures?

(Top 3 facilities by number of procedures)

	Top 3 Facilities	Number (%)		Top 3 Facilities	Number (%)
• Colonoscopy with/without Biopsy	Tri-State SC	2,012 (26.7%)	• Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	Southwestern PA Eye SC	1,880 (47.5%)
	Washington	1,097 (14.6%)		Tri-State SC	388 (9.8%)
	St Clair Memorial	702 (9.3%)		Spartan Health SC	320 (8.1%)
• Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	CHP North SC	232 (52.4%)	• Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	Washington	273 (40.2%)
	Children's Hosp Pgh/UPMC	81 (18.3%)		Monongahela Valley	90 (13.3%)
	Tri-State SC	36 (8.1%)		Jefferson Regional	84 (12.4%)
• Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	Advanced Surgical	216 (32.5%)	• Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	CHP North SC	125 (28.3%)
	Monongahela Valley	59 (8.9%)		Children's Hosp Pgh/UPMC	114 (25.9%)
	Washington	50 (7.5%)		Tri-State SC	69 (15.6%)
• Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	St Clair Memorial	59 (18.7%)	• Repair of Hernia in Groin	Tri-State SC	106 (24.3%)
	Washington	55 (17.5%)		Washington	67 (15.3%)
	Monongahela Valley	46 (14.6%)		St Clair Memorial	56 (12.8%)
• Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	Advanced Surgical	42 (17.8%)	• Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	Advanced Surgical	331 (37.5%)
	Tri-State SC	27 (11.4%)		Washington	77 (8.7%)
	Washington	27 (11.4%)		Canonsburg General	67 (7.6%)

NR = Not reported due to volume limitations
 NA = Not applicable
 SC = Surgical/surgery center
 When ties occur, facilities are listed alphabetically.

Common outpatient procedures by payer breakdown

	Medicare	Medicaid	Commercial	Other*
Colonoscopy with/without Biopsy	30.7%	4.3%	59.6%	5.4%
Incision and Drainage of Ear Drum	1.4%	28.2%	54.9%	15.6%
Release of Carpal Tunnel and Other Nerves in Arms/Legs	31.0%	7.2%	55.0%	6.8%
Removal of Breast Tumor or Partial Mastectomy	29.8%	8.3%	53.7%	8.3%
Removal of Bunion and Repair of Toe Deformity	27.5%	6.4%	56.8%	9.3%
Removal of Cataract and Insertion of Lens	72.2%	2.9%	23.4%	1.5%
Removal of Gallbladder and/or Gallstones	21.9%	10.9%	62.7%	4.4%
Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids	0.7%	26.3%	56.9%	16.1%
Repair of Hernia in Groin	27.9%	6.2%	61.1%	4.8%
Repair of Torn Knee Cartilage	15.6%	4.4%	74.3%	5.7%

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.

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

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