

Hospice Length of Stay Among Decedents, by Beneficiary and Hospice Characteristics, 2023

| | Average length of stay (in days) | Percentiles of length of stay (in days) | | |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------|---|------|------|
| | | 10th | 50th | 90th |
| Beneficiary | | | | |
| Diagnosis | | | | |
| Cancer | 51 | 3 | 15 | 124 |
| Neurological | 164 | 4 | 45 | 482 |
| Heart/circulatory | 106 | 2 | 19 | 317 |
| COPD | 131 | 3 | 30 | 381 |
| Other | 59 | 2 | 8 | 164 |
| Site of service | | | | |
| Home | 97 | 4 | 25 | 265 |
| Nursing facility | 113 | 3 | 24 | 334 |
| Assisted living facility | 169 | 6 | 62 | 480 |
| Hospice | | | | |
| For profit | 115 | 3 | 24 | 341 |
| Nonprofit | 72 | 2 | 13 | 198 |
| Freestanding | 98 | 2 | 19 | 287 |
| Home health based | 73 | 2 | 15 | 199 |
| Hospital based | 60 | 2 | 11 | 162 |

Source: MedPAC July 2025 DataBook

Hospice that Exceeded Medicare's Annual Payment Cap, 2018-2022

| | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 |
|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Share of hospices exceeding the cap | 16.3% | 19.0% | 18.6% | 18.9% | 22.6% |
| Average annual payments over the cap per hospice exceeding the cap (thousands) | \$334 | \$384 | \$422 | \$451 | \$419 |
| Payments over the cap as a share of overall Medicare hospice spending in cap year | 1.3% | 1.7% | 1.8% | 2.0% | 2.3% |

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