

**Table 167. Hospital Utilization Rates by Sex: 1990 to 2006**

[(30,788 represents 30,788,000.) Represents estimates of inpatients discharged from noninstitutional, short-stay hospitals, exclusive of federal hospitals. Excludes newborn infants. Based on sample data collected from the National Hospital Discharge Survey, a sample survey of hospital records of patients discharged in year shown; subject to sampling variability]

Item and sex	1990	1995	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Patients discharged (1,000) . . . . .	30,788	30,722	31,706	32,653	33,727	34,738	34,864	34,667	34,854
Patients discharged per 1,000 persons, total <sup>1</sup> . . . . .	122	116	114	115	118	120	119	117	117
Male . . . . .	100	94	92	93	95	98	97	96	95
Female . . . . .	143	136	135	137	139	141	141	138	138
Days of care per 1,000 persons, total <sup>1</sup> . . . . .	784	620	560	562	572	578	574	562	558
Male . . . . .	694	551	491	490	506	507	505	498	495
Female . . . . .	869	686	627	631	635	646	641	624	619
Average stay (days) . . . . .	6.4	5.4	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.8
Male . . . . .	6.9	5.8	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.2
Female . . . . .	6.1	5.0	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.5	4.5	4.5

<sup>1</sup> Rates are computed using Census Bureau estimates of the civilian population as of July 1. Rates for 1990 and 1995 were based on population estimates adjusted for the net underenumeration in the 1990 census. Rates for 2000 and later were calculated using 2000-based postcensal estimates.

Source: U.S. National Center for Health Statistics, *Vital and Health Statistics*, Series 13; and unpublished data; <<http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/products/pubs/pubd/series/ser.htm>>.