# HEALTH STATISTICS <br> FROM THE U. S. NATIONAL HEALTH SURVEY 

# Hospital Discharges and length of stay: short-stay hospitals 

United States<br>1958-1960

Statistics for short-stay hospitals on patients discharged and days of hospital stay by selected characteristics of the patients and types of hospitals. Based on data collected in household interviews during July 1958-June 1960.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE Abraham Ribicoff, Secretary PUBLIC HEALTH SER VICE<br>Luther L. Terry, Surgeon General

# NATIONAL CENTER FOR HEALTH STATISTICS 

Forrest E. Linder, Ph. D., Director

Theodore D. Woolsey, Assistant Director O. K. Sagen, Ph.D., Assistant Director

# U. S. NATIONAL HEALTH SURVEY 

Theodore D. Woolsey, Chief
Alice M. Waterhouse, M.D., Chief Medical Advisor
James E. Kelly, D.D.S., Dental Advisor
Walt R. Simmons, Statistical Advisor
Arthur J. Mc Dowell, Chief, Health Examination Survey
Philip S. Lawrence, Sc.D., Chief, Health Interview Survey
Robert T. Little, Chief, Automatic Data Processing

The U. S. National Health Survey is a continuing program under which the Public Health Service makes studies to determine the extent of illness and disability in the population of the United States and to gather related information. It is authorized by Public Law 652, 84th Congress.

## CO-OPERATION OF THE BUREAU OF THE CENSUS

Under the legislation establishing the National Health Survey, the Public Health Service is authorized to use, insofar as possible, the services or facilities of other Federal, State, or private agencies.

In accordance with specifications established by the National Health Survey, the Bureau of the Census, under a contractual arrangement, participates in most aspects of survey planning, selects the sample, collects the data, and carries out certain parts of the statistical processing.

## CONTENTS

Page
Introduction ..... 1
Source and Qualification of Data ..... 1
Discharges From Short-Stay Hospitals------ ..... 3
Discharges, Hospital Days, and Length-of- Stay Intervals by Age and Sex ..... 3
Geographic Region and Residence ..... 5
Social and Economic Characteristics ..... 5
Hospital Ownership and Type of Service--- ..... 7
Condition for Which Hospitalized ..... 8
Surgical Operations ..... 8
Population ..... 10
Detailed Tables ..... 11
Appendix I. Technical Notes on Methods--- ..... 43
Background of This Report ..... 43
Statistical Design of the Health Interview Survey ..... 43
General Qualifications ..... 44
Reliability of Estimates-------------------- ..... 44
Appendix II. Definitions of Certain Terms Used in This Report ..... 47
Terms Relating to Hospitalization ..... 47
Demographic, Social, and Economic Terms- ..... 47
Location of Residence Terms ..... 48
Appendix III. Questionnaire ..... 51

## SYMBOLS AND NOTE'S

Data not available (three dashes)---------- ---
Category not applicable (three dots)-------- ...
Magnitude less than one-half of the unit used ------------------------------------- 0 or 0.0

Magnitude of the sampling error precludes showing separate estimates---------------

NOTE: Due to rounding detailed figures within tables may not add to totals

## HOSPITAL DISCHARGES

## INTRODUCTION

In the United States there are approximately 115 discharges from short-stay hospitals in a year among every 1,000 persons alive at the end of the year. These figures refer to the civilian noninstitutional population. The rate of hospital discharges among females, 140.9 per 1,000 persons, exceeds that for males, 87.5 per 1,000 persons. Even when hospitalization for deliveries is excluded the hospitalization rate for females (99.4 per 1,000 ) is greater, but the excess is confined to the ages between 15 and 54 years.

Excluding deliveries, the rate of hospitalization increases with age from 55 discharges per 1,000 children of ages $5-14$ to 154 per 1,000 persons aged 75 years and over. Similarly, the average length of hospital stay increases with age, ranging from 4.7 days to 15.8 days per episode for the age groups mentioned.

This report includes hospitalization data by age, sex, geographic region, race, income, and other characteristics of the population. It is based upon data obtained in health interviews during the period July 1958 through June 1960. An earlier report from the U. S. National Health Survey, Series B, No. 7, for the year July 1957 through June 1958, included similar data on hospitalization. However, the two reports are not suitable for trend analysis because, in this report several changes have been made which influence the estimates presented. The most important processing innovation is the use of a six-monthrecall period instead of the one-year-reference period used in the earlier report (B-7). A further change is the presentation of average annual estimates based on two years of data collection. The increased stability gained by extending the collection period is offset somewhat by reducing the recall period to six months. These processing methods are explained in more detail later in the text and in Appendix 1.

[^0]
## SOURCE AND QUALIFICATION OF DATA

The Health Interview Survey derives data from a continuous probability sampling of the civilian, noninstitutional population of the United States. The tables in this report present estimates of the number of hospital discharges and number of hospital days for patients discharged from short-stay hospitals in the United States. The data were collected in approximately 75,000 households, comprising 245,000 persons, during the two-year-interview period.

During each of the 104 weeks during the two-year period interviews were conducted in a different sample of households. In addition to information on other health and demographic characteristics, the hospitalization experience of household members for the 12 months prior to the week of interview was obtained. Methodological studies conducted by the National Health Survey relating to the reporting of hospital experiences in interview surveys indicate that information reported for the most recent six months of a one-year-recall period tends to be more accurate than that reported for the earlier part of the reference period. Therefore, in the processing of the data the hospital experience reported for individuals during the 6 -month period immediately preceding the week of interview was adjusted to serve as a basis for the estimated annual number of hospitalizations.

Each of the 104 weekly samples obtained during the interview period, July 1958-June 1960, provides an independent estimate of the hospital experience for the population during the previous six months. Therefore, averaging of these 104 weekly samples yields an estimate of the hospital utilization during an average six-month period. Multiplying.this estimate by two yields an average annual estimate which is based on hospital experience reported during the interview period, July 1958-June 1960, for discharges occurring between January 1958 and June 1960.

Additional detailed information about the methods employed for producing these estimates,
a description of the statistical design of the household survey，and general qualifications of the data presented in this report are given in Appendix I．All estimates in this report are based on information obtained from a sample of the pop－ ulation rather than from the entire population， and are therefore subject to sampling error． Particular attention should be given to the section entitled＂Reliability of Estimates＂which includes sampling error tables and instructions for their use．

A general limitation of all data obtained by household interviews is that the data are no better than the respondent＇s knowledge and ability to recall the correct answers to specific ques－ tions．As discussed earlier in this report，using only those hospital experiences occurring during the most recent six months prior to interview as a basis for the annual estimate reduces bias due to faulty memory．

Hospital discharges of inpatients who were not hospitalized for at least one night have been excluded．Therefore，the estimates produced are less than those which may be obtained by means
of hospital records of all discharged patients． Some indication of the proportion of inpatients who do not remain in the hospital overnight was ob－ tained by the Indiana Experimental Hospital Mor－ bidity Study for 1960，conducted by the State Board of Health of Indiana．In this study it was found that of 11,159 inpatients in the sample， 2.7 percent were discharged on the same day they were admitted．

Definitions of a hospital discharge and of other terms used in this report are given in Appendix II．Since many of these terms have specialized meanings for the purposes of this survey，familiarity with these definitions will assist the reader in interpreting the data．

Questions 21 and 22 in figure 1 are designed to obtain from the respondent information as to whether or not members of the household have been in any type of institution defined as a hospital according to the survey．Question 22 was not intended for the purpose of estimating the volume of care in nursing homes or sani－ tariums．It was included only to elicit informa－ tion on episodes in establishments which are

## Hospitalization－Recall Questions

| 12．（a）DUBING TITB PAST 12 monnis has angue in the finily beep a patient in a hospital overnight or longer？ <br> If＂Tes＂： <br> （b）How many tines rere you in the hozpital？ | Yes（Table II）$\square$ no $\qquad$ No．of times | Yes（Table 11）$\square$ no $\qquad$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| R2．（a）During the past 12 months has anone in the fonily been a patient in a nursing bome or senftaríua？ <br> If Tes＂ <br> （b）Bow efiny tiges were fou in a marsing bone ori maitarion？ | Yes（Table II） $\square$ No $\qquad$ No．of times | Yes（Table II） $\square$ No $\qquad$ No．of tipas |

Table II：Hospitalization During Past Twelve Months．


| What is ite neme ond oddreses of the houplial you mere int <br> （Enter name，city ar county and Siate） | For completed hospitalizations only： |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | vat any of the heapitel bllt pold low by any tind of insurance？ <br> （k） | If ${ }^{(N o "}$ col．（E） alk： <br> Or，by any kind of plan that poys bor hozpital conta？ <br> （1） | If＂No＂to both cols． <br> （k）and（1） <br> Do you expect any of the hoapital till ta be poid for by lactaremes or eny plon of this kindt （m） | Whot port of the heapleal bll was（－1ll bol）talion eare of 67 in euranes？ <br> （ 4 ） | Whe currles the cont poye the premalym？ | this insurrance－that ls，who <br> （a） |
| －ーーーーーーーーーーー－ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { [7] Yea (Slip } \begin{array}{c} \text { to col.a) } \\ \text { C] No } \end{array} . \end{aligned}$ | Yea（Skip to col．a） No | $\begin{aligned} & \square \text { Yee } \\ & \square \text { No (Stop) } \end{aligned}$ | Under $1 / 2$ K us to $x / 4$ 苗 a more | Family member（ c ） <br> ［］Employer <br> 13 Union，cluba，etc． | Other（spectity） |

Figure 1.
in fact hospitals as defined by the Health Interview Survey, but which otherwise might not have been reported because respondents did not consider the establishment as a hospital.

An entry is made in each of the columns of table II for every episode of hospitalization that is reported in response to the hospitalizationrecall questions.

The information obtained in table II permits the identification and counting of admissions, discharges, and number of days of hospital stay. Column (h) provides the reason for hospitalization. If the respondent reported more than one condition, each condition was recorded. During the coding process however, the condition which was believed to have contributed the major portion of the hospital stay was selected for tabulation. The coding was done in accordance with the International Classification of Diseases, 1955, as modified for use in the Health Interview Survey. All operations were recorded in column (i).

Column ( j ) in the questionnaire serves several purposes. First, it makes it possible to determine if the institution reported is one that meets the definition of a hospital used in this survey (see Appendix II). In case the institution named is not a hospital, the reported event is excluded from the statistics. If the institution is defined as a hospital, it is then classified as to type of ownership, type of service, and whether or not it is a short-stay hospital.

The entire questionnaire is reproduced in Appendix 111 so the reader may understand the context in which the hospital data were collected. This questionnaire is the one used during the interview period of July 1958 to June 1959.

## DISCHARGES FROM SHORT-STAY HOSPITALS

All data presented in this report are based on estimates of the average annual number of hospital discharges and the number of hospital days for patients discharged from short-stay hospitals. They exclude discharges and days for persons who died during the year prior to the interview. As might be expected, this exclusion makes a considerable difference in the older age groups but much less difference at the younger ages.

## Discharges, Hospital Days, and Length-of-Stay Intervals by Age and Sex

During the period covered by the interviewing there was an average annual estimate of $19,875,000$ patients discharged from short-stay hospitals. The total hospital stay for these patients amounted to $166,935,000$ days. Table 1 presents these estimates by sex and age. Table 2 presents the same information but excludes hospitalized deliveries so that more meaningful comparisons of discharge rates for males and females can be made. In delivery cases, only the departure of the mother from the hospital was considered as a discharge; a newborn, well infant was not included as a hospital discharge. For this report deliveries are limited to the ages 15 to 54 years.

Table A, which shows the number of discharges and hospital days for deliveries, has been presented in order to give the reader some indication of the proportion of deliveries in those

Table A. Average annual number of discharges and hospital days for delivery, number per 1,000 female population per year, percent distribution, and average length of stay by age: short-stay hospitals, United States, 1958-1960

| Age | Patients discharged for delivery |  |  | Hospital days for delivery |  |  | Average <br> length <br> of stay <br> in days |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number in thousands | Number per 1,000 female population | Percent distribution | Number in thousands | Number per 1,000 female popu1ation | Percent distribution |  |
| All ages- | 3,681 | 41.5 | 100.0 | 15,721 | 177.1 | 100.0 | 4.3 |
| 15-24----2----- | 1,606 | 135.9 | 43.6 | 6,557 | 554.7 | 41.7 | 4.1 |
| 25-34----0-0.-- | 1,691 | 145.8 | 45.9 | 7,304 | 629.7 | 46.5 | 4.3 |
| 35-44---------- | 379 | 31.4 | 10.3 | 1,829 | 151.5 | 11.6 | 4.8 |
| 45-54---------- | 5 | 0.5 | 0.1 | 30 | 2.9 | 0.2 | 6.0 |

tables where they have not been excluded from the data. The number of deliveries presented in this table, $3,681,000$, is less than the $4,159,000$ hospital births reported by the National Vital Statistics Division for the calendar year 1959. There are several factors that may account for this difference. Of major consideration is that only those deliveries occurring in establishments that met the more restrictive definition of a hospital (see Appendix Il for definition of 'Short-Stay Hospital') were included in Health Interview Survey data, while National Vital Statistics Division considered as a hospital birth all births that occurred in any establishment that provided inpatient care. The figure produced by National Vital Statistics Division is a count of all births occurring in hospitals, whereas the Health Interview Survey estimate is based on the number of women who are hospitalized for delivery, with the result that multiple births are recorded as a single delivery. Furthermore, since Health Interview Survey data refer only to persons alive at the time of interview, the hospital experience of women who died during or subsequent to delivery are not included in the estimate for deliveries. In addition the total number of discharges for deliveries as shown in table A is slightly less than the number of deliveries shown as a category of surgical operations in table 25. This is due to the assignment to the discharge of only the major condition causing the hos-


Figure 2. Average number of patients discharged per 1,000 population per year by sex and age.


Figure 3. Average length of hospital stay for patients discharged by sex and age.
pitalization when multiple conditions were present, while several surgical procedures may be assigned to a single discharge.

The exclusion of deliveries from the data not only decreases considerably the number of discharges (fig. 2) but also increases the average length of stay (fig. 3) for the female population in the childbearing age groups. This is due to the comparatively short length of hospital stay for deliveries in relation to other hospitalized conditions.

Although the rate of hospital discharges per 1,000 population is higher for females (99.4) than it is for males (87.5) even after deliveries have been excluded, the average length of stay for males is 2.1 days longer than the average length of stay for females. Certain conditions which generally require different lengths of stay tend to occur more frequently in a particular sex group as shown in tables 19 and 20. The number of female discharges for all genitourinary system conditions, excluding deliveries, was $1,681,000$ with an average length of stay of 5.7 days, while the number of male discharges for all genitourinary system conditions was only 590,000 with an average length of stay of 10.8 days. On the other hand, heart disease, which is characterized by a relatively long length of hospital stay, was more common among males, 383,000 discharges with an average length of stay of 17.2 days. For females there were 292,000 discharges involving heart conditions with an average length of stay of 15.1 days.

Of the total patients discharged from shortstay hospitals, 57.8 percent had a length of stay of less than 6 days, and 88.4 percent stayed less than 15 days (table 3). The length of stay increased markedly with age. Of the $2,183,000$ discharged patients aged 65 years and over, 28.1 percent had a length of stay of 15 or more days as compared with 13.7 percent for all ages when deliveries are excluded.

Table 4 presents the average annual number of hospital days by length-of-stay interval according to age and sex, including and excluding deliveries. The increased length of stay among older persons is also apparent in this table. Of the total number of hospital days for persons 65 years and over, 66.1 percent were associated with hospital stays of 15 or more days as compared with 47.8 percent for persons under 65 years of age (excluding deliveries).

## Geographic Region and Residence

The estimated number of hospital discharges per 1,000 population as presented in table 5 shows some degree of variation among the four regions of the United States. This variation in regional estimates, although present to some extent for males, is evident to a greater degree for the female population (fig. 4). Variation in aver-


Figure 4. Average number of patients discharged per 1,000 population per year by region and sex.
age length of hospital stay is also present among regions, with length of stay ranging from 7.3 days in the South to 10.2 days in the Northeast (table 6).

Hospital utilization varied considerably by area of residence (tables 7 and 8). Expressed as a rate per 1,000 population the number of discharges for both sexes was 95.6 in rural-farm areas, 115.0 in urban areas, and 122.8 in ruralnonfarm areas. The rate of hospitalization was lower in rural-farm areas than in other areas of residence for both males and females with most of the age-sex groups reflecting this lower rate. The average length of hospital stay was higher in urban than in rural-farm and nonfarm areas, with the hospital stays for males and females both contributing to this difference.

An explanation of these regional and residential variations in the number of hospitalizations as well as in the average length of stay would require a detailed study of social and economic differences, hospital accessibility, and other related factors.

## Social and Economic Characteristics

There is considerable difference in the degree of hospital utilization between white and nonwhite persons. In terms of discharges per 1,000 population, the rate for white persons, 117.8 , was higher than that for the nonwhite population, 92.2 (table 9). Only in the female age group $15-24$ years did the nonwhite rate match that of the white rate. There appears to be less difference in the rates of hospitalization of white and nonwhite persons between ages 15 and 44 than at younger or older ages. For females this may be due to the relatively large proportion of deliveries in this age range, for which hospitalization is common practice in both racial groups. The average length of hospital stay for the nonwhite population, 9.2 days, was longer than that for the white population, 8.3 days (table 10).

Differences in rates of hospitalization in the white and nonwhite populations cannot be explained as simply differences in health characteristics; they are also associated with a number of social and economic factors of a complexity beyond the scope of this report.

Family income as presented in tables 11 and 12 can be employed as a measure of economic status only in a very general sense. These tables, which show hospital discharges, hospital days, and average length of stay by amount of family income, do not take into consideration the size of the family, the amount of incurred expenses, and other factors which affect the economic status of the family.

Since many studies have shown that a definite relationship exists between income and education, table B has been prepared to show the number of hospital discharges and days by family income and education. Within each of the two broad family income groups the number of hospital discharges per 1,000 population was lower for persons whose head of family had less than 9 years of education than for those where the head of the family had 9 or more years of education. However, the average length of stay was longest for persons whose head of family had less than 9 years of education for both of the income groups shown. When analyzing the relationship between family income and any measurement of health it must be kept in mind that low family income may be either the cause or the result of poor health.

The rate of discharges per 1,000 population for persons who are reported as 'keeping house" was markedly higher than the rate for other usual activity status groups (table 13). Since the 'keeping house" group consists primarily of married females, the large number of discharges for delivery in this group is primarily responsible for the high rate of hospitalization.

The number of discharges per 1,000 persons classified as "other" activity status was 248.1
for the age group 65 years and over. A large proportion of persons reported as "other" in the older age groups were persons who were probably too ill to work but were not reported to be retired.

The number of hospital days and the average length of stay by usual activity status is presented in table 14: The average length of stay for women reported as "keeping house" was 0.6 days longer than it was for women reported as "usually working." This longer average length of hospital stay for the 'keeping house" group occurred in spite of the fact that most of the hospitalizations for delivery, which have comparatively short average length of stay, were in the 'keeping house" group. An explanation is that women reported as 'keeping house" generally remain in this category throughout life while the 'usually working" persons as they become older move into the "retired" or "other" categories. Hence, a proportionally larger number of the "keeping house" group are found in the older age groups. Other data from the National Health Survey indicate that age for age the working population is a select group with respect to health.

The average annual number of patients discharged and hospital days by household composition are presented in tables 15 and 16. The

Table B. Average annual population, number of patients discharged, and number per 1,000 population; average annual number of hospital days and average length of stay by known family income and education of family head: discharges from short-stay hospitals, United States, 1958-1960



Figure 5. Average length of hospital stay for patients discharged by household composition and age.
extent of hospital utilization as illustrated in figure 5 shows a definite relationship to living arrangements. Persons who lived in households which contained no persons related to them tended to have higher rates of hospital discharges and also remained in the hospital for a much longer time than did persons who lived with relatives.

One of the major reasons for the lower hospital utilization rate for the 'living with relatives" group is that it contains almost all of the population under the age of 15 , and this group has the lowest rate of hospital utilization. On the other hand the "living with relatives" group accounts for most of discharges for delivery. Table C illus-
trates the effect that the exclusion of deliveries has on the data relating to females aged 15 to 44. When deliveries are excluded, the rate of discharges per 1,000 population is very similar for females living with relatives and for those living with nonrelatives for the age group 15 to 44. The average length of stay changes very little with the exclusion of deliveries.

The high rate of hospital utilization among persons living alone or with nonrelatives may have been due to their being in a less favorable position for receiving proper care at home when they were ill.

Persons 65 years of age and over who were reported as living alone had a lower rate of hospital discharges than persons of the same age in the other two categories of household composition. A possible reason for this difference is that persons who are 65 years and over and living alone could be expected to be in relatively good health. Aged persons who may at one time have lived alone would attempt to change their living arrangements when they became ill.

## Hospital Ownership and Type of Service

Table 17 presents the average annual number and percent distribution of hospital discharges and days by type of hospital ownership according to sex. The reader should keep in mind that these statistics relate only to shortstay hospitals. The number of days of hospitalization in governmentally owned hospitals is estimated at 26.7 percent of the total days in short-stay hospitals (table 17). If long-stay hospitals were included, the percentage of days in government hospitals would be substantially higher because of the high proportion of mental, tuberculosis, and other chronic illness hospitals under government ownership.

The average length of stay is long in Federal hospitals and particularly in those operated

Table C. Average annual number of patients discharged, number per 1,000 population, and average length of stay for females $15-44$ years of age, excluding deliveries, by household composition: United States, 1958-1960

| Household composition | Females 15 to 44, excluding deliveries |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Average annual discharges |  | Average length of stay in days |
|  | Number in thousands | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Number per } \\ & 1,000 \\ & \text { population } \end{aligned}$ |  |
| Living alone- | 133 | 161.6 | 7.1 |
| Living with nonrelatives | 83 | 106.4 | 9.9 |
| Living with relatives--- | 3,819 | 112.7 | 6.2 |

by the Veterans Administration. The average length of stay per discharge from veterans hospitals is an estimated 41.2 days as compared with 8.4 days for all hospital discharges. It is possible that veterans often go to local hospitals for minor illnesses when the expected expense is relatively small or covered by insurance, but are likely to use hospital facilities provided by the Veterans Administration when a long and expensive period of hospitalization is anticipated. There are many other factors such as age, types of conditions, and lack of facilities for care at home which affect length of stay in government hospitals as compared with nongovernment hospitals.

Data on hospitalization by type of service are presented in table 18. 'Type of hospital service" refers to the predominant type of cases for which the hospital provides care, and not necessarily the type of service received by the patient (see Appendix II for the definition of "type of hospital service'). This explains the hospital discharges of a small number of males from maternity hospitals. These may be staff personnel, emergency cases, or male infants retained beyond normal date of discharge due to some illness or condition.

## Condition for Which Hospitalized

The average annual number of discharges and days by condition for which hospitalized and sex is presented in tables 19 and 20. Since these tables are based on discharges from short-stay hospitals, the rates shown represent only a part of the total hospitalization for conditions such as mental disorder, tuberculosis (included in the 'infective and parasitic diseases' category), and certain other degenerative conditions for which patients are usually hospitalized in long-stay hospitals or institutions. However, in recent years an increasing number of general hospitals provide some facilities for mental conditions. This increase is reflected in the estimated 407,000 patients hospitalized for "mental and personality disorders" that were discharged from short-stay hospitals.

These conditions are not shown according to age in the detailed tables because such detail for many conditions would contain estimates of very low volume in certain age groups, and therefore subject to high sampling error. For this reason, conditions have been arranged in a few major groups and presented in tables according to appropriate age groupings (tables $\mathrm{D}, \mathrm{E}$, and F). Table D contains a list of conditions that occur frequently in all age groups. Table E includes those conditions which occur more
frequently in persons under 45 years of age. Table F includes those conditions most common to persons in age groups 45 years and over. Several factors should be kept in mind in interpreting the data in these tables. Within some of the broad classes of conditions shown, the specific types of conditions may vary considerably with age. For example, a high proportion of fractures and dislocations among children and young adults involve the extremities, with short duration of stay, whereas among older persons many such injuries involve hips or bone processes for which the hospital stay may be long. It should also be recalled that these data do not include persons who were dead on discharge or died subsequently during the year before the interview. This exclusion undoubtedly influences the age distribution and length of stay by type of condition. For example, the proportion of persons over 65 years of age who have been hospitalized for heart conditions or neoplasms would be higher if the deceased were included, as in studies based on hospital records.

Condition for which hospitalized is shown in tables 21 and 22 according to whether or not the patient discharged was surgically treated for the hospitalized condition. Since surgical treatment in these tables pertains only to surgery for the hospitalized condition, a small percentage of these patients classified as not surgically treated actually had surgery performed on them during their hospital stay, but for a condition other than the one coded as the condition for which hospitalized. The difference in the total column of table 21 and that for table 23, which shows the number of discharges with surgical operation, indicates that an estimated 59,000 discharged patients had operations for conditions other than the condition for which they were hospitalized.

## Surgical Operations

The number of hospital discharges and days, by whether or not the patient had surgery performed during the hospital stay by sex and age, is presented in tables 23 and 24.

Since, in the National Health Survey, patients hospitalized for delivery are considered as patients "with surgery," the rate of surgical operations was highest for females aged 15 to 44 years, 165.1 per 1,000 population (table 23).

Only 38.7 percent of patients discharged aged 65 years and over reported "surgery" performed during their hospital stay, while the percentage of all discharged patients who re-

Table $D$. Average annual number of patients discharged and hospital days, number of discharges per 1,000 population, and average length of stay for selected conditions ${ }^{1}$ by age: discharges from short-stay hospitals, United States, 1958-1960

| Selected condition | Average <br> annual <br> number in <br> thousands | Age |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Under 15 | 15-34 | 35-44 | 45-64 | $65+$ |
| Discharges |  | Number of discharges per 1,000 population |  |  |  |  |
| Other respiratory conditions ${ }^{2}$ | 1,143 | 7.8 | 4.5 | 5.3 | 6.4 | 11.0 |
| Genitourinary conditions, excluding deliveries- | 1,606 | 2.5 | 9.5 | 15.9 | 12.1 | 16.6 |
| Hernia-- | 516 | 2.8 | 4.4 | 3.9 | 5.4 | 9.7 |
| Fractures and dislocations | 779 | 4.9 | 8.2 | 5.3 | 6.1 | 7.1 |
| Other current injuries. | 1,084 | 2.7 | 0.9 | 3.1 | 4.9 | 5.6 |
| Days |  | Average length of stay in days |  |  |  |  |
| Other respiratory conditions ${ }^{2}$ | 8,419 | 6.1 | 6.0 | 7.5 | 8.8 | 10.4 |
| Genitourinary conditions, excluding deliveries- | 13,421 | 6.5 | 5.8 | 6.1 | 9.7 | 14.8 |
| Hernia--------------------- | 4,091 | 3.7 | 6.3 | 8.6 | 9.8 | 11.5 |
| Fractures and dislocations | 11,509 | 7.5 | 12.1 | 12.6 | 17.8 | 23.4 |
| Other current injuries-------- | 8,247 | 7.3 | 6.4 | 7.6 | 8.3 | 11.4 |

${ }^{1}$ See Appendix 11 for conditions included in each category.
${ }^{2}$ Other respiratory conditions include influenza, bronchitis, pneumonia, and other lower respiratory conditions.

Table E. Average annual number of patients discharged and hospital days, number of discharges per 1,000 population, and average length of stay for selected conditions characteristic of persons under 45 years of age: discharges from short-stay hospitals, United States, 1958-1960

| Selected condition | Average annual number in thousands | Age |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Under 15 | 15-34 | 35-44 | 45+ |
| Discharges |  | Number of discharges per 1,000 population |  |  |  |
| Infective and parasitic diseases--- | 412 | 2.8 | 2.4 | 2.7 | 1.8 |
| Upper respiratory conditions------- | 1,441 | 18.6 | 5.6 | 3.2 | 2.0 |
| Appendicitis-------------------------1- | 443 | 2.4 | 4.5 | 2.4 | 1.1 |
| Deliveries--------------------------- | 3,681 | - | 73.9 | 16.3 | 0.1 |
| Complications of pregnancy and the puerperium- | 666 | - | 12.6 | 4.5 | 0.0 |
| Days |  | Average length of stay in days |  |  |  |
| Infective and parasitic diseases--- | 4,640 | 8.8 | 10.5 | 10.4 | 16.7 |
| Upper respiratory conditions------- | 3,331 | 1.9 | 2.8 | 3.6 | 4.6 |
| Appendicitis------------------------- | 2,849 | 5.9 | 6.1 | 6.9 | 8.9 |
| Deliveries--------------------------- | 15,721 | - | 4.2 | 4.8 | 6.0 |
| Complications of pregnancy and the puerperium | 2,528 | - | 3.8 | 3.5 | 4.0 |

[^1]Table F. Average annual number of patients discharged and hospital days, number of discharges per 1,000 population, and average length of stay for selected conditions ${ }^{1}$ characteristic of persons 45 years of age and over: short-stay hospitals, United States, 1958-1960

| Selected condition | Average <br> annual <br> number in thousands | Age |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Under 45 | 45-64 | $65+$ |
| Discharges |  | Number of discharges per 1,000 population |  |  |
| Malignant neoplasms | 348 | 0.7 | 4.4 | 7.2 |
| Heart conditions-------------------- | 676 | 0.7 | 9.4 | 16.9 |
| Hypertension, varicose veins, hemorrhoids | 541 | 2.0 | 5.9 | 6.0 |
| Other circulatory conditions------- | 266 | 0.8 | 2.3 | 5.3 |
| Conditions of the gallbladder-----/ | 441 | 1.3 | 5.1 | 6.7 |
| Days |  | Average length of stay in days |  |  |
| Malignant neoplasms---------------- | 5,451 | 14.5 | 15.4 | 17.0 |
| Heart conditions-------------------- | 11,013 | 13.0 | 17.0 | 16.6 |
| Hypertension, vaŕicose veins, hemorrhoids | 4,755 | 6.5 | 11.3 | 9.0 |
| Other circulatory conditions:------ | 4,246 | 15.4 | 11.2 | 21.9 |
| Conditions of the gallbladder------ | 5,308 | 10.1 | 10.9 | 17.2 |

${ }^{1}$ See Appendix il for conditions included in each category.
ported "surgery" was 58.0 percent. A high proportion of discharges with surgery among children is accounted for by tonsillectomies, while in the $15-44$ year age group deliveries accounted for a large proportion of the surgical cases.

In table 25, which shows the distribution of surgical operations by type, the percentage distribution for females is shown with deliveries included and also with deliveries excluded. This has been done because the inclusion of deliveries, which constitute about 44 percent of all female surgical operations, distorts the distribution so that no meaningful interpretation of the sex differential for other types of surgical procedures can be made.

Since up to 3 surgical procedures may be reported for any one discharge the total estimate of $12,006,000$ surgical operations reported in this table exceeds by 482,000 the estimated number of discharged patients receiving surgery, shown in table 23.

## POPULATION

The final tables in this report, tables 26-29, present population estimates by selected characteristics. These estimates, derived from the Health Interview Survey sample, are solely for the purpose of providing denominators for rate computations and are not to be considered as official population estimates.

## DET•AILED TABL'ES

## HOSPITAL DISCHARGES

Table 1. Average annual number of patients discharged and hospital days, number per 1,000 population per year, percent distribution, and average length of stay by sex and
 ase: short-stay hospitals, United States, 1958-1960
4. Average annual number of hospital days and percent distribution by length-of-stay intervals according to age and sex, including and excluding deliveries: days


## REGION AND RESIDENCE

5. Average annual number of patients discharged and number per 1,000 population per
year by sex, region, and age: discharges from short-stay hospitals, United


7. Average annual number of patients discharged and number per 1,000 population per year by sex, residence, and age: discharges from short-stay hospitals, United States, 1958-1960-
8. Average annual number of hospital days, and average length of stay by sex, residence, and age: days for discharges from short-stay hospitals, United States,


## SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS

9. Average annual number of patients discharged and number per 1,000 population per year by sex, race, and age: discharges from short-stay hospitals, United States,

10. Average annual number of hospital days and average length of stay by sex, race,
and age: days for discharges from short-stay hospitals, United States, 1958-


11. Average annual number of patients discharged and number per 1,000 population
per year by sex, family income, and age: discharges from short-stay hospitals,
United States, $1958-1960-\cdots 24$
12. Average annual number of hospital days and average length of stay by sex, family
income, and age: days for discharges from short-stay hospitals, United States,
$1958-1960--25$

## SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS-Continued

Table 13. Average annual number of patients discharged and number per 1,000 population per year by sex, usual activity status, and age: discharges from short-stay hospi-

14. Average annual number of hospital days and average length of stay by sex, usual activity status, and age: days for discharges from short-stay hospitals, United

15. Average annual number of patients discharged and number per 1,000 population by sex, household composition, and age: discharges from short-stay hospitals, United States, 1958-1960
16. Average annual number of hospital days and average length of stay by sex, household composition, and age: days for discharges from, short-stay hospitals,


## TYPE OF HOSPITAL OWNERSHIP AND SERVICE

17. Average annual number and percent distribution of patients discharged and hospital days, and average length of stay by sex and hospital type of ownership: short-stay hospitals, United States, 1958-1960
18. Average annual number and percent distribution of patients discharged, average annual number of hospital days, and average length of stay by sex and type of


## CONDITION FOR WHICH HOSPITALIZED

19. Average annual number of patients discharged and percent distribution by type of condition for which hospitalized according to sex: discharges from short-stay

20. Average annual number of hospital days and average length of stay by sex and condition for which hospitalized: days for discharges from short-stay hospitals, United States, 1958-1960
21. Average annual number of patients discharged and percent distribution by whether or not the patient was surgically treated for the condition according to the condition for which hospitalized: discharges from short-stay hospitals, United

22. Average annual number of hospital days and average length of stay by whether or not the patient was surgically treated for the condition, by the condition for which hospitalized: days for discharges from short-stay hospitals, United


## SURGICAL OPERATIONS

23. Average annual number of patients discharged and number per 1,000 population per year by sex, age, and whether or not the patient had surgery during his hospitalization: discharges from short-stay hospitals, United States, 1958-1960....-
24. Average annual number of hospital days and average length of stay by sex, age, and whether or not the patient had surgery during his hospitalization: days for

25. Average annual number of surgical operations and percent distribution by type of operation according to sex including and excluding deliveries: discharges from short-stay hospitals, United States, 1958-1960

## POPULATION

Table 26. Average annual population used in obtaining rates shown in this publication by


27. Average annual population used in obtaining rates shown in this publication by

 ..... 40
28. Average annual population used in obtaining rates shown in this publication by
usual activity status, sex, and age: United States, 1958-1960----m 41
29. Average annual population used in obtaining rates shown in this publication by family income, household composition, sex, and age: United States, 1958-1960-.-

Table 1. Average annual number of patients discharged and hospital days, number per 1,000 population per year, percent distribution, and average length of stay by sex and age: short-stay hospitals, United States, 1958-1960
[Data are based on household interviews and refer to the living, civilian, noninstitutional population. The survey design and information on the reliability of the estimates are given in Appendix I. Definitions of terms are given in Appendix II]


NOTE: Estimates of discharges are based on the experience of members of the sampled households who were alive at the time of the family interview.

Table 2. Average annual number of patients discharged and hospital days, excluding deliveries, number per 1,000 population per year, percent distribution, and average length of stay by sex and age: short-stay hospitals, United States, 1958-1960
[Data are based on household interviews and refer to the living, civilian, noninstitutional population. The survey design and information on the reliability of the estimates are given in Appendix I. Definitions of terms are given in Appendix II]

| Sex and age | Average annual number of patients discharged excluding deliveries |  |  | Average annual number of hospital days excluding deliveries |  |  | Average leńgth of stay in days excluding deliveries |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Number } \\ \text { in } \\ \text { thousands } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Number } \\ \text { per } \\ 1,000 \\ \text { popula- } \\ \text { tion. } \end{gathered}$ | Percent distribution | Number of days in thousands | Number of days per 1,000 population | Percent distribution |  |
| Both sexes |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| All ages------ | 16,193 | 93.6 | 100.0 | 151,213 | 874.3 | 100.0 | 9.3 |
|  | 1,534 | 77.5 | 9.5 | 11,632 | 587.9 | 7.7 | 7.6 |
| 5-14- | 1,910 | 54.6 | 11.8 | 8,928 | 255.2 | 5.9 | 4.7 |
| 15-24 | 1,851 | 82.7 | 11.4 | 11,765 | 525.8 | 7.8 | 6.4 |
| 25-34- | 2,132 | 95.9 | 13.2 | 15,650 | 703.9 | 10.3 | 7.3 |
| 35-44 | 2,493 | 107.3 | 15.4 | 22,245 | 957.8 | 14.7 | 8.9 |
| 45-54 | 2,240 | 110.8 | 13.8 | 25,846 | 1,278.4 | 17.1 | 11.5 |
| 55-64 | 1,851 | 122.2 | 11.4 | 22,525 | 1,486.8 | 14.9 | 12.2 |
| 65-74 | 1,393 | 141.4 | 8.6 | 20,112 | 2,041.4 | 13.3 | 14.4 |
| 75+ | 790 | 153.7 | 4.9 | 12,511 | 2,434.5 | 8.3 | 15.8 |
| All ages-------Under5-w---------- | 7,365 | 87.5 | 100.0 | 77,018 | 915.0 | 100.0 | 10.5 |
|  | 844 | 83.7 | 11.5 | 6,076 | 602.9 | 7.9 | 7.2 |
| 5-14 | 1,023 | 57.3 | 13.9 | 5,277 | 295.5 | 6.9 | 5.2 |
| 15-24- | 721 | 68.3 | 9.8 | 5,881 | 557.1 | 7.6 | 8.2 |
| 25-34- | 777 | 73.1 | 10.5 | 7,252 | 682.0 | 9.4 | 9.3 |
| 35-44 | 943 | 84.6 | 12.8 | 11,091 | 994.4 | 14.4 | 11.8 |
| 45-54 | 1,045 | 106.2 | 14.2 | 11,826 | 1,202.0 | 15.4 | 11.3 |
| 55-64- | 893 | 122.9 | 12.1 | 11,854 | 1,631.2 | 15.4 | 13.3 |
| 65-74 | 735 | 160.6 | 10.0 | 11,619 | 2,539.1 | 15.1 | 15.8 |
| 75+ | 385 | 174.0 | 5.2 | 6,143 | 2,775.9 | 8.0 | 16.0 |
| All ages |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 8,828 | 99.4 | 100.0 | 74,195 | 835.6 | 100.0 | 8.4 |
| Under 5- | 691 | 71.2 | 7.8 | 5,556 | 572.3 | 7.5 | 8.0 |
| 5-14 | 887 | 51.8 | 10.0 | 3,651 | 213.2 | 4.9 | 4.1 |
| 15-24- | 1,129 | 95.5 | 12.8 | 5,883 | 497.7 | 7.9 | 5.2 |
| 25-34 | 1,355 | 116.8 | 15.3 | 8,398 | 724.0 | 11.3 | 6.2 |
| 35-44 | 1,550 | 128.4 | 17.6 | 11,154 | 924.0 | 15.0 | 7.2 |
| 45-54-------------- | 1,195 | 115.1 | 13.5 | 14,020 | 1,350.8 | 18.9 . | 11.7 |
| 55-64 | 958 | 121.5 | 10.9 | 10,671 | 1,353.7 | 14.4 | 11.1 |
| 65-74- | 658 | 124.7 | 7.5 | 8,493 | 1,609.7 | 11.4 | 12.9 |
| 75+----------------- | 405 | 138.4 | 4.6 | 6,368 | 2,176.3 | 8.6 | 15.7 |

NOTF: Estimates of discharges are based on the experience of members of the sampled households who were alive at the time of the family interview.

Table 3. Average annual number of patients discharged and percent distribution by length-of-stay intervals according to age and sex, including and excluding deliveries: discharges from short-stay hospitals, United States, 1958-1960
[Data are based on household interviews and refer to the living, civilian, noninstitutional population. The survey design and information on the reliability of the estimates are given in Appendix I. Definitions of terms are given in Appendix II]


NOTE: Estimates of discharges are based on the experience of members of the sampled households who were alive at the time of the family interview.

Table 4. Average annual number of hospital days and percent distribution by length-of-stay intervals according to age and sex, including and excluding deliveries: days for discharges from short-stay hospitals, United States, 1958-1960
[Data are based on household interviews and refer to the living, civilian, noninstitutional population. The survey design and information on the reliability of the estimates are given in Appendix 1. Definitions of terms are given in Appendix II]


NOTE: Fstimates of discharges are based on the experience of members of the sampled households who were alive at the time of the family interview.

Table 5. Average annual number of patients discharged and number per 1,000 population per year by sex, region, and age: discharges from short-stay hospitals, United States, 1958-1960
[Data are based on household interviews and refer to the living, civilian, noninstitutional population. The survey design and information on the reliability of the estimates are given in Appendix I. Definitions of terms are given in Appendix II]


NOTF: Estimates of discharges are based on the experience of members of the sampled households who were alive at the time of the family interview.

Table 6. Average annual number of hospital days, and average length of stay by sex, region, and age: days for discharges from short-stay hospitals, United States, 1958-1960
[Data are based on household interviews and refer to the living, civilian, noninstitutional population. The survey design and information on the reliability of the estimates are given in Appendix I. Definitions of terms are given in Appendix II]

| Region and age | Average annual number of hospital days in thousands |  |  | Average length of stay in days |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Both sexes | Male | Female | Both sexes | Male | Female |
| All regions |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| All ages------------------ | 166,935 | 77,018 | 89,916 | 8.4 | 10.5 | 7.2 |
|  | 20,560 | 11,353 | 9,207 | 6.0 | 6.1 | 5.8 |
|  | 18,322 | 5,881 | 12,441 | 5.3 | 8.2 | 4.5 |
|  | 22,954 | 7,252 | 15,703 | 6.0 | 9.3 | 5.2 |
| 35-44- | 24,074 | 11,091 | 12,984 | 8.4 | 11.8 | 6.7 |
| 45-64- | 48,401 | 23,680 | 24,721 | 11.8 | 12.2 | 11.5 |
| 65+ | 32,623 | 17,762 | 14,861 | 14.9 | 15.9 | 14.0 |
| Northeast |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| All ages - | 47,674 | 21,142 | 26,532 | 10.2 | 12.0 | 9.2 |
|  | 5,516 | 3,243 | 2,273 | 6.3 | 6.6 | 5.9 |
| 15-24-----------------------------1-2- | 4,820 | 1,820 | 3,000 | 6.8 | 11.0 | 5.6 |
| 25-34- | 6,117 | 1,344 | 4,774 | 6.4 | 7.4 | 6.1 |
|  | 5,505 | 2,579 | 2,926 | 8.8 | 12.8 | 6.8 |
| 45-64 | 17,078 | 7,719 | 9,359 | 17.4 | 16.4 | 18.4 |
| $65+$ | 8,638 | 4,437 | 4,201 | 16.9 | 17.1 | 16.7 |
| North Central |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| All ages-n----------------- | 51,821 | 23,726 | 28,095 | 8.5 | 10.8 | 7.2 |
| Under 15-------------------------- | 6,605 | 3,219 | 3,386 | 6.3 | 6.1 | 6.6 |
|  | 5,656 | 1,527 | 4,128 | 5.2 | 7.2 | 4.7 |
| 25-34- | 6,904 | 2,242 | 4,662 | 5.9 | 10.1 | 5.0 |
|  | 8,476 | 4,444 | 4,032 | 9.8 | 15.9 | 6.9 |
| 45-64 | 14,005 | 6,868 | 7,138 | 10.9 | 11.4 | 10.4 |
| 65+- | 10,174 | 5,425 | 4,749 | 15.2 | 15.3 | 15.0 |
| South |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 43,940 | 19,781 | 24,158 | 7.3 | 8.8 | 6.4 |
|  | 5,763 | 3,394 | 2,368 | 5.9 | 6.3 | 5.5 |
| $\qquad$ | 5,526 | 1,894 | 3,633 | 4.9 | 7.3 | 4.2 |
| 25-34- | 6,849 | 2,487 | 4,362 | 6.1 | 10.0 | 5.0 |
| 35-44 | 6,543 | 2,640 | 3,902 | 7.2 | 8.9 | 6.4 |
| 45-64 | 11,298 | 5,352 | 5,946 | 9.0 | 9.1 | 9.0 |
| $65+$ | 7,961 | 4,014 | 3,947 | 12.3 | 12.9 | 11.7 |
| West |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| All ages-- | 23,499 | 12,369 | 11,131 | 7.7 | 10.8 | 5.8 |
|  | 2,676 | 1,495 | 1,180 | 4.8 | 4.9 | 4.7 |
| 15-24- | 2,320 | 640 | 1,680 | 4.4 | 7.6 | 3.8 |
| 25-34- | 3,084 | 1,179 | 1,905 | 5.4 | 9.5 | 4.2 |
|  | 3,550 | 1,427 | 2,124 | 7.4 | 8.6 | 6.8 |
| 45-64- | 6,020 | 3,742 | 2,278 | 10.4 | 13.6 | 7.6 |
| 65+--- | 5,849 | 3,886 | 1,964 | 16.5 | 19.7 | 12.4 |

NOTE: Estimates of discharges are based on the experience of members of the sampled households who were alive at the time of the family interview.

Table 7. Average annual number of patients discharged and number per 1,000 population per year by sex, residence, and age: discharges from short-stay hospitals, United States, 1958-1960
[Data are based on household interviews and refer to the living, civilian, noninstitutional population. The survey design and information on the reliability of the estimates are given in Appendix I. Definitions of terms are given in Appendix II]


NOTE: Estimates of discharges are based on the experience of members of the sampled households who were alive at the time of the family interview.

Table 8. Average annual number of hospital days, and average length of stay by sex, residence, and age: days for discharges from short-stay hospitals, United States, 1958-1960
[Data are based on household interviews and refer to the living, civilian, noninstitutional population. The survey design and information on the reliability of the estimates are given in Appendix I. Definitions of terms are given in Appendix II]

| Residence and age | Average annual number of hospital days in thousands |  |  | Average length of stay in days |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Both sexes | Male | Female | Both sexes | Male | Female |
| All areas |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| All ages------------------ | 166,935 | 77,018 | 89,916 | 8.4 | 10.5 | 7.2 |
| Under 15------------------------- | 20,560 | 11,353 | 9,207 | 6.0 | 6.1 | 5.8 |
| 15-24----------------------------- | 18,322 | 5,881 | 12,441 | 5.3 | 8.2 | 4.5 |
| 25-34---------------------------- | 22,954 | 7,252 | 15,703 | 6.0 | 9.3 | 5.2 |
| 35-44----------------------------- | 24,074 | 11,091 | 12,984 | 8.4 | 11.8 | 6.7 |
|  | 48,401 | 23,680 | 24,721 | 11.8 | 12.2 | 11.5 |
|  | 32,623 | 17,762 | 14,861 | 14.9 | 15.9 | 14.0 |
| Urban |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| All ages------------------ | 108,612 | 50,171 | 58,440 | 9.1 | 11.5 | 7.7 |
| Under 15----------------------- | 12,034 | 6,885 | 5,149 | 6.4 | 6.6 | 6.1 |
|  | 11,670 | 3,837 | 7,833 | 5.5 | 9.1 | 4.6 |
| 25-34-------------------------- | 13,855 | 4,596 | 9,259 | 6.3 | 10.2 | 5.3 |
| 35-44----------------------------- | 15,955 | 7,470 | 8,486 | 9.1 | 13.4 | 7.1 |
|  | 34,145 | 15,937 | 18,208 | 13.1 | 13.3 | 13.0 |
| 65+-------------------------------- | 20,953 | 11,446 | 9,506 | 15.2 | 16.3 | 14.2 |
| Rural nonfarm |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| All ages- | 43,248 | 19,521 | 23,727 | 7.2 | 9.0 | 6.2 |
| Under 15------------------------- | 6,493 | 3,364 | 3,129 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.3 |
| 15-24------------------------------ | 5,081 | 1,435 | 3,646 | 4.9 | 7.0 | 4.4 |
| 25-34----------------------------- | 7,484 | 2,287 | 5,197 | 5.7 | 8.8 | 5.0 |
| 35-44---------------------------- | 5,889 | 2,386 | 3,504 | 7.1 | 8.5 | 6.4 |
| 45-64---------------------------- | 10,125 | 5,412 | 4,713 | 9.7 | 10.4 | 9.0 |
| 65+-------------------------------- | 8,175 | 4,636 | 3,539 | 15.2 | 17.0 | 13.4 |
| Rural farm |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| All ages------------------ | 15,075 | 7,326 | 7,749 | 7.7 | 9.0 | 6.8 |
| Under 15------------------------- | 2,032 | 1,103 | 930 | 6.0 | 5.9 | 6.2 |
| 15-24------------------------------ | 1,571 | 609 | 962 | 5.3 | 6.6 | 4.7 |
|  | 1,615 | 369 | 1,246 | 5.1 | 5.4 | 5.0 |
|  | 2,230 | 1,235 | 995 | 8.0 | 12.1 | 5.7 |
| 45-64-------------------------1 | 4,132 | 2,331 | 1,800 | 9.1 | 10.4 | 7.8 |
| 65+------------------------------ | 3,495 | 1,679 | 1,816 | 12.9 | 11.8 | 14.3 |

NOTE: Estimates of discharges are based on the experience of members of the sampled households who were alive at the time of the family interview.

Table 9. Average annual number of patients discharged and number per 1,000 population per year by sex, race, and age: discharges from short-stay hospitals, United States, 1958-1960
[Data are based on household interviews and refer to the living, civilian, noninstitutional popalation. The survey design and information on the reliability of the estimates are given in Appendix I. Definitions of terms are given in Appendix II]


NOTE: Estimates of discharges are based on the experience of members of the sampled households who were alive at the time of the family interview.

Table 10. Average annual number of hospital days and average length of stay by sex, race, and age: days for discharges from short-stay hospitals, United States, 1958-1960
[Data are based on household-interviews and refer to the living, civilian, noninstitutional population. The survey design and information on the reliability of the estimates are given in Appendix I. Definitions of tems are given in Appendix II]


NOTE: Estimates of discharges are based on the experience of members of the sampled households who were alive at the time of the family interview.

Table 11. Average annual number of patients discharged and number per 1,000 population per year by sex, family income, and age: discharges from short-stay hospitals, United States, 1958-1960 [Data are based on household interviews and refer to the living, civilian, noninstitutional population. The survey design and information on the reliability of the estimates are given in Appendix I. Definitions of terms are given in Appendix II]

| Family income and age | Average annual number of patients discharged in thousands |  |  | Number of patients discharged per 1,000 population per year |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Both sexes | Male | Female | Both sexes | Male | Female |
| All Incomes |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Under 15-.---.--- | 3,445 | 1,867 | 1,578 | 62.9 | 66.8 | 58.8 |
| 15-24--- | 3,456 | 721 | 2,735 | 154.4 | 68.3 | 231.4 |
| 25-34- | 3,823 | 777 | 3,046 | 172.0 | 73.1 | 262.6 |
| 35-44- | 2,872 | 943 | 1,929 | 123.7 | 84.6 | 159.8 |
| 45-64- | 4,096 | 1,938 | 2,158 | 115.8 | 113.3 | 118.2 |
| 65+ | 2,183 | 1,120 | 1,063 | 145.6 | 165.0 | 129.6 |
| Under $\$ 2,000$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| All ages- | 2,816 | 1,090 | 1,726 | 114.1 | 97.0 | 128.4 |
| Under 15----------- | 265 | 153 | 112 | 42.4 | 48.4 | 36.2 |
| 15-24- | 535 | 108 | 426 | 153.0 | 61.6 | 244.4 |
| 25-34 | 328 | 68 | 260 | 169.7 | 75.3 | 252.4 |
| 35-44 | 246 | 83 | 163 | 128.4 | 100.1 | 150.0 |
| 45-64 | 612 | 263 | 349 | 116.3 | 126.6 | 109.5 |
| 65+- | 831 | 416 | 415 | 142.9 | 165.4 | 125.8 |
| \$2,000-3,999 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| All ages-- | 4,322 | 1,636 | 2,685 | 119.7 | 94.9 | 142.3 |
| Under 15- | 720 | 403 | 317 | 61.1 | 67.4 | 54.6 |
| 15-24- | 1,000 | 183 | 817 | 193.6 | 79.7 | 284.9 |
| 25-34 | 755 | 188 | 567 | 170.1 | 88.7 | 244.4 |
| 35-44 | 517 | 180 | 337 | 128.4 | 99.3 | 152.3 |
| 45-64 | 801 | 391 | 410 | 112.4 | 120.6 | 105.5 |
| 65+- | 527 | 291 | 236 | 147.8 | 162.4 | 133.0 |
| \$4,000-6,999 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| All ages | 6,916 | 2,444 | 4,472 | 112.9 | 80.2 | 145.2 |
| Under 15 | 1,444 | 796 | 648 | 65.9 | 71.0 | 60.6 |
| 15-24- | 1,184 | 212 | 972 | 160.9 | 63.5 | 241.7 |
| 25-34- | 1,654 | 320 | 1,333 | 171.7 | 68.8 | 267.6 |
| 35-44 | 1,120 | 380 | 740 | 124.7 | 84.7 | 164.8 |
| 45-64 | 1,194 | 567 | 627 | 108.6 | 100.2 | 117.6 |
| 65+- | 321 | 169 | 152 | 132.3 | 148.1 | 118.4 |
| \$7,000+ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| All ages--- | 4,273 | 1,672 | 2,602 | 108.8 | 84.7 | 133.2 |
| Under 15- | 814 | 410. | 404 | 67.7 | 66.5 | 69.1 |
| 15-24- | 495 | 147 | 349 | 104.8 | 62.7 | 146.7 |
| 25-34- | 838 | 159 | 678 | 163.4 | 65.7 | 250.2 |
| 35-44 | 838 | 260 | 578 | 122.1 | 77.4 | 164.9 |
| 45-64 | 1,004 | 538 | 467 | 113.5 | 115.0 | 112.0 |
| 65+- | 284 | 158 | 126 | 168.7 | 205.5 | 137.7 |
| Unknown |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| All ages | 1,548 | 523 | 1,024 | 133.1 | 95.5 | 166.5 |
| Under 15-- | 202 | 105 | 97 | 71.8 | 73.7 | 69.7 |
| 15-24-- | 243 | 71 | 171 | 148.5 | 85.9 | 211.4 |
| 25-34-- | 248 | 41 | 207 | 225.7 | 75.6 | 371.6 |
| 35-44 | 151 | 40 | 111 | 105.0 | 60.2 | 143.4 |
| 45-64 | 485 | 180 | 305 | 154.5 | 124.2 | 180.5 |
| 65+------------------- | 220 | 86 | 133 | 146.6 | 150.3 | 143.2 |

NOTE: Estimates of discharges are based on the experience of members of the sampled households who were alive at the time of the family interview.

Table 12. Average annual number of hospital days and average length of stay by sex, family income, and age: days for discharges from short-stay hospitals, United States, 1958-1960
[Data are based on household interviews and refer to the living, civilian, noninstitutional population. The survey design and information on the reliability of the estimates are given in Appendix I. Definitions of terms are given in Appendix II]

| Family income and age | Average annual number of hospital days in thousands |  |  | Average length of stay in days |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Both sexes | Male | Female | Both sexes | Male | Female |
| All incomes |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| A11 ages------------------ | 166,935 | 77,018 | 89,916 | 8.4 | 10.5 | 7.2 |
| Under 15-------------------------- | 20,560 | 11,353 | 9,207 | 6.0 | 6.1 | 5.8 |
|  | 18,322 | 5,881 | 12,441 | 5.3 | 8.2 | 4.5 |
| 25-34----------------------------- | 22,954 | 7,252 | 15,703 | 6.0 | 9.3 | 5.2 |
| 35-44 | 24,074 | 11,091 | 12,984 | 8.4 | 11.8 | 6.7 |
| 45-64 | 48,401 | 23,680 | 24,721 | 11.8 | 12.2 | 11.5 |
| $65+$ | 32,623 | 17,762 | 14,861 | 14.9 | 15.9 | 14.0 |
| Under \$2,000 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Al1 ages---------------- | 32,125 | 16,345 | 15,780 | 11.4 | 15.0 | 9.1 |
| Under 15- | 2,477 | 1,328 | 1,149 | 9.3 | 8.7 | 10.3 |
|  | 2,950 | 1,085 | 1,865 | 5.5 | 10.0 | 4.4 |
| 25-34 | 2,630 | 986 | 1,644 | 8.0 | 14.5 | 6.3 |
| 35-44 | 3,345 | 1,944 | 1,401 | 13.6 | 23.4 | 8.6 |
| 45-64 | 7,635 | 3,948 | 3,687 | 12.5 | 15.0 | 10.6 |
| 65+ | 13,087 | 7,053 | 6,034 | 15.7 | 17.0 | 14.5 |
| \$2,000-3,999 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| All ages----------------- | 35,947 | 18,179 | 17,768 | 8.3 | 11.1 | 6.6 |
| Under 15-------------------------- | 4,430 | 2,567 | 1,863 | 6.2 | 6.4 | 5.9 |
| 15-24- | 4,814 | 1,268 | 3,546 | 4.8 | 6.9 | 4.3 |
| 25-34 | 5,241 | 2,425 | 2,817 | 6.9 | 12.9 | 5.0 |
| 35-44 | 4,839 | 2,323 | 2,515 | 9.4 | 12.9 | 7.5 |
| 45-64 | 8,741 | 4,817 | 3,923 | 10.9 | 12.3 | 9.6 |
| 65+- | 7,883 | 4,779 | 3,104 | 15.0 | 16.4 | 13.2 |
| \$4, 000-6,999 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| All ages | 51,389 | 20,378 | 31,010 | 7.4 | 8.3 | 6.9 |
| Under 15-------------------------- | 8,245 | 4,847 | 3,398 | 5.7 | 6.1 | 5.2 |
| 15-24- | 5,990 | 1,386 | 4,604 | 5.1 | - 6.5 | 4.7 |
| 25-34 | 9,003 | 2,220 | 6,783 | 5.4 | 6.9 | 5.1 |
| 35-44 | 7,759 | 3,175 | 4,584 | 6.9 | 8.4 | 6.2 |
| 45-64 | 16,039 | 6,531 | 9,508 | 13.4 | 11.5 | 15.2 |
| 65+- | 4,353 | 2,220 | 2,133 | 13.6 | 13.1 | 14.0 |
| \$7,000+ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| All ages- | 31,486 | 14,921 | 16,565 | 7.4 | 8.9 | 6.4 |
|  | 3,912 | 1,869 | 2,043 | 4.8 | 4.6 | 5.1 |
|  | 3,273 | 1,599 | 1,674 | 6.6 | 10.9 | 4.8 |
|  | 4,607 | 1,331 | 3,276 | 5.5 | 8.4 | 4.8 |
| 35-44 | 5,420 | 1,865 | 3,555 | 6.5 | 7.2 | 6.2 |
| 45-64 | 10,125 | 5,704 | 4,421 | 10.1 | 10.6 | 9.5 |
| 65+ | 4,149 | 2,553 | 1,597 | 14.6 | 16.2 | 12.7 |
| Unknown |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| All ages-- | 15,989 | 7,194 | 8,794 | 10.3 | 13.8 | 8.6 |
| Under 15------------------------- | 1,496 | 742 | 754 | 7.4 | 7.1 | 7.8 |
| 15-24--------------------------- | 1,295 | 543 | 752 | 5.3 | 7.6 | 4.4 |
| 25-34--------------------------- | 1,473 | 290 | 1,183 | 5.9 | 7.1 | 5.7 |
|  | 2,712 | 1,783 | 928 | 18.0 | 44.6 | 8.4 |
|  | 5,862 | 2,680 | 3,183 | 12.1 | 14.9 | 10.4 |
|  | 3,150 | 1,156 | 1,993 | 14.3 | 13.4 | 15.0 |

NOTE: Estimates of discharges are based on the experience of members of the sampled households who were alive at the time of the family interview.

Table 13. Average annual number of patients discharged and number per 1,000 population per year by sex, usual activity status, and age: discharges from short-stay hospitals, United States, 1958-1960
[Data are based on household interviews and refer to the living, civilian, noninstitutional population. The survey design and information on the reliability of the estimates are given in Appendix I. Definitions of terms are given in Appendix II]


NOTE: Estimates of discharges are based on the experience of members of the sampled households who were alive at the time of the family interview.
${ }^{1}$ Persons aged 17 years and over who were going to school are included with the "Other" group.

Table 14. Average annual number of hospital days and average length of stay by sex, usual activity status, and age: days for discharges from short-stay hospitals, United States, 1958-1960
[Data are based on household interviews and refer to the living, civilian, noninstitutional population. The survey design and information on the reliability of the estimates are given in Appendix I. Definitions of terms are given in Appendix II]

| Usual activity status and age | Average annual number of hospital days in thousands |  |  | Average length of stay in days |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Both sexes | Male | Female | Both sexes | Male | Female |
| All activities <br> All ages | $166,935$ | 77,018 | 89,916 | 8.4 | 10.5 | 7.2 |
| School ${ }^{1}$ and preschool <br> Under 17 | $22,314$ | 12,233 | 10,081 | 5.9 | 6.0 | 5.7 |
| Usually working <br> All ages-17+- | 49,4.18 | 33,699 | 15,719 | 8.1 | 9.1 | 6.6 |
|  | $\begin{array}{r} 4,784 \\ 8,777 \\ 10,686 \\ 21,353 \\ 3,818 \end{array}$ | 2,123 5,613 6,867 15,991 3,104 | 2,661 3,164 3,818 5,362 713 | 5.3 7.0 7.5 9.7 11.4 | 7.2 7.9 7.9 10.1 11.7 | 4.4 5.8 6.8 8.6 10.3 |
| Keeping house <br> A11 ages-17+-------------- | 54,655 | ... | 54,655 | 7.2 | ... | 7.2 |
|  | 7,480 | . | 7,480 | 4.4 | - | 4.4 |
| 25-34------------------------- | 12,125 | . | 12,125 | 4.9 | ... | 4.9 |
| 35-44 | 8,608 | ... | 8,608 | 6.6 | . | 6.6 |
| 45-64-------------------------- | 17,487 | ... | 17,487 | 12.3 | ... | 12.3 |
| 65+- | 8,954 | . $\cdot$ | 8,954 | 13.4 | -•• | 13.4 |
| All ages-45+------------ | 18,364 | 15,002 | 3,362 | 16.3 | 16.5 | 15.4 |
| 45-64 <br>  | $\begin{array}{r} 2,661 \\ 15,704 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2,114 \\ 12,888 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 547 \\ 2,815 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 18.0 \\ & 16.0 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 16.1 \\ & 16.6 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 32.2 \\ & 13.9 \end{aligned}$ |
| All ages-17+-1 ----------- | 22,184 | 16,084 | 6,100 | 17.5 | 22.4 | 11.1 |
| 17-24---------------------------- | 4,303 | 2,877 | 1,425 | 8.4 | 10.7 | 5.9 |
| 25-34----------------------------1-2- | 2,052 | .1,639 | 413 | 19.4 | 24.5 | 10.9 |
| 35-44------------------------- | 4,780 | 4,223 | 557 | 36.8 | 55.6 | 10.3 |
|  | 6,901 | 5,575 | 1,326 | 21.2 | 24.1 | 14.0 |
| 65+--------------------------------- | 4,147 | 1,769 | 2,378 | 20.9 | 23.3 | 19.5 |

NOTE: Estimates of discharges are based on the experience of menbers of the sampled households who were alive at the time of the family interview.
${ }^{1}$ Persons aged 17 years and over who were going to school are included with the "Other" group.

Table 15. Average annual number of patients discharged and number per 1,000 population by sex, household composition, and age: discharges from short-stay hospitals, United States, 1958-1960
[Data are based on household interviews and refer to the living, civilian, noninstitutional population. The survey design and information on the reliability of the estimates are given in Appendix I. Definitions of terms are given in Appendix II]


NOTE: Estimates of discharges are based on the experience of members of the sampled households who were alive at the time of the family interview.

Table 16. Average annual number of hospital days and average length of stay by sex, household composition, and age: days for discharges from short-stay hospitals, United States, 1958-1960
[Data are based on household interviews and refer to the living, civilian, noninstitutional population. The survey design and information on the reliability of the estimates are given in-Appendix I. Definitions of terms are given in Appendix II]

| Household composition and age | Average annual number of hospital days in thousands |  |  | Average length of stay in days |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Both sexes | Male | $\begin{gathered} \text { Female } \\ \text { (including } \\ \text { deliveries) } \end{gathered}$ | Both sexes | Male | Female (including deliveries) |
| All discharges |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| All ages----------------- | 166,935 | 77,018 | 89,916 | 8.4 | 10.5 | 7.2 |
| Under 15------------------------ | 20,560 | 11,353 | 9,207 | 6.0 | 6.1 | 5.8 |
| 15-44---------------------------- | 65,351 | 24,224 | 41,127 | 6.4 | 9.9 | 5.3 |
|  | 48,401 | 23,680 | 24,721 | 11.8 | 12.2 | 11.5 |
| 65+-------------------------------- | 32,623 | 17,762 | 14,861 | 14.9 | 15.9 | 14.0 |
| Living alone |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| A11 gges---------------- | 13.327 | 6.453 | 6.874 | 13.8 | 19.2 | 10.9 |
| Under 15---------------------- | (*) | (*) | (*) | (*) | (*) | (*) |
| 15-44---------------------------- | 2,561 | 1,593 | 968 | 10.9 | 17.1 | 6.9 |
| 45-64----------------------------- | 4,580 | 2,137 | 2,443 | 12.9 | 18.3 | 10.3 |
| 65+- | 6,186 | 2,722 | 3,464 | 16.3 | 21.6 | 13.7 |
| Living with nonrelatives |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| All ages---------------- | 6,966 | 3,956 | 3,010 | 15.9 | 18.1 | 13.6 |
| Under 15----------------------- | (*) | (*) | (*) | (*) | (*) | (*) |
|  | 1,566 | 737 | 829 | 8.4 | 7.3 | 9.8 |
| 45-64--------------------------- | 2,020 | 1,351 | 669 | 19.4 | 31.4 | 11.0 |
|  | 3,328 | 1,865 | 1,463 | 23.6 | 25.9 | 21.2 |
| Living with relatives |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| All ages------------------ | 146,641 | 66,609 | 80,032 | 7.9 | 9.8 | 6.9 |
| Under 15----------------------- | 20,508 | 11,350 | 9,158 | 6.0 | 6.1 | 5.8 |
| 15-44----------------------------1-2- | 61,224 | 21,893 | 39,331 | 6.3 | 9.7 | 5.3 |
|  | 41,801 | 20,192 | 21,609 | 11.5 | 11.4 | 11.6 |
| 65+------------------------------1-2- | 23,108 | 13,174 | 9,934 | 13.9 | 14.3 | 13.4 |

NOTE: Fstimates of discharges are based on the experience of members of the sampled households who were alive at the time of the family interview.

Table 17. Average annual number and percent distribution of patients discharged and hospital days, and average length of stay by sex and hospital type of ownership: short-stay hospitals, United States, 1958-1960
[Data are based on household interviews and refer to the living, civilian, noninstitutional population. The survey design and information on the reliability of the estimates are given in Appendix 1. Definitions of terms are given in Appendix 1 ]]

| Sex and hospital ownership | Average annual number of patients discharged |  | Average annual number of hospital days |  | Average <br> length <br> of stay <br> in days |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Number } \\ & \text { in } \\ & \text { thousands } \end{aligned}$ | Percent distribution |  | Percent distribution |  |
| Both sexes |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total | 19,875 | 100.0 | 166,935 | 100.0 | 8.4 |
| Nonprofit church- | 5,779 | 29.1 | 41,913 | 25.1 | 7.3 |
|  | 7,717 | 38.8 | 65,881 | 39.5 | 8.5 |
| Proprietary | 1,535 | 7.7 | 8,932 | 5.4 | 5.8 |
| Veterans--- | 287 | 1.4 | 11,834 | 7.1 | 41.2 |
| Other Federal-------------------------------- | 445 | 2.2 | 5,291 | 3.2 | 11.9 |
|  | 3,389 | 17.1 | 27,402 | 16.4 | 8.1 |
|  | 406 | 2.0 | 3,157 | 1.9 | 7.8 |
| Other | 316 | 1.6 | 2,525 | 1.5 | 8.0 |
| Male |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total- | 7,365 | 100.0 | 77,018 | 100.0 | 10.5 |
| Nonprofit church | 2,020 | 27.4 | 17,308 | 22.5 | 8.6 |
|  | 2,942 | 39.9 | 27,946 | 36.3 | 9.5 |
| Proprietary----------------------------------- | 555 | 7.5 | 3,577 | 4.6 | 6.4 |
|  | 277 | 3.8 | 11,592 | 15.1 | 41.8 |
| Other Federal-------------------------------- | 145 | 2.0 | 3,134 | 4.1 | 21.6 |
| Governmental non-Federal------------------- | 1,193 | 16.2 | 11,481 | 14.9 | 9.6 |
| Osteopathic- | 112 | 1.5 | 796 | 1.0 | 7.1 |
| Other------------------------------------------ | 121 | 1.6 | 1,183 | 1.5 | 9.8 |
| Female |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total----------------------------------- | 12,509 | 100.0 | 89,916 | 100.0 | 7.2 |
|  | 3,760 | 30.1 | 24,604 | 27.4 | 6.5 |
|  | 4,775 | 38.2 | 37,935 | 42.2 | 7.9 |
|  | 980 | 7.8 | 5,354 | 6.0 | 5.5 |
|  | (*) | (*) | (*) | (*) | (*) |
| Other Federal------------2----------------- | 300 | 2.4 | 2,157 | 2.4 | 7.2 |
| Governmental non-Federal-------------------- | 2,196 | 17.6 | 15,921 | 17.7 | 7.3 |
|  | 293 | 2.3 | 2,360 | 2.6 | 8.1 |
| Other----------------------------------------10 | 195 | 1.6 | 1,342 | 1.5 | 6.9 |

NOTE: Estimates of discharges are based on the experience of members of the sampled households who were alive at the time of the family interview.

Table 18. Average annual number and percent distribution of patients discharged, average annual number of hospital days, and average length of stay by sex and type'of hospital service: short, stay hospitals, United States, 1958-1960
[Data are based on household interviews and refer to the living, civilian, noninstitutional population. The survey design and information on the reliability of the estimates are given in Appendix I. Definitions of terms are given in Appendix II]


NOTE: Estimates of discharges are based on the experience of members of the sampled households who were alive at the time of the family interview.

Table 19. Average annual number of patients discharged and percent distribution by type of condition for which hospitalized ${ }^{1}$ according to sex: discharges from short-stay hospitals, United States, 1958-1960
[Data are based on household interviews and refer to the living, civilian, noninstitutional population. The survey design and information on the reliability of the estimates are given in Appendix I. Definitions of terms are given in Appendix II]

| Condition for which hospitalized | Average annual number of patients discharged in thousands |  |  | Percent distribution |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Both sexes | Male | Female | Both sexes | Male | Female |
| All conditions | 19,875 | 7,365 | 12,509 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Infective and parasitic diseases | 412 | 189 | 223 | 2.1 | 2.6 | 1.8 |
| Malignant neoplasms- | 348 | 132 | 216 | 1.8 | 1.8 | 1.7 |
| Benign and unspecified neoplasm | 1,044 | 231 | 813 | 5.3 | 3.1 | 6.5 |
| Diabetes | 167 | 71 | 96 | 0.8 | 1.0 | 0.8 |
| Other endocrine, allergic and metabolic <br> disorders | 379 | 144 | 235 | 1.9 | 2.0 | 1.9 |
| Mental and personality disorders | 407 | 167 | 240 | 2.0 | 2.3 | 1.9 |
| Intracranial lesions | 106 | 61 | 46 | 0.5 | 0.8 | 0.4 |
| Diseases of the eye | 209 | 116 | 94 | 1.1 | 1.6 | 0.8 |
| Other diseases of nervous system and sense organs | 343 | 174 | 169 | 1.7 | 2.4 | 1.4 |
| Heart disease- | 676 | 383 | 292 | 3.4 | 5.2 | 2.3 |
| Hypertension without heart involvement | 162 | 62 | 100 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.8 |
| Varicose veins (excluding hemorrhoids)----------- | 115 | 31 | 85 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 0.7 |
| Hemorrhoids | 263 | 125 | 138 | 1.3 | 1.7 | 1.1 |
| All other circulatory | 266 | 143 | 123 | 1.3 | 1.9 | 1.0 |
| Upper respiratory conditions | 1,441 | 696 | 744 | 7.3 | 9.5 | 5.9 |
| Other respiratory conditions | 1,143 | 617 | 527 | 5.8 | 8.4 | 4.2 |
| Ulcer of stomach and duodenum | 460 | 287 | 173 | 2.3 | 3.9 | 1.4 |
| Appendicitis | 443 | 209 | 233 | 2.2 | 2.8 | 1.9 |
| Hernia | 516 | 392 | 124 | 2.6 | 5.3 | 1.0 |
| Diseases of the gallbladder------------------------ | 441 | 120 | 321 | 2.2 | 1.6 | 2.6 |
| All other digestive system conditions------------ | 818 | 351 | 467 | 4.1 | 4.8 | 3.7 |
| Male genital disorders---------------------------- | 251 | 251 | $\ldots$ | 1.3 | 3.4 |  |
| Female breast and genital disorders------------- | 678 | $\ldots$ | 678 | 3.4 |  | 5.4 |
| All other genitourinary system conditions-------- | 677 | 339 | 337 | 3.4 | 4.6 | 2.7 |
| Deliveries- | 3,681 | . . . | 3,681 | 18.5 | ... | 29.4 |
| Complications of pregnancy and the puerperium---- | 666 | ... | 666 | 3.4 | ... | 5.3 |
| Diseases of the skin | 181 | 100 | 82 | 0.9 | 1.4 | 0.7 |
| Arthritis, all forms- | 125 | 49 | 76 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.6 |
|  | 336 | 200 | 136 | 1.7 | 2.7 | 1.1 |
| Other diseases of the musculoskeletal system----- | 251 | 127 | 125 | 1.3 | 1.7 | 1.0 |
| Fractures and dislocations | 779 | 426 | 353 | 3.9 | 5.8 | 2.8 |
| All other current injuries | 1,084 | 710 | 374 | 5.5 | 9.6 | 3.0 |
| All other conditions and observations------------ | 1,004 | 464 | 540 | 5.1 | 6.3 | 4.3 |

[^2]Table 20. Average annual number of hospital days and average length of stay by sex and condition for which hospitalized ${ }^{1}$ : days for discharges from short-stay hospitals, United States, 1958-1960 [Data are based on household interviews and refer to the living, civilian, noninstitutional population. The survey design and information on the reliability of the estimates are given in Appendix I. Definitions of terms are given in Appendix II]

| Condition for which hospitalized | Average annual number of hospital days in thousands |  |  | Average length of stay in days |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Both sexes | Male | Female | Both sexes | Male | Fema le |
| All conditions | 166,935. | 77,018 | 89,916 | 8.4 | 10.5 | 7.2 |
| Infective and parsitic disease | 4,640 | 3,041 | 1,600 | 11.3 | 16.1 | 7.2 |
| Malignant neoplasms | 5,451 | 2,490 | 2,961 | 15.7 | 18.9 | 13.7 |
| Benign and unspecified neoplasm | 8,203 | 1,840 | 6,362 | 7.9 | 8.0 | 7.8 |
| Diabetes | 2,258 | 851 | 1,407 | 13.5 | 12.0 | 14.7 |
| Other endocrine, allergic and metabolic disorders | 3,284 | 1,483 | 1,801 | 8.7 | 10.3 | 7.7 |
| Mental and personality disorde | 5,048 | 2,725 | 2,323 | 12.4 | 16.3 | 9.7 |
| Intracranial lesions- | 2,819 | 1,770 | 1,049 | 26.6 | 29.0 | 22.8 |
| Diseases of the eye | 1,957 | 1,305 | 652 | 9.4 | 11.3 | 6.9 |
| Other diseases of nervous system and sense organs | 3,160 | 1,838 | 1,322 | 9.2 | 10.6 | 7.8 |
| Heart disease | 11,013 | 6,594 | 4,420 | 16.3 | 17.2 | 15.1 |
| Hypertension without heart involvement | 1,435 | 581 | 854 | 8.9 | 9.4 | 8.5 |
| Varicose veins (excluding hemorrhoids)----.------- | 838 | 176 | 662 | 7.3 | 5.7 | 7.8 |
| Hemorrhoids | 2,482 | 1,480 | 1,002 | 9.4 | 11.8 | 7.3 |
| All other circulatory | 4,246 | 2,674 | 1,571 | 16.0 | 18.7 | 12.8 |
| Upper respiratory conditions | 3,331 | 1,682 | 1,649 | 2.3 | 2.4 | 2.2 |
| Other respiratory conditions---------------------- | 8,419 | 4,756 | 3,662 | 7.4 | 7.7 | 6.9 |
| Ulcer of stomach and duodenum | 7,209 | 2,650 | 4,559 | 15.7 | 9.2 | 26.4 |
| Appendicitis | 2,849 | 1,421 | 1,428 | 6.4 | 6.8 | 6.1 |
| Hernia | 4,091 | 3,033 | 1,058 | 7.9 | 7.7 | 8.5 |
| Diseases of the gailbladder----------------------- | 5,308 | 1,810 | 3,497 | 12.0 | 15.1 | 10.9 |
| All other digestive system conditions------------- | 5,774 | 2,550 | 3,224 | 7.1 | 7.3 | 6.9 |
| Male genital disorders-----------------------------1- | 3,027 | 3,027 | -•• | 12.1 | 12.1 | $\cdots$ |
| Female breast and genital disorders--------------10-1 | 4,556 |  | 4,556 | 6.7 |  | 6.7 |
| A11 other genitour inary system conditions-------- | 5,839 | 3,343 | 2,496 | 8.6 | 9.9 | 7.4 |
|  | 15,721 | ... | 15,721 | 4.3 | ... | 4.3 |
| Complications of pregnancy and the puerperium---- | 2,528 | . . . | 2,528 | 3.8 | . . . | 3.8 |
|  | 1,214 | 536 | 678 | 6.7 | 5.4 | 8.3 |
| Arthritis, all forms | 1,494 | 722 | 773 | 12.0 | 14.7 | 10.2 |
| Other diseases of bones and joints--------------1- | 6,339 | 4,633 | 1,706 | 18.9 | 23.2 | 12.5 |
| Other diseases of the musculoskeletal system----- | 2,160 | 1,361 | 800 | 8.6 | 10.7 | 6.4 |
| Fractures and dislocations | 11,509 | 6,163 | 5,346 | 14.8 | 14.5 | 15.1 |
| All other current injuries | 8,247 | 5,471 | 2,776 | 7.6 | 7.7 | 7.4 |
| All other conditions and observations------------ | 10,485 | 5,015 | 5,470 | 10.4 | 10.8 | 10.1 |

NOTE: Estimates of discharges are based on the experience of members of the sampled households who were alive at the time of the family interview.
${ }^{1}$ See Appendix II for conditions included in each category.

Table 21. Average annual number of patients discharged and percent distribution by whether or not the patient was surgically treated ${ }^{1}$ for the condition according to the condition for which hospitalized ${ }^{2}$ : discharges from short-stay hospitals, United States, 1958-1960
[Data are based on household interviews and refer to the living, civilian, noninstitutional population. The survey design and information on the reliability of the estimates are given in Appendix I. Definitions of terms are given in Appendix II]


[^3]Table 22. Average annual number of hospital days and average length of stay by whether or not the patient was surgically treated ${ }^{1}$ for the condition, by the condition for which hospitalized: ${ }^{2}$ days for discharges from short-stay hospitals, United States, 1958-1960
[Data are based on household interviews and refer to the living, civilian, noninstitutional population. The survey design and information on the reliability of the estimates are given in Appendix I. Definitions of terms are given in Appendix. II]


NOTE: Estimates of discharges are based on the experience of members of the sampled households who were alive at the time of the family interview.
${ }^{1}$ Surgically treated pertains to surgery for the condition for which hospitalized only. See Appendix II for definition of surgical operation and condition for which hospitalized.
${ }^{3}$ Certain small frequencies, and corresponding average lengths of stay, shown in this table may have very high error due to sampling. Any frequency less than 600,000 days or the corresponding length of stay, should be viewed as indicating only the general level of days or hospital stay for the condition.

Table 23. Average annual number of patients discharged and number per 1,000 population per year by sex, age, and whether or not the patient had surgery during his hospitalization: discharges from short-stay hospitals, United States, 1958-1960
[Data are based on household interviews and refer to the living, civilian, noninstitutional population. The survey design and information on the. reliability of the estimates are given in Appendix I. Definitions of terms are given in Appendix II]


NOTE: Estimates of discharges are based on the experience of members of the sampled households who were alive at the time of the family interview.

Table 24. Average annual number of hospital days and average length of stay by sex, age, and whether or not the patient had surgery during his hospitalization: days for discharges from short-stay hospitals, United States, 1958-1960
[Datalare based on household interviews and refer to the living, civilian, noninstitutional population. The survey design and information on the reliability of the estimates are given in Appendix I. Definitions of terms are given in Appendix II]


NOTE: Estimates of discharges are based on the experience of members of the sampled households who were alive at the time of the family interview.

Table 25. Average annual number of surgical operations 1 and percent distribution by type of operation according to sex including and excluding deliveries: discharges from short-stay hospitals, United States, 1958-1960
[Data are based on household interviews and refer to the living, civilian, noninstitutional population. The survey design and information on the reliability of the estimates are given in Appendix I. Definitions of terms are given in Appendix II]

| Type of operation | Average annual number of operations in thousands |  |  | Percent distribution |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Both sexes | Male | Female | Both sexes | Male | Female |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Including deliveries | Excluding deliveries |
| Total operations------------------ | 12,006 | 3,564 | 8,442 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Operation on the brain and sku11------- | 52 | 30 | 21 | 0.4 | 0.8 | 0.2 | 0.4 |
| Eye operation----------------------------1- | 235 | 140 | 95 | 2.0 | 3.9 | 1.1 | 2.0 |
| Varicose veins--------------------------- | 100 | 28 | 72 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.9 | 1.5 |
| Tonsillectomy and/or adenoidectomy------ | 1,063 | 482 | 581 | 8.9 | 13.5 | 6.9 | 12.2 |
| Stomach ulcers-------------------------- | 91 | 62 | 29 | 0.8 | 1.7 | 0.3 | 0.6 |
| Other operations on stomach | 81 | 25 | 56 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 1.2 |
| Appendectomies- | 410 | 188 | 222 | 3.4 | 5.3 | 2.6 | 4.7 |
| Repair of hernias----------------------- | 499 | 379 | 120 | 4.2 | 10.6 | 1.4 | 2.5 |
| Intestines- | 210 | 107 | 103 | 1.7 | 3.0 | 1.2 | 2.2 |
| Hemorrhoids | 259 | 122 | 137 | 2.2 | 3.4 | 1.6 | 2.9 |
| Gallbladder------------------------------ | 300 | 88 | 212 | 2.5 | 2:5 | 2.5 | 4.5 |
|  | 103 | 57 | 46 | 0.9 | 1.6 | 0.5 | 1.0 |
| Bladder----------------------------------- | 164 | 60 | 104 | 1.4 | 1.7 | 1.2 | 2.2 |
| Male genital system---------------------- | 282 | 282 | $\cdots$ | 2.3 | 7.9 |  |  |
|  | 359 | -•• | 359 | 3.0 | $\cdots$ | 4.3 | 7.6 |
| Other female genital--------------------- | 1,332 | $\cdots$ | 1,332 | 11.1 | ... | 15.8 | 28.1 |
| Reduction of fractures and dislocations- | 627 | 335 | 293 | 5.2 | 9.4 | 3.5 | 6.2 |
| Cesarean deliveries---------------------- | 137 | ... | 137 | 1.1 | ... | 1.6 | - |
| All other deliveries | 3,559 |  | 3,559 | 29.6 | - | 42.2 |  |
| All other operations-------------------- | 2,144 | 1,180 | 964 | 17.9 | 33.1 | 11.4 | 20.3 |

NOTE: Estimates of discharges are based on the experience of members of the sampled households who were alive at the time of the family interview.
${ }^{1}$ See Appendix II for definition of surgical operation.

Table 26. Average annual population used in obtaining rates shown in this publication by age and sex: United States, 1958-1960
[Data are based on household interviews and refer to the living, civilian, noninstitutional population. The survey design and information on the reliability of the estimates are given in Appendix I. Definitions of terms are given in Appendix II]

| Age | Both sexes | Male | Female |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Population in thousands |  |  |
| All ages-- | 172,961 | 84,169 | 88,791 |
| Under 5 | 19,787 | 10,078 | 9,709 |
| 5-14 | 34;982 | 17,855 | 17,128 |
| 15-24- | 22,377 | 10,556 | 11,821 |
| 25-34- | 22,232 | 10,634 | 11,599 |
| 35-44-- | 23,224 | 11,153 | 12,071 |
| 45-54- | 20,217 | 9,839 | 10,379 |
| 55-64-- | 15,150 | 7,267 | 7,883 |
| 65-74- | 9,852 | 4,576 | 5,276 |
| 75+-- | 5,139 | 2,213 | 2,926 |

NOTE: For official population estimates for more general use, see Bureau of the Census reports on the civilian population of the United States, in Current Population Reports: Series P-20, P-25, and P-60.

Table 27. Average annual population used in obtaining rates shown in this publication by region, residence, race, sex, and age: United States, 1958-1960
[Data are based on household interviows and refer to the living, civilian, noninstitutional population. The survey design and information on the reliability of the estimates are given in Appendix I. Definitions of terms are given in Appendix II]

| Sex and age | Total | Region |  |  |  | Residence |  |  | Race |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Northeast | $\begin{aligned} & \text { North } \\ & \text { Central } \end{aligned}$ | South | West | Urban | Rural nonfarm | Rural <br> farm | White | Nonwhite |
|  | Population in thousands |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| All ages---- | 172,961 | 43,874 | 52,096 | 51,760 | 25,232 | 103,834 | 48,719 | 20,408 | 153,540 | 19,421 |
| Under 15---------- | 54,769 | 12,607 | 16,870 | 16,971 | 8,322 | 30,109 | 17,757 | 6,904 | 47,269 | 7,501 |
| 15-24- | 22,377 | 5,322 | 6,662 | 7,315 | 3,078 | 13,518 | 5,953 | 2,906 | 19,566 | 2,811 |
| 25-34-------------- | 22,232 | 5,722 | 6,698 | 6,542 | 3,270 | 13,162 | 7,105 | 1,966 | 19,733 | 2,500 |
| 35-44------------- | 23,224 | 6,178 | 6,991 | 6,542 | 3,513 | 14,187 | 6,654 | 2,383 | 20,896 | 2,328 |
| 45-64- | 35,367 | 9,884 | 10,361 | 10,221 | 4,902 | 23,059 | 7,922 | 4,386 | 32,125 | 3,242 |
| 65+-- | 14,991 | 4,161 | 4,514 | 4,168 | 2,147 | 9,799 | 3,328 | 1,863 | 13,951 | 1,040 |
| Male |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| All ages---- | 84,169 | 21,260 | 25,780 | 24,856 | 12,274 | 49,541 | 24,139 | 10,489 | 74,826 | 9,343 |
| Under 15---------- | 27,932 | 6,426 | 8,627 | 8,624 | 4,254 | 15,313 | 9,080 | 3,540 | 24,168 | 3,765 |
| 15-24-- | 10,556 | 2,554 | 3,173 | 3,428 | 1,401 | 6,238 | 2,804 | 1,515 | 9,226 | 1,330 |
| 25-34------------- | 10,634 | 2,764 | 3,310 | 3,061 | 1,499 | 6,338 | 3,329 | 966 | 9,503 | 1,131 |
| 35-44-------------- | 11,153 | 2,946 | 3,426 | 3,079 | 1,702 | 6,642 | 3,341 | 1,170 | 10,079 | 1,074 |
| 45-64------------- | 17,106 | 4,725 | 5,152 | 4,815 | 2,414 | 10,818 | 3,994 | 2,294 | 15,552 | 1,554 |
| 65+-- | 6,789 | 1,844 | 2,092 | 1,849 | 1,004 | 4,193 | 1,591 | 1,004 | 6,299 | 490 |
| Female |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| All ages---- | 88,791 | 22,614 | 26,316 | 26,904 | 12,957 | 54,292 | 24,580 | 9,919 | 78,714 | 10,078 |
| Under 15---------- | 26,837 | 6,180 | 8,243 | 8,346 | 4,067 | 14,796 | 8,678 | 3,363 | 23,101 | 3,736 |
| 15-24------------- | 11,821 | 2,768 | 3,489 | 3,887 | 1,677 | 7,280 | 3,150 | 1,392 | 10,340 | 1,481 |
| 25-34------------- | 11,599 | 2,958 | 3,388 | 3,481 | 1,771 | 6,824 | 3,775 | 1,000 | 10,230 | 1,369 |
| 35-44-------------- | 12,071 | 3,232 | 3,565 | 3,464 | 1,811 | 7,546 | 3,312 | 1,213 | 10,817 | 1,254 |
| 45-64------------- | 18,261 | 5,158 | 5,209 | 5,407 | 2,487 | 12,241 | 3,928 | 2,092 | 16,573 | 1,688 |
| 65+--------------- | 8,202 | 2,317 | 2,422 | 2,319 | 1,144 | 5,606 | 1,737 | 859 | 7,653 | 550 |

NOTE: For official population estimates for more general use, see Bureau of the Census reports on the civilian population of the United States, in Current Population Reports: Series P-20, P-25, and P-60.

Table 28. Average annual population used in obtaining rates shown in this publication by usual activity status, sex, and age: United States, 1958-1960
[Data are based on household interviews and refer to the living, civilian, noninstitutional population. The survey design and information on the reliability of the estimates are given in Appendix I. Definitions of terms are given in Appendix II]

| Sex and age | Usual activity status |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { All } \\ \text { activities } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { School }{ }^{1} \\ & \text { and } \\ & \text { preschool } \end{aligned}$ | Usually working | Keeping house | Retired | Other |
| Both sexes Population in thousands | Population in thousands |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 172,961 | 60,319 | 60,264 | 36,240 | 6,134 | 10,004 |
| Under 17------------------------- | 60,319 | 60,319 | 7,272 | 3,477 | ... | 6,079 |
| 17-24- | 16,828 | ... |  |  |  |  |
| 25-34---------------------------- | 22,232 | ... | 13,30014,913 | 7,9757,626 | $\ldots$ | 957684 |
|  | 23, 224 | ... |  |  | ... |  |
| 45-64-------------------------- | 35,367 | ... | $\begin{array}{r} 22,059 \\ 2,720 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 11,097 \\ 6,065 \end{array}$ | 7255,408 | 1,486798 |
|  | 14,991 | ... |  |  |  |  |
|  | 84,169 30,750 |  | 42,055 | . . . | 4,963 | 6,402 |
| Under 17------------------------ | $\begin{array}{rr}30,750 \\ 7,738\end{array} \quad 30,750$ |  | 4,170 | ... | $\ldots$ | 3,969 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 25-34---------------------------- | 10,634 | $\cdots$ | 9,85810,616 | $\ldots$ | . $\quad$. | 776536 |
| 35-44-----------------------------1-2- | 11,153 | ... |  |  |  |  |
|  | 17,106 6,789 | . | $\begin{array}{r} 15,354 \\ 2,058 \end{array}$ | $\cdots$ | 604 4,359 | 1,148 372 |
| All ages-------------------- | 88,791 | 29,569 | 18,210 | 36,240 | 1,170 | 3,602 |
| Under 17------------------------- | 29,569 | 29,569 | 3,103 | 3,477 | ... | 2,510 |
|  | 9,089 | ... |  |  |  |  |
|  | 11,599 | $\cdots$ | $\begin{aligned} & 3,443 \\ & 4,297 \end{aligned}$ | 7,9757,626 | $\ldots$ | 181 |
|  | 12,071 | . . |  |  |  |  |
|  | 18,261 | -•• | $\begin{array}{r} 6,706 \\ 662 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 11,097 \\ 6,065 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 121 \\ 1,049 \end{array}$ | 337426 |
|  | 8,202 | ... |  |  |  |  |

NOTE: For official population estimates for more general use, see Bureau of the Census reports on the civilian population of the United States, in Current Population Reports: Series P-20, P-25, and P-60.
${ }^{1}$ Persons aged 17 years and over who were going to school are included with the "Other" group.

Table 29. Average annual population used in obtaining rates shown in this publication by family income, household composition, sex, and age: United States, 1958-1960
[Data are based on household interviews and refer to the living, civilian, noninstitutional population. The survey design and information on the reliability of the estimates are given in Appendix I. Definitions of terms are given in Appendix II]

| Sex and age | Total | Family income |  |  |  |  | Household composition |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Under } \\ & \$ 2,000 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \$ 2,000- \\ 3,999 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \$ 4,000- \\ 6,999 \end{gathered}$ | \$7,000+ | Unknown | Living <br> alone | ```Living with nonrela- tives``` | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Living } \\ & \text { with } \\ & \text { relatives } \end{aligned}$ |
|  | Population in thousands |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| All ages | 172,961 | 24,680 | 36,106 | 61,284 | 39,262 | 11,629 | 6,922 | 3,752 | 162,287 |
| Under 15---------- | 54,769 | 6,257 | 11,784 | 21,898 | 12,015 | 2,815 | (*) | (*) | 54,714 |
| 15-24-------------- | 22,377 | 3,496 | 5,164 | 7,358 | 4;723 | 1,636 | 360 | 1,197 | 20,820 |
| 25-34--------------- | 22,232 | 1,933 | 4,439 | 9,632 | 5,129 | 1,099 | 500 | 481 | 21,251 |
| 35-44-------------- | 23,224 | 1,916 | 4,025 | 8,980 | 6,864 | 1,438 | 694 | 354 | 22,176 |
| 45-64--------------- | 35,367 | 5,264 | 7,127 3,566 | 10,991 2,426 | 8,847 1,683 | 3,139 1,501 | 2,573 2,792 | 916 750 | 31,878 11,449 |
| Male |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| All ages----- | 84,169 | 11,239 | 17,237 | 30,482 | 19,733 | 5,479 | 2,360 | 1,982 | 79,828 |
| Under 15----------- | 27,932 | 3,163 | 5,976 | 11,205 | 6,165 | 1,424 | (*) | (*) | 27,906 |
| 15-24--------------- | 10,556 | 1,752 | 2,296 | 3,336 | 2,344 | 827 | 136 | 720 | 9,700 |
| 25-34----------2--- | 10,634 | 903 | 2,119 | 4,651 | 2,419 | 542 | 265 | 319 | 10,050 |
| 35-44--------------- | 11,153 | 829 | 1,812 | 4,489 | 3,359 | 664 | 331 | 213 | 10,609 |
| 45-64-------------- | 17,106 | 2,078 | 3,242 | 5,660 | 4,677 | 1,449 | 817 | 402 | 15,887 |
| 65+----------------- | 6,789 | 2,515 | 1,792 | 1,141 | 769. | 572 | 809 | 305 | 5,675 |
| Female |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| All ages----- | 88,791 | 13,441 | 18,869 | 30,803 | 19,529 | 6,150 | 4,562 | 1,770 | 82,460 |
| Under 15----------- | 26,837 | 3,095 | 5,808 | 10,694 | 5,850 | 1,391 | (*) | (*) | 26,808 |
| 15-24------------- | 11,821 | 1,743 | 2,868 | 4,021 | 2,379 | 809 | 224 | 477 | 11,120 |
| 25-34-------------- | 11,599 | 1,030 | 2,320 | 4,982 | 2,710 | 557 | 235 | 162 | 11,202 |
| 35-44--------------- | 12,071 | 1,087 | 2,213 | 4,491 | 3,505 | 774 | 363 | 141 | 11,567 |
| 45-64-------------- | 18,261 | 3,186 | 3,886 | 5,331 | 4,170 | 1,690 | 1,756 | 515 | 15,990 |
| 65+---------------- | 8,202 | 3,300 | 1,774 | 1,284 | 915 | 929 | 1,983 | 446 | 5,773 |

NOTE: For official population estimates for more general use, see Bureau of the Census reports on the civilian population of the United States, in Current Population Reports: Series P-20, P-25, and P-60.

## APPENDIX I: TECHNICAL NOTES ON METHODS

## Background of This Report

This report on hospital discharges is one of a series of statistical reports prepared by the U. S. National Health Survey which cover separate health-related topics. It is based on information collected in a continuing nationwide sample of households in the Health Interview Survey, which is one of the major projects of the U. S. National Health Survey.

The Health Interview Survey utilizes a questionnaire which elicits information on illnesses, injuries, chronic conditions, disability, medical care, and other health topics in addition to personal and demographic characteristics. As data relating to each of these various broad topics are tabulated and analyzed, separate reports are issued which cover one or more of the specific topics.

The population covered by the sample for the Health Interview Survey is the civilian noninstitutional population of the United States living at the time of interview. The sample does not include members of the Armed Forces, U. S. nationals living in foreign countries, or crews of vessels. It should also be noted that the estimates shown do not represent a complete count of discharges from short-stay hospitals during the two years since no adjustment has been made for household members who were hospitalized during the 6 -month recall period but who died prior to the time the household was interviewed.

## Statistical Design of the Health Interview Survey

General plan. - The sampling plan of the survey follows a multistage probability design which permits a continuous sampling of the civilian noninstitutional population of the United States. The first stage of this design consists of drawing a sample of 500 from the 1,900 geographically defined Primary Sampling Units (PSU's) into which the United States has been divided. A PSU is a county, a group of contiguous counties, or a Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area.

With no loss in general understanding, the remaining stages can be telescoped and treated in this discussion as an ultimate stage. Within PSU's then, ultimate stage units called segments are defined, also geographically, in such a manner that each segment contains an expected six households. Each week a random sample of about 120 .segments is drawn. In the approximately 700 households in these segments, household members are interviewed concerning factors related to health.

Since the household members interviewed each week are a representative sample of the population, samples for successive weeks can be combined into
larger samples. Thus the design permits both continuous measurement of characteristics of high incidence or prevalence in the population and, through the larger consolidated samples, more detailed analysis of less common characteristics and smaller categories. The continuous collection has administrative and operational advantages as well as technical assets, since it permits field work to be handled with an experienced, stable staff.

Sample size and geographic detail.-The national sample plan over the two-year period ending June 26 , 1960 includes approximately 245,000 persons from 75,000 households in 12,600 segments, with representation from every State. The sample was designed in such a fashion that tabulations can be provided for the four main regions and for urban and rural sectors of the United States.

Collection of data. - The field operations for the household survey are performed by the Bureau of the Census under specifications established by the National Health Survey. In accordance with these specifications the Bureau of the Census designs and selects the sample, conducts the field interviewing, carries out quality control procedures, and reviews and codes the questionnaires.

Processing of data.-The coded data are processed on electronic computers by the National Health Survey staff. Included in this processing are assignment of weights, ratio adjustments, and related procedures necessary to project the data to national estimates. Another phase of this processing procedure involves carrying out internal edits and consistency checks to insure that the data are not incorrect due to errors in recording responses, coding, or processing. No editing can, of course, be expected to remove error or bias in reporting by respondents. Finally, the weekly data are combined to provide quarterly and annual data and tabulations are prepared which give estimates of aggregates, rates, and other statistical measures.

Estimating methods.-Each statistic produced by the survey-for example, the number of discharges from short-stay hospitals for persons aged 15-24 years-is the result of two stages of ratio estimation.

The first stage ratio factor is: the 1950 decennial census population of the United States divided by the estimated 1950 population in the sample of 500 PSU's selected for the U. S. National Health Survey.

This factor is applied for some 50 color-residence classes.

The second stage ratio factors are: official Bureau of the Census estimates of the current population divided by estimates produced by the U. S. National Health Survey sample. These factors are computed for about 60 age-sex-color classes.

The effect of the ratio estimating process is to make the sample closely representative of the U. S. population by age, sex, color, and residence, thus reducing sampling variance.

The survey questionnaire uses a 12 -month recall period for hospitalizations. That is, the respondent is asked to report hospitalizations which occurred during the 12 months prior to the week of interview. Information is also obtained as to the date of entry into the hospital and duration of stay. Analysis of this information, and also the results of special studies, has shown that there is an increase in underreporting of hospitalizations with increase in time interval between the discharge and the interview. Exclusive of the hospital experience of decedents, the net underreporting with a 12 months' recall is in the neighborhood of 10 percent, but underreporting of discharges within 6 months of the week of interview is estimated to be less than 5 percent. For this reason all of the data included in this report are based upon hospital discharges reported to have occurred within 6 months of the week of interview. Since the interviews were evenly distributed according to weekly probability samples throughout any 1 interviewing year, no seasonal bias was introduced by doubling the 6 -month recall data to produce an annual estimate for that year of interviewing. Doubling the six months' data in effect imputes to the entire year preceding the interview the rate of hospital discharges actually observed during the 6 months prior to interview.

The basic statistical estimate presented in this report is the average annual number of hospital discharges experienced during a year by the population alive at the end of the year. The estimates for the two 1-year periods of interviewing, July 1958-June 1959 and July 1959-June 1960 were averaged to produce annual rates of hospital discharges with lower variances than would have been obtained from the use of a single year of data. As previously stated, the associated population is the average civilian noninstitutional population during the period July 1958June 1960. The hospital data refer to hospital discharges that occurred during the year prior to the week of interview and therefore may be said to include discharges that took place from July 1957June 1960. (Tabulated data include discharges occurring from January 1958-June 1960, but imputed from the 6month recall to have occurred during a $12-$ month period. This procedure introduces only a very slight bias in the estimates as a result of the gradual upward trend in hospital utilization.) It is recognized that somereaders may wish to relate the data of this report to other information for which calendar year data are available. For such a purpose, the annual estimates presented here are perluaps best considered as average annual estimates for discharges occurring in the calendar years 1958 and 1959.

## General Qualifications

Nonresponse. - Data are adjusted for nonresponse by a procedure which imputes to persons in a household which was not interviewed the characteristics of persons in households which were interviewed in the same segment. The total noninterview rate was 5 percent; 1 percent was refusal, and the other 4 percent
was primarily due to the failure to find any eligible household respondent after repeated trials.

The interview process. - The statistics presented in this report are based on replies secured in interviews in the sampled households. Each person 18 years of age and over, available at the time of interview, was interviewed individually. Proxy respondents within the household were employed for adults not available at the time of the interview and for children, provided the respondent was closely related to the person about whcm information was being obtained.

Population figures.-Some of the published tables include population figures for specified categories. Except for certain over-all totals which are adjusted to independent estimates, these figures are based on the sample of households in the U.S. National Health Survey. They are given primarily for the purpose of providing denominators for rate computation and populations for sampling errors, and for this purpose are more appropriate for use with the accompanying measurements of health characteristics than other population data which may be available. In some instances they will permit users to recombine published data into classes more suitable to their specific needs. The population figures differ from corresponding figures (which are derived from different sources) published in reports of the Bureau of the Census. For population data for general use, see the official estimates presented in Bureau of the Census reports in the $\mathrm{P}-20, \mathrm{P}-25$, and $\mathrm{P}-60$ series.

## Reliability of Estimates

Since the estimates are based on a sample, they differ somewhat from the figures that would have been obtained if a complete census had been taken using the same schedules, instructions, and interviewing personnel and procedures. As in any survey, the results are also subject to measurement error.

The standard error is primarily a measure of sampling variability; that is, the variations that might occur by chance because only a sample of the population is surveyed. As calculated for this report, the standard error also reflects part of the variation which arises in the measurement process. It does not include estimates of any biases which might lie in the data. The chances are about 68 out of 100 that an estimate from the sample differs from the value obtained from a complete census by less than the standard error. The chances are about 95 out of 100 that the difference is less than twice the standard error and about 99 out of 100 that it is less than $2 \not / 2$ times as large.

In order to derive standard errors which would be applicable to a wide variety of health statistics and which could be prepared at a moderate cost, a number of approximations were required. As a result, the tables of standard errors shown in this Appendix should be interpreted as providing estimates of approximate standard errors, rather than as the precise standard errors for any specific statistic.

The following rules will enable the reader to determine the sampling errors for the data contained in this report:

1. Estimates of aggregates: Approximate standard errors of estimates of aggregates for the number
of hospital discharges and the number of hospital days are obtained from the appropriate columns of table I.

## Example:

There were $19,875,000$ discharges from shortstay hospitals. Since the standard error for this estimate is not shown in table I, it is necessary to interpolate between the standard error for $10,000,000$ discharges which is 256,000 and the standard error for $20,000,000$ discharges which is 352,000 . Such interpolation gives 351,000 as the standard error for $19,875,000$ discharges.

Table I. Standard errors of estimates of aggregates
(A11 numbers shown in thousands)

| Size of estimate | Hospital discharges and population estimates | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Hospital } \\ & \text { days } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 100------------- | 24 | 44 |
| 200------------- | 35 | 58 |
| 500------------- | 52 | 87 |
| 1,000------------- | 80 | 112 |
| 2,000------------- | 112 | 160 |
| 3,000------------- | 135 | 192 |
| 5,000-------------- | 176 | 256 |
| 10,000------------- | 256 | 384 |
| 20,000-------------- | 352 | 592 |
| 30,000-------------- | 417 | 777 |
| 50,000-------------- | 505 | 1,150 |
| 100,000------------- | 560 | 2,080 |
| 200,000------------- | 640 | 3,840 |

[^4]2. Estimates of percentages based on hospital discharges: Approximate standard errors of the percentages shown in tables based on hospital discharges are given in the appropriate columns of table 11.

Example:
Of the $12,509,000$ discharges reported for females, 21.9 percent of these discharges were for the age group 15-24. Since neither the base nor the percentage is shown in table II it is necessary to interpolate. Interpolating between 10 percent and 25 percent we obtain 0.9 as the standard error of 21.9 percent with a base of $10,000,000$ and 0.7 as the standard error of 21.9 percent with a base of $20,000,000$. A final interpolation between these results yields 0.9 as the standard error of 21.9 percent with a base of 12,509,000 discharges.
3. Estimates of percentages based on hospital days: Approximate standard errors of the percentages shown in tables based on hospital days are given in the appropriate columns of table III.

## Example:

Of the $166,935,000$ days reported for both sexes, 7.5 percent of these days were for persons 75 years and over. Since neither the base nor the percentage is shown in table III we must interpolate. Interpolating between 5 percent and 10 percent we obtain 0.3 as the standard error of 7.5 percent with a base of $100,000,000$ and 0.2 as the standard error of 7.5 percent with a base of $200,000,000$. A final interpolation between these results yields 0.2 as the standard error of 7.5 percent with a base of $166,935,000$ days.
4. Estimates of the number of hospital discharges as a rate of the population: Approximate standard errors for estimates of the number of discharges per 1,000 population are obtained in table II after converting the rate to a percentage. The standard error derived from table II must be multiplied by 10 so as to apply to a rate per 1,000 population.

Example:
For males aged 65-74 there were 160.6 discharges per 1,000 population. Converting the rate to a percent we obtain 16.1 percent with a base of $4,576,000$ persons aged $65-74$. Following

Table II. Standard errors of percentages based on hospital discharges

| When the base of the percentage is: (in thousands) | For estimated percentage of: |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2 or 98 | 5 or 95 | 10 or 90 | 25 or 75 | 50 |
|  | The approximate standard error (expressed in percentage points) is: |  |  |  |  |
| 200- | 2.3 | 3.4 | 4.8 | 7.0 | 8.5 |
| 500 | 1.4 | 2.2 | 3.0 | 4.5 | 5.5 |
| 1,000- | 0.9 | 1.4 | 1.9 | 2.8 | 3.3 |
| 2,000 | 0.7 | 1.1 | 1.6 | 2.3 | 2.9 |
| 3,000-1 | 0.6 | 1.0 | 1.3 | 2.0 | 2.3 |
| 5,000-- | 0.5 | 0.7 | 0.9 | 1.5 | 1.7 |
| 10,000- | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.7 | 1.0 | 1.2 |
| 20,000- | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.8 | 0.9 |

Table III. Standard errors of percentages based on hospital days

| When the base of the percentage is: (in thousands) | For estimated percentage of: |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2 or 98 | 5 or 95 | 10 or 90 | 25 or 75 | 50 |
|  | The approximate standard error (expressed in percentage points) is: |  |  |  |  |
| 200 | 4.2 | 6.5 | 9.0 | 13.3 | 16.5 |
| 500 | 2.3 | 3.6 | 5.0 | 7.4 | 9.1 |
| 1,000- | 1.7 | 2.6 | 3.6 | 5.3 | 6.7 |
| 2,000 | 1.0 | 1.6 | 2.2 | 3.2 | 3.9 |
| 3,000---------------------------------- | 0.9 | 1.4 | 2.0 | 2.9 | 3.2 |
| 5,000- | 0.6 | 1.0 | 1.3 | 2.0 | 2.4 |
| 10,000- | 0.5 | 0.7 | 0.9 | 1.4 | 1.7 |
| 20,000- | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.7 | 1.0 | 1.2 |
| 30,000- | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.6 | 0.9 | 1.0 |
| 50,000- | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.6 | 0.7 |
| 100,000 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.5 |
| 200,000------------------------------------ | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.4 |

the instructions in rule 2 results in a 1.2 percent standard error for 16.1 percent with a base of $4,576,000$. Multiplying this result by 10 yields 12.0 as the standard error of the rate of 160.6 per 1,000 population with a base population of 4,576,000.
5. Estimate of the number of hospital days per discharge (average length of stay) or per 1,000 population: Approximate standard errors for estimates of the number of hospital days per discharge or per 1,000 population are obtained as follows:
(a) Obtain the standard error of the numerator (the total number of hospital days for the particular population group being studied) from table I. Divide the standard error by the numerator itself. Square the results.
(b) Obtain the standard error for the denominator (the population of the particular group being studied) from table I. Divide the standard error by the denominator itself. Square the results. (Note: Where the denominator is adjusted to Bu reau of the Census figures (sex, age, race, and residence) and therefore is not considered subject to sampling error, this quantity is zero.)
(c) Add the answers from steps (a) and (b) above and extract the square root.
(d) Multiply the answer from step (c) by the rate. The result is the approximate standard error of the rate. This procedure normally gives an over estimate of the true sampling error.

## Examples:

A. The average length of hospital stay per discharge among persons 45-54 years of age was 11.5 days (table 1). Utilizing Rule 1 , the standard error for the numerator of $25,876,000$ days is 701,000 , and the standard error for the denominator of $2,246,000$ discharges is 118,000 . Completing the computation as follows:

$$
11.5 \sqrt{\left(\frac{701,000}{25,876,000}\right)^{2}+\left(\frac{118,000}{2,246,000}\right)^{2}}
$$

yields 0.68 as the standard error of 11.5 days of hospital stay.
B. There were 255.2 hospital days per year reported per 1,000 population aged 5-14 years (table 1). The standard error for the numerator of $8,928,000$ days is 357,000 , and the denominator, because it has been adjusted to Bureau of the Census population figures, is assumed to have no sampling error. Completing the computation as follows:

$$
255.2 \sqrt{\left(\frac{357,000}{8,928,000}\right)^{2}+0}
$$

yields 10.2 as the standard error of 255.2 hospital days per 1,000 population $5-14$ years of age.

## APPENDIX II

## definitions of certain terms used in this report

## Terms Relating to Hospitalization

Hospital discharge.-A hospital discharge is the completion of any continuous period of stay of one or more nights in a hospital, as an inpatient, except the period of stay of a well, newborn infant. A hospital discharge is recorded whenever a present member of the household is reported to have been discharged from a hospital in the 12 -month period prior to the interview week. (For this report estimates were based on discharges which occurred during the 6 -month period prior to the interview. See Appendix I.)

Hospital. -For this survey a hospital is defined as any institution meeting one of the following criteria: (l) named in the listing of hospitals in the 1957-1959 Guide Issues of Hospitals, the Journal of the American Hospital Association; (2) named in the listing of hospitals in the 1957-1960 Directories of the American Osteopathic Hospital Association; or (3) named in the annual inventory of hospitals and related facilities submitted by the States to the Division of Hospital and Medical Facilities of the U. S. Public Health Service in conjunction with the HillBurton program.

Hospital ownership.-Hospital ownership is a classification of hospitals according to the type of organization that controls and operates the hospital. The category to which an individual hospital is assigned and the definition of these categories follows the usage of the American Hospital Association.

Type of hospital service. - Type of hospital service is a classification of hospitals according to the predominant type of cases for which they provide care. The category to which an individual hospital is assigned and the definition of these categories follows the usage of the American Hospital Association.

Short-stay hospital. - A short-stay hospital is one for which the type of service is: general; maternity; eye, ear, nose, and throat; children's; osteopathic hospital; or hospital department of institution.

Hospital day.-A hospital day is a day in which a person is confined to a hospital. The day is counted as a hospital day only if the patient stays overnight. Thus, a patient who enters the hospital on Monday afternoon and leaves Wednesday noon is considered to have had two hospital days.

Estimates of the total number of hospital days are derived by summing the days for all hospital discharges. (See definition of "Hospital discharge.")

Length of hospital stay. - The length of hospital stay is the duration in days, exclusive of the day of discharge, of a hospital discharge. (See definition of 'Hospital discharge.')

Average length of stay. - The average length of stay per discharged patient is computed by dividing
the total number of hospital days for a specified group by the total number of discharges for the same group.

Condition for which hospitalized. - The condition for which hospitalized is the condition responsible for a hospitalization. If there is more than one hospital condition for any one episode, only that one belleved to be chiefly responsible for the stay in the hospital is tabulated. If a person enters a hospital for diagnostic tests, or for an operation, the condition that made the tests or operation necessary is considered to be the condition for which hospitalized.

Normal delivery in a hospital is included as a condition for which hospitalized but care of the well, newborn infant is not.

Conditions, except impairments, are coded by type according to the International Classification of Diseases, with certain modifications adopted to make the code more suitable for a household-interview type survey. For survey results for the two years ending June 30, 1960, the 1955 Revision of the International Clas-. sification was used. Impairments are coded according to a special supplementary classification.

The list at the end of this appendix shows the code numbers of the International Classification and special supplementary classification of impairments included in the condition groups used in this report.

Surgical operation.-A surgical operation includes any cutting or piercing of the skin or other tissue, stitching of cuts or wounds, and setting of fractures and dislocations. Deliveries are counted as operations. Injections and transfusions, however, are not included, nor are routine circumcisions.

Only operations performed in hospitals upon inpatients are included.

Operations are classified by type according to a condensed version of "Classification Codes for Surgical Operations and Procedures," published by the Bureau of Medical Services, Public Health Service, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, September 1954.

## Demographic, Social, and Economic Terms

Age. -The age recorded for each person is the age at last birthday. Age is recorded in single years and grouped in a variety of distributions depending upon the purpose of the table.

Race.-Race is recorded as "White," or "Nonwhite." "Nonwhite" includes Negro, American Indian, Chinese, Japanese, and so forth. Mexican persons are included with "White" unless definitely known to be Indian or other nonwhite race.

Income of family or of unrelated individuals.-Each member of a family is classified according to the total
income of the family of which he is a member. Within the household all persons related to each other by blood, marriage, or adoption constitute a family. Unrelated individuals are classified according to their own income.

The income recorded is the total of all income received by members of the family (or by an unrelated individual) in the 12 -month period ending with the week of interview. Income from all sources is included, e.g., wages, salaries, rents from property, pensions, help from relatives, and so forth.

Education of family head or of unrelated individuals. - Each member of a family is classified according to the education of the head of the family of which he is a member. Within the household all persons related to each other by blood, marriage, or adoption constitute a family. Unrelated individuals areclassified according to their own education.

The categories of educational status show the highest grade of school completed. Only grades completed in regular schools, where persons are given a formal education, are included. A 'regular" school is one which advances a person toward an elementary or high school diploma, or a college, university, or professional school degree. Thus, education in vocational, trade, or business schools outside the regular school system is not counted in determining the highest grade of school completed.

Usual activity status. - All persons 6 years old or over are classified according to their usual activity status during the 12 -month period prior to the week of interview. The "usual" activity status, in case more than one is reported, is the one at which the person spent the most time during the 12 -month period.

The categories of usual activity status are: usually working, usually going to school and preschool, usually keeping house, retired, and other. For several reasons these categories are not comparable with somewhat similarly named categories in official Federal labor force statistics. First, the responses concerning usual activity status are accepted without detailed questioning, since the objective of the question is not to estimate the numbers of persons in labor force categories but to identify crudely certain population groups which may have differing health problems. Second, the figures represent the usual activity status over the period of an entire year, whereas official labor force statistics relate to a much shorter period, usually one week. Finally, in the definitions of the specific categories which follow, certain marginal groups are classified in a different manner to simplify the procedures.

1. Usually working.-A term applied to an individual, 17 years of age or older, who was gainfully employed as a paid employee, a selfemployed person, or as a worker in a family business for more than half of the 12 months prior to the interview. A person who does only volunteer or unpaid work-such as work in his own home or work for the church or communityis not considered gainfully employed.
2. Usually going to school and preschool.-This group is defined by age. All persons under 17 years of age fall into this category. Any person 17 years old or over who reports his major activity as usually going to school is classified as "Other."
3. Usually keeping house includes any activity described as "keeping house" which cannot be classified as "working" or "going to school."
4. Retired includes persons 45 years old or over who consider themselves to be retired. In case of doubt, a person 45 years old or over is counted as retired if he, or she, has either voluntarily or involuntarily stopped working, is not looking for work, and is not described as ''keeping house." A retired person may or may not be unable to work.
5. Other includes persons 17 years of age or over not classed in any of the other categories. Examples of inclusions are: a person who states that he spent most of the past 12 months looking for work or going to school, a person doing volunteer work only, a person under 45 years of age who describes himself as "retired" or 'taking it easy," a person under 45 years of age who is described as "unable to work," or a person 45 years of age or over who describes himself as "unable to work" and is not "retired."
Household composition.-Household composition defines the individual's relationship to other persons within the same household. For this report the definition of household composition consists of three cateigories as follows:
6. Living alone,-Persons living in one-member households.
7. Living with nonrelatives.-Persons living in a household with another person or persons, none of whom are related to him by blood, marriage, or adoption.
8. Living with relatives.-Persons living in a household with another person or persons, of whom one or more are related to him by blood, marriage, or adoption.

## Location of Residence Term's

Urban and rural residence.-The definition of urban and rural areas used in the U. S. National Health Survey is the same as that used in the 1950 Census. According to this definition, the urban population comprises all persons living in (a) places of 2,500 inhabitants or more incorporated as cities, boroughs, and villages; (b) incorporated towns of 2,500 inhabitants or more except in New England, New York, and Wisconsin, where "Towns" are simply minor civil divisions of counties; (c) the densely settled urban fringe, including both incorporated and unincorporated areas, around cities of 50,000 or more; and (d) unincorporated places of 2,500 inhabitants or more outside any urban fringe. The remaining population is classified as rural.

Farm and nonfarm residence. -The rural population may be subdivided into the rural-farm population, which comprises all rural residents living on farms, and the rural-nonfarm population, which comprises the remaining rural population.

In deciding whether the members of a household reside on a farm or a ranch, the statement of the household respondent that the house is on a farm or ranch is accepted, with the following exception. A house occupied by persons who pay cash rent for
house and yard only is not counted as a farm or ranch even if the surrounding area is farm land. This special case does not cover: (1) the living quarters of a tenant farmer who rents farm land as well as house and yard; (2) the quarters of a hired hand who receives living quarters on a farm as part of his compensation; or (3) separate living quarters inside a structure which is classified as on a farm. In all these cases the living quarters are counted as on a farm.

Region.-The least detailed classification of the population by geographic area of residence is provided by the grouping of states into four major regions. These regions correspond to those used by the Bureau of the Census. They are as follows:

## Region

States Included

Northeast Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island,

Northeast-Con. Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania
North Central Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas
South

West

Delaware, Maryland, District of Columbia, Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Texas
Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, Utah, Nevada, Alaska, Washington, Oregon, California, Hawaii

Infective and parasitic diseases
Malignant neoplasms
Benign and unspecified neoplasms
Diabetes mellitus
Other endocrine, allergic, and metabolic disorders
Mental and personality disorders
Intracranial lesions
Diseases of the eye
Other diseases of nervous system and sense organs
Heart diseases
Hypertension without heart involvement
Varicose veins (excluding hemorrhoids)
Hemorrhoids
Other circulatory diseases
Upper respiratory conditions
Other respiratory conditions
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum
Appendicitis
Hernia
Diseases of the gallbladder
Other digestive system conditions
Male genital disorders
Female breast and genital disorders
Other genitourinary conditions
Deliveries
Complications of pregnancy and the puerperium
Diseases of the skin
Arthritis, all forms
Other diseases of bones and joints
Other diseases of the musculoskeletal system
Fractures and dislocations
Other current injuries
All other conditions and observations

001-138, except 083.1, 083.2
140-205
210-239
260-269
240-259,270-289
083.1, 083.2, 300-326, 790, X14-X19

330-334
370-388, X00-X05
340-369, 390-396, 780, 781, X06-X13
410-443
444-447
460, 462
461
400-402, 450-456, 463-468, 782
470-475, 510-517
480-502, 518-527, 783, X36
540-542
550-553
560, 561
584-586
530-539, 543-545, 570-583, 587, 784, 785, X35
610-617
620-637
590-609 (620, 621 males), 786, 789, X37, X38
660, 670-678
640-652, 680-689
690-716
720-725
730-733, 735, 738 (N800-N829) ${ }^{2}$
726-727, 740-744, 787, X20-X34, X70-X89
N800-N839 ${ }^{3}$
N840-N $999^{3}$
All other ICD and "X-Code" numbers

[^5]
## APPENDIX III

## QUESTIONNAIRE

The items.below show the exact content and wording of the questionnaire used in the household survey. The actual questionnaire is designed for a household as a unit and includes additional spaces for reports on more than one person.






| 14．Has anyone in the family－you，your－，etc．thod any of these conditions DURING THE PAST 12 MONTHS？ <br> （Read Card A，condition by condition；record any condisions mentioned in the colamn for the person） | $\square \mathrm{Yes} \quad \square$ No |
| :---: | :---: |
| 17．Does anyone in the family have ony of these conditions？ <br> （Read Card B，condition by condition；record acy conditions mentioned in the column for the person） | $\square \mathrm{Yes} \quad \square \mathrm{No}$ |
| 18．（a）LAST WEEK OR THE WEEK BEFORE did anyone in the family－you，your－，atc．－talk to a dector or ga ta a dactor＇s office or clinie？Anyone else？ <br> If＂Ye：＂ <br> （b）How meny timen during the past 2 weeks？ |  |
| （c）Whare did you tolk to the doctor？ <br> （d）How mony times at－（home، office，elinic，etc．）？ （Record total number of times for each type of place） <br> （＂Hoapital clinic＂excludes overaight stays） | Place． $\left.\begin{array}{l}\text { At bome } \ldots \ldots \ldots \\ \text { At office } \ldots \ldots \ldots \\ \text { Hospital clinic } \ldots \ldots \\ \text { Company or indusiry } \\ \text { Over telepboae } \ldots \ldots \\ \text { Other（spoctifr）} \ldots\end{array}\right]=\square$ |
| 19．（o）Lant weak or the welk before did anyone in the fonily go to o dantist？Anyone el eop If＂Yes＂ <br> （h）How many times during the poat 2 weak s？ | $\qquad$ |
| 20．How mony times olragathor in the past 12 menthe did you go to a dentiti？ | $\square$ One $\square$ Three <br> $\square$ Two  <br> $\square$ Fowr or more  <br> $\square$ None  |
| 21．（a）DURING THE PAST 12 MONTHS has anyone in the family been o patient in a heapital overnight or longer？ <br> If＂Yes＂ <br> （b）How many times were you in the hospltal？ | $\square$ Yes（Table Il）$\square^{\text {No }}$ |
| 22．（o）During the past 12 monthz has anyone in the family been a potient in a nuraing home or coniturlump <br> If＂Yes＂ <br> （b）How many times were you in a nuralng home ar acanlturlum？ |  |
| 25．Durting the past 12 monthe in which group did the tatol income of your fowily foll，that Is， your＇s，your－－＇s etce？（Show Card H）Include income from oll soarces，sueh at wogen， calaries，remte from property，penalons，help from rolatives，ete． | Group No． |



| Table II－HOSPITALIZATION DURING PAST． 12 MONTHS |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| What is the name and address of the hospital you wers in？ <br> （Eoter name，city of county and Skate） | For completed hospitalizations ooly： |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | For amy of the hoepital hill pold for by any kind of in surance？ | If ${ }^{\text {＂}}{ }^{\mathrm{No}}{ }^{\text {o }}$ to col．（k）， <br> ask： <br> Or，by any kind af plan thot poy：for hoapital costa？ <br> （1） | If＂No＂＊o both cols． <br> （k）sad（1） <br> Dayou axpeet ony of the hosplial blt to he pald for by insurence or any plan of ihia kind？ （m） | What part of the hespital bll wos（will be）token care of by insurence？ | Who carrien the salt poys the premilum？ | his insurancenthat is，who <br> （o） |
| －ーーー－ーーー－－－－ | $\begin{aligned} & \square \text { Yes (Skip } \\ & \text { to Col.a) } \\ & \square \text { No } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \square \text { Yes (Skip } \\ & \text { to col.n) } \\ & \square \text { No } \end{aligned}$ | ［］Yes No（Stop） | Uader $1 / 2$ 为up to $4 / 4$ or more | Family member（a） Employer Union，clabs，etc． | ［－］Othex（spacify） $\qquad$ |

FOOTNOTES AND COMMENTS


Series A (Program descriptions, survey designs, concepts, and definitions)
No. 1. Origin and Program of the U. S. National Health Survey. 25 cents.
No. 2. The Statistical Design of the Health Household-Interview Survey. 35 cents.
No. 3. Concepts and Definitions in the Health Household-Interview Survey. 30 cents.
Series B (Health Interview Survey results by topics)
No. 6. Acute Conditions, Incidence and Associated Disability, United States, July 1957-June 1958. 35 cents.
No. 7. Hospitalization, Patients Discharged From Short-Stay Hospitals, United States, July 1957-June 1958. 30 cents.
No. 8. Persons Injured by Class of Accident, United States, July 1957-June 1958. 40 cents.
No. 9. Impairments by Type, Age, and Sex, United States, July 1957-June 1958. 25 cents.
No. 10. Disability Days, United States, July 1957-June 1958. 40 cents.
No. 11. Limitation of Activity and Mobility Due to Chronic Conditions, United States, July 1957-June 1958. 30 cents.
No. 12. Chronic Respiratory Conditions Reported in Interviews, United States, July 1957-June 1958. 30 cents.
No. 13. Heart Conditions and High Blood Pressure Reported in Interviews, United States, July 1957-June 1958. 30 cents.
No. 14. Dental Care, Interval and Frequency of Visits, United States, July 1957-June 1959. 35 cents.
No. 15. Dental Care, Volume of Visits, United States, July 1957-June 1959. 35 cents.
No. 16. Types of Injuries, Incidence and Associated Disability, United States, July 1958-June 1959. 30 cents.
No. 17. Peptic Ulcers Reported in Interviews, United States, July 1957•June 1959. 25 cents.
No. 18. Acute Conditions, Incidence and Associated Disability, United States, July 1958-June 1959. 30 cents.
No. 19. Volume of Physician Visits, United States, July 1957-June 1959. 40 cents.
No. 20 Arthritis and Rheumatism Reported in Interviews, United States, July 1957-June 1959. 25 cents.
No. 21. Diabetes Reported in Interviews, United States, July 1957-June 1959. 25 cents.
No. 22. Loss of Teeth, United States, July 1957-June 1958. 25 cents.
No. 23. Acute Conditions, Geographic Distribution, United States, July 1958-June 1959. 30 cents.
No. 24. Acute Conditions, Seasonal Variations, United States, July 1957-June 1960. 35 cents.
No. 25. Hernias Reported in Interviews, United States, July 1957-June 1959. 25 cents.
No. 26. Interim Report on Health Insurance, United States, July-December 1959. 45 cents.
No. 27. Distribution and Use of Hearing Aids, Wheel Chairs, Braces, and Artificial Limbs, United States, July 1958-June 1959. 25 cents.
No. 28. Persons Receiving Care at Home, United States, July 1958-June 1959. 30 cents.
No. 29. Disability Days, United States, July 1959-June 1960. 40 cents.
No. 30. Proportion of Hospital Bill Paid By Insurance, Patients Discharged From Short-Stay Hospitals, United States, July 1958 -June 1960. 40 cents.
No. 31. Duration of Limitation of Activity Due to Chronic Conditions, United States, July 1959-June 1960. 30 cents.
No. 32. Hospital Discharges and Length of Stay: Short-Stay Hospitals, United States, 1958-1960.
Series C (Health Interview Survey results for population groups)
No. 1. Children and Youth, Selected Health Characteristics, United States, July 1957-June 1958. 35 cents.
No. 2. Veterans, Health and Medical Care, United States, July 1957-June 1958. 40 cents.
No. 3. The Hawaii Health Survey, Description and Selected Results, Oahu, Hawaii, October 1958-September 1959.40 cents.
No. 4. Older Persons, Selected Health Characteristics, United States, July 1957-June 1959. 45 cents.
No. 5. Selected Health Characteristics by Area, Geographic Regions and Urban-Rural Residence, United States, July 1957-June 1959. 35 cents.
No. 6. Selected Health Characteristics by Area, Geographic Divisions and Large Metropolitan Areas, United States, July 1957-June 1959. 35 cents.
No. 7. Currently Employed Persons, Illness and Work-Loss Days, United States, July 1959-June 1960.

## Series D (Developmental and Evaluation Reports)

No. 1. A Study of Special Purpose Medical-History Techniques. 30 cents.
No. 2. Co-operation in Health Examination Surveys. 35 cents.
No. 3. Hospital Utilization in the Last Year of Life. 30 cents.
No. 4. Reporting of Hospitalization in the Health Interview Survey. 50 cents.
No. 5. Health Interview Responses Compared With Medical Recerds. 45 cents.
No. 6. Attitudes Toward Co-operation in a Health Examination Survey. 35 cents.
No. 7. Evaluation of a Single-Visit Cardiovascular Examination. 30 cents.

## Catalog Card

> U. S. National Health Suruey: Hospital discharges and length of stay: short-stay hospitals, United States, 1958 1960. Statistics for short-stay hospitals on patients discharged and days of hospital stay by selected characteristics of the patients and types of hospitals. Based on data collected in household interviews during July 1958 -June 1960 . Washington, U.S. Dept. of Health, Education, and Welfare, Public Health Service, 1962 . S4 p. tables. diagrs. 27 cm . (Its Health statistics, ser. B32) U. S. Public Health Service. Publication no. $584-\mathrm{B} 32$ $\begin{aligned} & \text { 1. Hospitals - U. S. } \quad \text { 2. Hospitals - Statistics. 1. Title. } \\ & \text { Cataloged by Department of Health, Education, and Welfare Library. }\end{aligned}$


[^0]:    This report was prepared by Kenneth W. Haase of the U. S. National Health Survey staff.

[^1]:    ${ }^{1}$ See Appendix II for conditions included in each category.

[^2]:    NOTE: Fstimates of discharges are based on the experience of members of the sampled households who were alive at the time of the family interview.
    ${ }^{1}$ See Appendix II for conditions included in each category.

[^3]:    NOTE: Estimates of discharges are based on the experience of members of the sampled households who were alive at the time of the family interview.
    ${ }^{1}$ Surgically treated pertains to surgery for the condition for which hospitalized only. See Appendix II for definition of surgical operation and condition for which hospitalized.
    ${ }^{2}$ See Appendix II for conditions included in each category.
    ${ }^{3}$ Certain small frequencies and corresponding percentages shown in this table may have very high error due to sampling. Any frequency less than 50,000 cases should be viewed as indicating only the general level of magnitude creatment for the condition.

[^4]:    ${ }^{1}$ Standard errors for population estimates must be computed for all estimates except sex, age, race, and residence which are adjusted to Bureau of the Census figures so are not considered subject to sampling error.

[^5]:    ${ }^{1}$ Conditions except impairments, are coded according to the Intemational Classification of Diseases with certain modifications, and impairments are coded nccording to a special supplementary classification refetred to as the "X-Code." Numbers preceded by the letter " X " refer to this special supplementary clas sification. Copies of this code are available upon request. If the conditions included in an " $1 C D^{*}$ number are equivalent to those included in an "X-Code" cate. gory, the ICD number is not used.
    ${ }^{2}$ With 9 in the 4 th digit. $\quad{ }^{3}$ Ocher than 9 in the 4 th digit.

