

**Table V.3**  
**Medicare Short-Stay Hospital Discharges by Length of Stay**  
**Calendar Year 2008**

Total Length of Stay	Discharges (aged and disabled)			Total Days of Care		
	Number	Percent Distribution	Cumulative Percent Distribution	Number	Percent Distribution	Cumulative Percent Distribution
TOTAL	11,820,795	100.0	--	66,590,540	100.0	--
1 day	1,593,920	13.5	13.5	1,593,920	2.4	2.4
2 days	1,738,505	14.7	28.2	3,477,010	5.2	7.6
3 days	1,946,585	16.5	44.7	5,839,755	8.8	16.4
4 days	1,478,495	12.5	57.2	5,913,980	8.9	25.3
5 days	1,082,320	9.2	66.3	5,411,600	8.1	33.4
6 days	829,870	7.0	73.3	4,979,220	7.5	40.9
7 days	653,605	5.5	78.9	4,575,235	6.9	47.7
8 days	480,430	4.1	82.9	3,843,440	5.8	53.5
9 days	351,685	3.0	85.9	3,165,165	4.8	58.3
10 days	271,240	2.3	88.2	2,712,400	4.1	62.3
11 days	218,700	1.9	90.1	2,405,700	3.6	66.0
12 days	172,810	1.5	91.5	2,073,720	3.1	69.1
13 days	149,355	1.3	92.8	1,941,615	2.9	72.0
14 days	136,495	1.2	93.9	1,910,930	2.9	74.9
15 days	105,435	0.9	94.8	1,581,525	2.4	77.2
16 days	82,280	0.7	95.5	1,316,480	2.0	79.2
17 days	67,800	0.6	96.1	1,152,600	1.7	80.9
18 days	58,150	0.5	96.6	1,046,700	1.6	82.5
19 days	47,470	0.4	97.0	901,930	1.4	83.9
20 days	42,820	0.4	97.4	856,400	1.3	85.1
21-30 days	209,450	1.8	99.1	5,098,380	7.7	92.8
31-40 days	56,750	0.5	99.6	1,966,520	3.0	95.8
41-50 days	22,425	0.2	99.8	1,004,725	1.5	97.3
51-60 days	10,135	0.1	99.9	557,025	0.8	98.1
61-90 days	9,690	0.1	100.0	692,260	1.0	99.1
91 days or more	4,375	(1)	100.0	572,305	0.9	100.0

<sup>1</sup> Less than 0.05%

NOTES: These data reflect individual stays. A beneficiary may use more than one stay and each is counted separately. Calendar year data are derived from the 2008 MEDPAR stay record file. This file includes stays recorded in CMS central office through June 2009. Totals do not necessarily equal the sum of rounded components. Data may differ from other sources or from the same source with different update cycle.

SOURCE: CMS/ORDI

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