

Table 2.1: Number of Community Hospitals,⁽¹⁾ 1988 – 2008

Year	All Hospitals	Urban ⁽²⁾	Rural ⁽²⁾	In Health System
1988	5,533	2,984	2,549	-
1989	5,455	2,958	2,497	-
1990	5,384	2,924	2,460	-
1991	5,342	2,921	2,421	-
1992	5,292	3,007	2,285	-
1993	5,261	3,012	2,249	-
1994	5,229	2,993	2,236	-
1995	5,194	2,958	2,236	-
1996	5,134	2,908	2,226	-
1997	5,057	2,852	2,205	-
1998	5,015	2,816	2,199	-
1999	4,956	2,767	2,189	2,524
2000	4,915	2,740	2,175	2,542
2001	4,908	2,742	2,166	2,580
2002	4,927	2,749	2,178	2,606
2003	4,895	2,729	2,166	2,626
2004	4,919	2,916	2,003	2,668
2005	4,936	2,927	2,009	2,716
2006	4,927	2,926	2,001	2,755
2007	4,897	2,900	1,997	2,730
2008	5,010	3,012	1,998	2,868

Source: Avalere Health analysis of American Hospital Association Annual Survey data, 2008, for community hospitals.

⁽¹⁾ All nonfederal, short-term general, and specialty hospitals whose facilities and services are available to the public.

⁽²⁾ Data on the number of urban and rural hospitals in 2004 and beyond were collected using coding different from previous years to reflect new Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services wage area designations.

Data for Charts 2.1 and 2.4