

Self-Pay Encounters Rose and Medicaid Fell Across All Care Settings from 2022 to 2026

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Key Findings

- The self-pay share of encounters rose in all four care settings studied between early 2022 and early 2026, but unevenly: the increase was steepest in the emergency department (5.5% to 7.6%), more modest for inpatient admissions (1.9% to 2.6%) and births (0.8% to 1.3%), and moved just a little in primary care (1.8% to 1.9%).
- Medicaid declined in all four settings over the same window: emergency (18.2% to 16.1%), inpatient (13.2% to 11.7%), births (23.1% to 21.5%), and primary care (11.4% to 10.3%).

Medicaid is the joint federal-state program that pays for health care for many low-income children and adults. During the COVID-19 pandemic, a federal continuous-enrollment provision kept nearly all Medicaid enrollees covered without the usual periodic eligibility checks. That provision ended on March 31, 2023, after which states began "unwinding" it by redetermining eligibility and ending coverage for people who no longer qualified or did not complete renewal.¹ Because the federal rules left the exact timing to each state, the unwinding was staggered across the country, with states starting termination at different points from spring 2023 onward.¹ We previously found that self-pay encounters (visits where a patient rather than an insurer is the primary expected payer, often used as a proxy for being uninsured) began rising across emergency, hospital, and primary care settings as those terminations resumed,² and that self-pay emergency visits climbed in the months that followed the start of termination.³ Because the unwinding has now largely run its course, it is possible to look across a longer window and multiple care settings to see how the coverage mix shifted and whether those early changes persisted.

We studied more than 550 million U.S. health care encounters between January 2022 and June 2026. For every quarter, we calculated the share of encounters in each setting of interest (emergency department, inpatient admission, birth, and primary care) whose primary coverage was self-pay, Medicaid, traditional Medicare, Medicare Advantage, or commercial/other, counting each patient's first encounter of a given setting per quarter and excluding encounters with unknown coverage.

The self-pay share of encounters rose in all four care settings between 2022 and 2026, but the increase was not uniform. It was the largest and most visible in the emergency department, where self-pay grew from 5.5% of encounters in the first quarter of 2022 to 7.6% in the second quarter of 2026. Inpatient admissions and births saw smaller increases (1.9% to 2.6% and 0.8% to 1.3%, respectively), while the primary care share changed only slightly (1.8% to 1.9%). The direction is consistent with earlier Epic Research studies showing self-pay encounters rising as Medicaid terminations resumed.^{2,3}

Percentage of Encounters Covered by Self-Pay by Care Setting Over Time

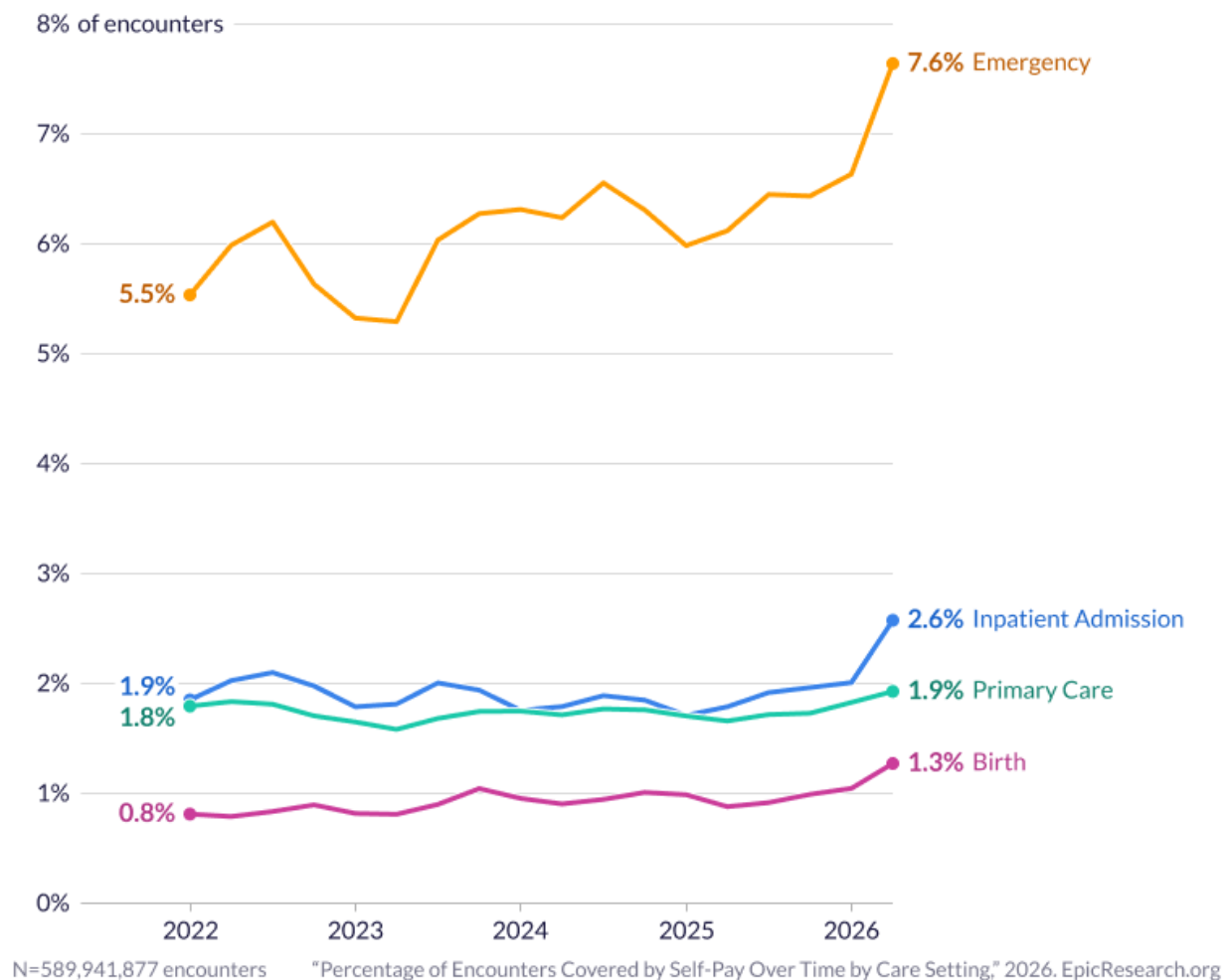


Figure 1. Quarterly percentage of encounters with self-pay as the primary coverage by care setting.

Over the same period, the Medicaid share declined in all four settings, mirroring the rise in self-pay. Births carried the highest Medicaid share throughout, going from 23.1% in early 2022 to 21.5% in early 2026. Emergency and inpatient encounters showed the steepest declines (18.2% to 16.1% and 13.2% to 11.7%), and primary care again moved least (11.4% to 10.3%).

Percentage of Encounters Covered by Medicaid by Care Setting Over Time

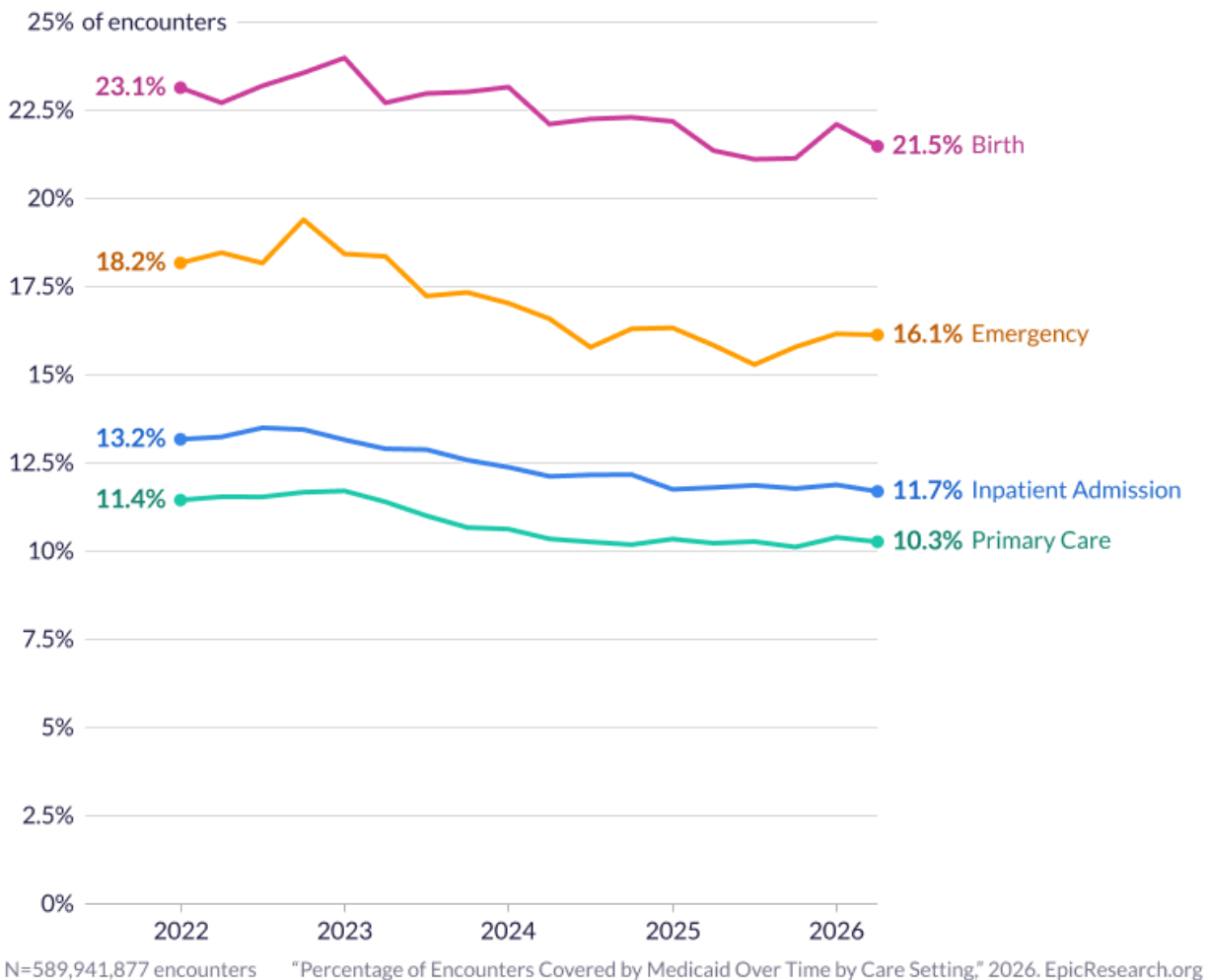


Figure 2. Quarterly percentage of encounters with Medicaid as the primary coverage by care setting.

Examining the full coverage mix in the emergency department, where the movement was largest, shows which shares grew and which shrank, though it does not trace where any individual patient's coverage went. Between 2022 and 2026, self-pay and Medicare Advantage were the only two categories to grow (self-pay 5.5% to 7.6%; Medicare Advantage 10.3% to 13.0%), while traditional Medicare (12.8% to 11.9%), Medicaid (18.2% to 16.1%), and commercial/other coverage (53.1% to 51.3%) all declined.

Emergency Department Coverage Mix Over Time

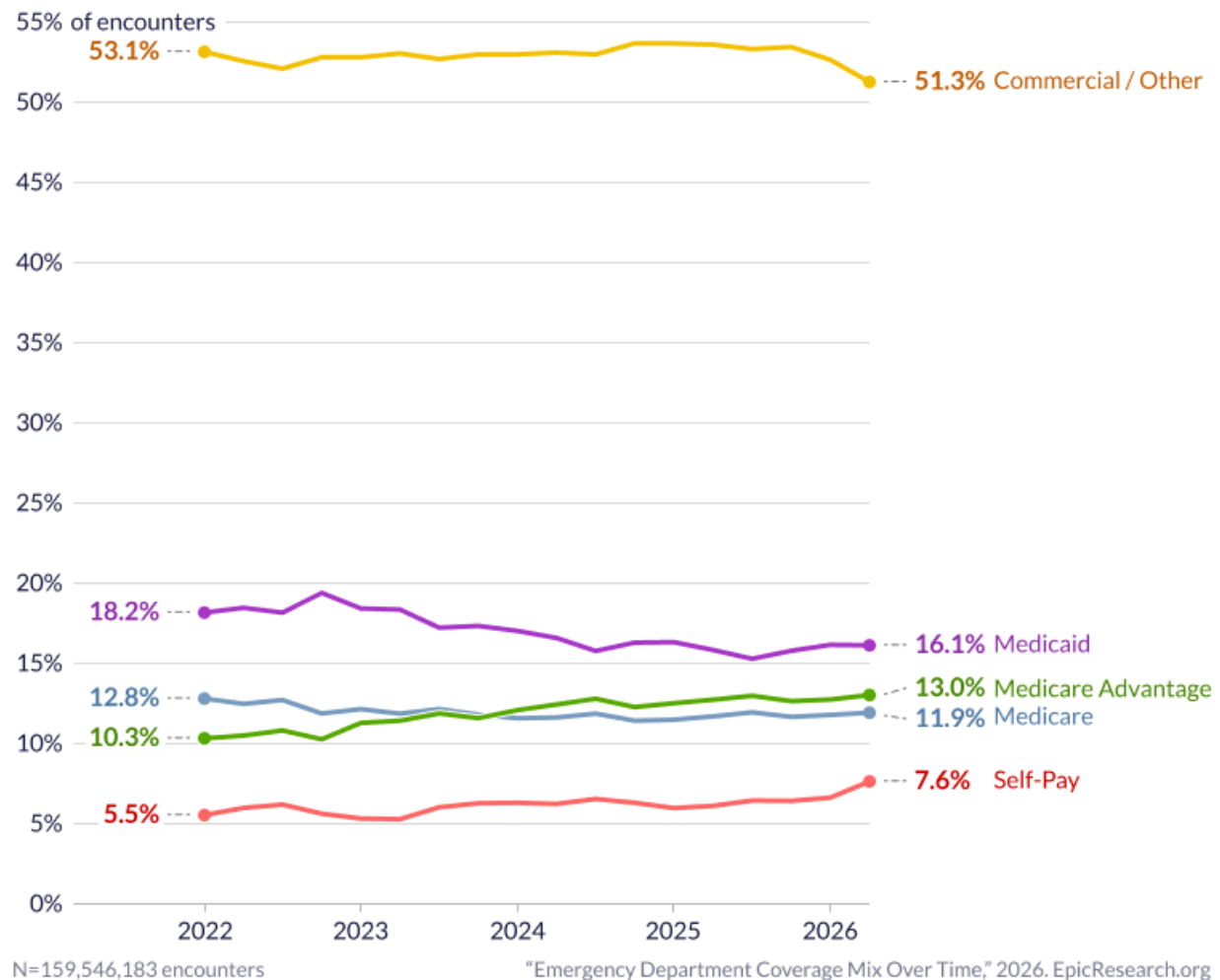


Figure 3. Quarterly distribution of primary coverage type among emergency department encounters.

These data come from Cosmos, a dataset created in collaboration with a community of Epic health systems representing more than 310 million patient records from 2,200 hospitals and more than 50,000 clinics from all 50 U.S. states, Canada, Lebanon, and Saudi Arabia. This study was completed by two teams that worked independently, each composed of a clinician and research scientist. The two teams came to similar conclusions. Graphics by Brian Olson.

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Data Definitions

Term	Definition
Study period	Q1 2022 to Q2 2026
Study population: inclusion	Encounters for patients with a current U.S. residence, at a U.S.-based department, that classify as one of four encounter types (birth encounter , primary care , inpatient , emergency). Restricted to U.S. departments contributing data across the full study period. Only the first encounter of a given type per quarter is counted per patient.
Study population: exclusion	Encounters with unknown primary coverage
Encounter classification priority	Each encounter is assigned to exactly one type with the exception that an admission from an emergency encounter was considered both emergency and inpatient . When an encounter qualified for more than one, it was assigned by: birth encounter → primary care → inpatient → emergency .
Birth encounter	An encounter in BirthFact or with a diagnosis with ICD-10-CM code O60*–O82*
Primary care	An encounter with: • A type of "Office Visit" or "Appointment" • No telehealth procedure code (CPT 99441, 99442, 99443) • A department specialty of "Adolescent Medicine," "Adult Health," "Adult Medicine," "Ambulatory Care," "Chronic Care," "Clinical Child & Adolescent," "Developmental," "Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics," "Elder Care Services," "Family Medicine," "Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC)," "General Care," "General Internal Medicine," "General Practice," "Geriatric Medicine," "Gerontology," "Internal Medicine," "Internist," "Medical," "Medical Clinic," "Physician's Office," "Preventative Medicine," "Primary Care," "Pediatric Internal Medicine," or "Pediatrics"
Inpatient	An encounter of type "Hospital Outpatient to Inpatient," "Emergency to Inpatient," or "Inpatient Admission"
Emergency	An encounter of type "Emergency" or "Emergency to Inpatient"
Exposure	Quarter of encounter start
Outcomes	Quarterly distribution of primary coverage type among like encounters, reported as percentages.
Primary coverage type	Each encounter's primary coverage was categorized as either self-pay, Medicaid, traditional Medicare, Medicare Advantage, or commercial/other. Self-pay is a proxy for uninsurance and may include cash-pay or not-yet-adjudicated encounters.
Model specifications	Simple quarterly proportions of each coverage type within each encounter type

Limitations	Coverage-mix trends may partly reflect which health systems contributed data in which quarters rather than true population change, so the analysis is restricted to full-period-contributing departments to mitigate this. Self-pay primary coverage is a proxy for lack of insurance, not a direct measure.
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Table 1. Percentage of Encounters Covered by Self-Pay Share by Care Setting Over Time Overall

Quarter	ED N	ED self-pay %	Inpatient N	Inpatient self-pay %	Birth N	Birth self-pay %	Primary care N	Primary care self-pay %
2022 Q1	7,636,210	5.5	2,093,349	1.9	321,532	0.8	17,061,244	1.8
2022 Q2	8,340,210	6.0	2,194,399	2.0	332,179	0.8	18,460,900	1.8
2022 Q3	8,616,567	6.2	2,238,936	2.1	358,189	0.8	18,676,163	1.8
2022 Q4	9,092,694	5.6	2,314,662	2.0	350,263	0.9	19,854,867	1.7
2023 Q1	8,360,201	5.3	2,253,151	1.8	330,565	0.8	19,036,838	1.7
2023 Q2	8,632,496	5.3	2,280,143	1.8	332,673	0.8	19,971,941	1.6
2023 Q3	8,673,761	6.0	2,306,260	2.0	355,560	0.9	19,985,934	1.7
2023 Q4	8,907,877	6.3	2,369,356	1.9	348,941	1.0	21,047,299	1.7
2024 Q1	8,901,892	6.3	2,387,127	1.8	335,630	1.0	20,742,424	1.7
2024 Q2	8,844,705	6.2	2,387,652	1.8	341,874	0.9	21,406,369	1.7
2024 Q3	8,878,658	6.6	2,390,626	1.9	364,497	0.9	21,524,396	1.8
2024 Q4	9,044,541	6.3	2,415,738	1.8	355,060	1.0	22,800,373	1.8
2025 Q1	9,356,564	6.0	2,449,002	1.7	343,718	1.0	22,304,984	1.7
2025 Q2	9,227,304	6.1	2,428,468	1.8	351,576	0.9	23,429,632	1.7
2025 Q3	9,260,686	6.5	2,438,506	1.9	371,428	0.9	23,582,950	1.7
2025 Q4	9,273,304	6.4	2,456,803	2.0	354,013	1.0	24,426,069	1.7
2026 Q1	9,180,059	6.6	2,442,554	2.0	340,941	1.0	23,224,305	1.8
2026 Q2	9,318,454	7.6	2,471,760	2.6	345,411	1.3	24,306,464	1.9

Table 2. Percentage of Encounters Covered by Self-Pay Share by Care Setting Over Time for Ages 0 to 4

Quarter	ED N	ED %	Inpatient N	Inpatient %	Primary care N	Primary care %
2022 Q1	633,713	1.9	341,357	0.9	1,625,003	1.2
2022 Q2	723,546	2.1	354,433	0.9	1,726,888	1.1
2022 Q3	718,354	2.2	383,384	1.0	1,697,665	1.1
2022 Q4	957,934	2.1	403,301	1.0	1,858,599	1.2
2023 Q1	708,528	2.0	361,854	1.0	1,768,542	1.1
2023 Q2	692,814	2.0	354,848	0.9	1,796,899	1.1
2023 Q3	623,740	2.8	368,625	1.1	1,725,002	1.4
2023 Q4	794,224	3.5	385,172	1.2	1,846,684	1.7
2024 Q1	750,471	3.7	366,925	1.1	1,821,907	1.8
2024 Q2	683,164	3.5	361,951	1.0	1,825,505	1.7
2024 Q3	612,146	3.6	373,572	1.1	1,775,814	1.9
2024 Q4	741,644	3.6	378,312	1.2	1,903,376	1.9
2025 Q1	821,047	3.4	372,988	1.1	1,941,239	1.8
2025 Q2	715,804	3.2	366,998	1.1	1,961,629	1.7
2025 Q3	660,998	3.4	378,804	1.1	1,944,769	1.9
2025 Q4	754,202	3.5	370,563	1.3	2,022,810	2.0
2026 Q1	793,621	3.7	368,848	1.4	2,003,899	2.0
2026 Q2	709,913	4.3	362,179	1.9	1,999,106	2.3

Table 3. Percentage of Encounters Covered by Self-Pay Share by Care Setting Over Time for Ages 5 to 17

Quarter	ED N	ED %	Inpatient N	Inpatient %	Birth N	Birth %	Primary care N	Primary care %
2022 Q1	767,710	2.4	54,487	0.9	1,669	1.3	2,011,920	1.2
2022 Q2	965,527	2.6	61,013	0.9	1,919	0.9	2,209,814	1.2
2022 Q3	890,011	2.8	61,721	1.0	2,693	1.5	2,541,310	1.4
2022 Q4	1,247,240	2.7	69,263	1.1	3,369	0.9	2,757,759	1.2
2023 Q1	931,083	2.4	61,389	0.9	1,878	1.3	2,300,014	1.1
2023 Q2	1,027,533	2.5	64,389	1.0	2,128	1.5	2,419,623	1.1
2023 Q3	882,826	3.5	61,941	1.3	2,701	1.3	2,668,688	1.4
2023 Q4	1,095,681	4.1	70,320	1.4	3,364	1.6	2,759,597	1.5
2024 Q1	1,000,627	4.5	64,390	1.4	1,845	1.6	2,473,150	1.6
2024 Q2	1,001,381	4.2	67,970	1.4	2,079	1.4	2,489,410	1.5
2024 Q3	890,289	4.4	65,270	1.5	2,682	1.2	2,813,527	1.7
2024 Q4	1,100,736	4.3	76,540	1.6	3,196	1.6	2,926,945	1.6

2025 Q1	1,034,361	4.0	66,473	1.3	1,735	2.1	2,588,775	1.5
2025 Q2	1,018,833	3.9	67,976	1.4	1,874	1.2	2,652,810	1.4
2025 Q3	907,926	4.1	64,246	1.5	2,405	1.6	3,054,272	1.6
2025 Q4	1,083,898	4.3	73,098	1.7	2,748	1.7	3,010,394	1.6
2026 Q1	1,028,849	4.5	67,079	1.7	1,973	1.2	2,700,853	1.6
2026 Q2	1,040,408	5.1	69,972	2.1	2,216	1.8	2,765,270	1.7

Table 4. Percentage of Encounters Covered by Self-Pay Share by Care Setting Over Time for Ages 18 to 34

Quarter	ED N	ED %	Inpatient N	Inpatient %	Birth N	Birth %	Primary care N	Primary care %
2022 Q1	1,779,485	9.9	154,669	5.4	236,005	0.8	2,315,211	2.8
2022 Q2	1,896,288	11.0	168,979	5.9	248,113	0.8	2,427,780	2.9
2022 Q3	1,977,897	11.4	173,747	6.3	272,669	0.8	2,480,663	2.8
2022 Q4	1,972,731	10.8	172,419	6.0	269,154	0.9	2,472,067	2.8
2023 Q1	1,842,341	9.7	162,733	5.2	242,108	0.8	2,510,357	2.4
2023 Q2	1,909,041	9.9	172,807	5.4	247,136	0.8	2,599,003	2.4
2023 Q3	1,978,009	11.3	177,539	6.2	268,840	0.9	2,643,077	2.6
2023 Q4	1,940,245	12.3	174,841	6.2	266,109	1.0	2,622,967	2.9
2024 Q1	1,909,338	12.3	166,482	5.7	243,593	0.9	2,701,426	2.8
2024 Q2	1,915,232	12.4	173,686	5.8	252,227	0.9	2,753,281	2.8
2024 Q3	1,977,310	13.0	179,557	6.3	274,171	0.9	2,835,736	2.9
2024 Q4	1,973,033	12.7	177,687	6.2	269,497	1.0	2,855,917	3.0
2025 Q1	1,967,745	12.0	164,451	5.7	247,611	1.0	2,908,276	2.8
2025 Q2	1,963,689	12.4	173,114	5.8	257,361	0.9	3,018,257	2.7
2025 Q3	2,020,991	13.0	177,884	6.4	276,767	0.9	3,107,382	2.8
2025 Q4	1,992,393	13.1	177,384	6.5	266,003	1.0	3,051,023	3.0
2026 Q1	1,879,752	13.4	160,804	6.7	242,698	1.1	2,928,430	3.0
2026 Q2	1,920,043	15.3	172,395	8.0	249,126	1.3	3,013,475	3.2

Table 5. Percentage of Encounters Covered by Self-Pay Share by Care Setting Over Time for Ages 35 to 49

Quarter	ED N	ED %	Inpatient N	Inpatient %	Birth N	Birth %	Primary care N	Primary care %
2022 Q1	1,371,611	9.6	215,342	5.6	83,065	0.9	2,611,912	3.2
2022 Q2	1,444,085	10.7	232,213	6.1	81,346	0.9	2,776,735	3.5
2022 Q3	1,533,122	10.8	237,707	6.2	82,049	0.9	2,743,505	3.4
2022 Q4	1,486,261	10.2	238,930	6.0	76,967	1.0	2,970,768	3.2

2023 Q1	1,473,450	9.5	232,023	5.4	85,763	0.9	2,953,683	3.1
2023 Q2	1,519,233	9.3	243,751	5.3	82,603	0.9	3,082,106	3.0
2023 Q3	1,578,739	9.9	251,420	5.7	83,263	1.0	3,027,076	3.0
2023 Q4	1,525,757	10.3	249,925	5.5	78,707	1.1	3,247,746	3.0
2024 Q1	1,579,124	10.1	245,798	5.1	89,422	1.0	3,279,854	2.9
2024 Q2	1,571,658	9.9	253,698	5.2	86,701	0.9	3,359,142	2.9
2024 Q3	1,626,177	10.3	257,745	5.3	86,727	0.9	3,316,578	2.9
2024 Q4	1,577,915	10.0	256,139	5.3	81,572	1.0	3,591,792	2.9
2025 Q1	1,641,659	9.7	247,156	5.0	93,545	1.0	3,568,020	2.8
2025 Q2	1,649,070	10.0	255,490	5.2	91,504	0.9	3,726,179	2.8
2025 Q3	1,701,081	10.3	263,171	5.6	91,436	0.9	3,682,197	2.8
2025 Q4	1,620,418	10.3	261,180	5.6	84,483	0.9	3,885,041	2.8
2026 Q1	1,613,817	10.9	248,306	5.9	95,409	1.0	3,736,245	3.0
2026 Q2	1,666,843	12.5	262,114	7.3	93,144	1.1	3,887,912	3.1

Table 6. Percentage of Encounters Covered by Self-Pay Share by Care Setting Over Time for Ages 50 to 64

Quarter	ED N	ED %	Inpatient N	Inpatient %	Primary care N	Primary care %
2022 Q1	1,331,137	5.4	407,299	3.0	3,637,746	2.5
2022 Q2	1,414,678	5.9	426,526	3.4	3,929,349	2.6
2022 Q3	1,504,882	5.9	430,842	3.4	3,902,075	2.5
2022 Q4	1,459,319	5.6	442,073	3.2	4,181,512	2.4
2023 Q1	1,413,587	5.3	420,759	3.0	3,999,958	2.3
2023 Q2	1,457,240	5.1	433,023	2.9	4,201,826	2.3
2023 Q3	1,521,489	5.3	439,498	3.1	4,161,034	2.3
2023 Q4	1,473,861	5.3	446,706	3.0	4,434,776	2.2
2024 Q1	1,480,809	5.3	434,528	2.7	4,342,166	2.3
2024 Q2	1,488,150	5.1	439,820	2.8	4,494,358	2.3
2024 Q3	1,539,883	5.2	441,816	2.8	4,447,847	2.2
2024 Q4	1,483,587	5.1	445,046	2.7	4,756,220	2.2
2025 Q1	1,530,657	5.2	432,242	2.8	4,590,099	2.2
2025 Q2	1,528,038	5.2	435,639	2.8	4,829,976	2.2
2025 Q3	1,580,818	5.3	439,813	3.0	4,775,324	2.2
2025 Q4	1,507,338	5.4	442,765	3.1	5,023,321	2.2
2026 Q1	1,468,353	6.0	416,867	3.4	4,684,114	2.5
2026 Q2	1,521,621	6.9	430,850	4.2	4,928,658	2.6

Table 7. Percentage of Encounters Covered by Self-Pay Share by Care Setting Over Time for Ages 65+

Quarter	ED N	ED %	Inpatient N	Inpatient %	Primary care N	Primary care %
2022 Q1	1,752,554	0.7	920,195	0.2	4,859,452	0.5
2022 Q2	1,896,086	0.7	951,235	0.2	5,390,334	0.5
2022 Q3	1,992,301	0.7	951,535	0.2	5,310,945	0.4
2022 Q4	1,969,209	0.6	988,676	0.2	5,614,162	0.4
2023 Q1	1,991,212	0.7	1,014,393	0.2	5,504,284	0.4
2023 Q2	2,026,635	0.6	1,011,325	0.2	5,872,484	0.4
2023 Q3	2,088,958	0.7	1,007,237	0.2	5,761,057	0.4
2023 Q4	2,078,109	0.6	1,042,392	0.2	6,135,529	0.4
2024 Q1	2,181,523	0.7	1,109,004	0.3	6,123,921	0.4
2024 Q2	2,185,120	0.7	1,090,527	0.3	6,484,673	0.3
2024 Q3	2,232,853	0.7	1,072,666	0.3	6,334,894	0.3
2024 Q4	2,167,626	0.6	1,082,014	0.2	6,766,123	0.3
2025 Q1	2,361,095	0.7	1,165,692	0.3	6,708,575	0.4
2025 Q2	2,351,870	0.7	1,129,251	0.2	7,240,781	0.3
2025 Q3	2,388,872	0.7	1,114,588	0.2	7,019,006	0.3
2025 Q4	2,315,055	0.6	1,131,813	0.2	7,433,480	0.3
2026 Q1	2,395,667	0.7	1,180,650	0.3	7,170,764	0.4
2026 Q2	2,459,626	0.8	1,174,250	0.3	7,712,043	0.4

Table 8. Percentage of Encounters Covered by Medicaid by Care Setting Over Time Overall

Quarter	ED N	ED Medicaid %	Inpatient N	Inpatient Medicaid %	Birth N	Birth Medicaid %	Primary care N	Primary care Medicaid %
2022 Q1	7,636,210	18.2	2,093,349	13.2	321,532	23.1	17,061,244	11.4
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2023 Q4	8,907,877	17.3	2,369,356	12.6	348,941	23.0	21,047,299	10.7
2024 Q1	8,901,892	17.0	2,387,127	12.4	335,630	23.2	20,742,424	10.6
2024 Q2	8,844,705	16.6	2,387,652	12.1	341,874	22.1	21,406,369	10.4
2024 Q3	8,878,658	15.8	2,390,626	12.2	364,497	22.3	21,524,396	10.3
2024 Q4	9,044,541	16.3	2,415,738	12.2	355,060	22.3	22,800,373	10.2
2025 Q1	9,356,564	16.3	2,449,002	11.8	343,718	22.2	22,304,984	10.3
2025 Q2	9,227,304	15.8	2,428,468	11.8	351,576	21.4	23,429,632	10.2
2025 Q3	9,260,686	15.3	2,438,506	11.9	371,428	21.1	23,582,950	10.3
2025 Q4	9,273,304	15.8	2,456,803	11.8	354,013	21.1	24,426,069	10.1
2026 Q1	9,180,059	16.2	2,442,554	11.9	340,941	22.1	23,224,305	10.4
2026 Q2	9,318,454	16.1	2,471,760	11.7	345,411	21.5	24,306,464	10.3

Table 9. Percentage of Encounters Covered by Medicaid by Care Setting Over Time for Ages 0 to 4

Quarter	ED N	ED %	Inpatient N	Inpatient %	Primary care N	Primary care %
2022 Q1	633,713	36.5	341,357	28.6	1,625,003	28.1
2022 Q2	723,546	35.9	354,433	28.1	1,726,888	28.5
2022 Q3	718,354	36.0	383,384	28.5	1,697,665	28.6
2022 Q4	957,934	36.4	403,301	29.1	1,858,599	28.3
2023 Q1	708,528	36.3	361,854	29.4	1,768,542	28.3
2023 Q2	692,814	36.1	354,848	28.2	1,796,899	28.1
2023 Q3	623,740	35.3	368,625	28.3	1,725,002	27.9
2023 Q4	794,224	34.4	385,172	28.3	1,846,684	27.1
2024 Q1	750,471	34.8	366,925	28.6	1,821,907	27.0
2024 Q2	683,164	34.6	361,951	26.8	1,825,505	27.1
2024 Q3	612,146	34.2	373,572	27.2	1,775,814	27.3
2024 Q4	741,644	33.7	378,312	28.0	1,903,376	27.1
2025 Q1	821,047	34.4	372,988	27.2	1,941,239	27.2
2025 Q2	715,804	33.7	366,998	26.0	1,961,629	27.7
2025 Q3	660,998	33.7	378,804	25.9	1,944,769	27.9
2025 Q4	754,202	33.6	370,563	26.5	2,022,810	27.7
2026 Q1	793,621	34.4	368,848	27.1	2,003,899	28.0

2026 Q2	709,913	35.4	362,179	25.6	1,999,106	28.3
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Table 10. Percentage of Encounters Covered by Medicaid by Care Setting Over Time for Ages 5 to 17

Quarter	ED N	ED %	Inpatient N	Inpatient %	Birth N	Birth %	Primary care N	Primary care %
2022 Q1	767,710	32.9	54,487	33.8	1,669	47.0	2,011,920	25.9
2022 Q2	965,527	32.5	61,013	34.3	1,919	49.5	2,209,814	26.1
2022 Q3	890,011	32.7	61,721	34.5	2,693	47.3	2,541,310	24.5
2022 Q4	1,247,240	33.5	69,263	33.9	3,369	47.5	2,757,759	25.9
2023 Q1	931,083	33.1	61,389	33.9	1,878	48.6	2,300,014	26.3
2023 Q2	1,027,533	33.0	64,389	34.0	2,128	49.5	2,419,623	25.7
2023 Q3	882,826	32.0	61,941	34.2	2,701	48.4	2,668,688	23.9
2023 Q4	1,095,681	31.7	70,320	33.4	3,364	48.8	2,759,597	24.6
2024 Q1	1,000,627	31.7	64,390	33.6	1,845	49.0	2,473,150	24.4
2024 Q2	1,001,381	31.3	67,970	33.1	2,079	48.3	2,489,410	24.3
2024 Q3	890,289	30.4	65,270	32.4	2,682	47.6	2,813,527	23.0
2024 Q4	1,100,736	30.6	76,540	31.4	3,196	47.3	2,926,945	24.0
2025 Q1	1,034,361	31.6	66,473	32.2	1,735	44.6	2,588,775	24.4
2025 Q2	1,018,833	30.7	67,976	32.8	1,874	46.7	2,652,810	24.7
2025 Q3	907,926	30.5	64,246	33.2	2,405	47.2	3,054,272	23.6
2025 Q4	1,083,898	30.7	73,098	32.7	2,748	47.0	3,010,394	24.7
2026 Q1	1,028,849	31.7	67,079	33.1	1,973	48.4	2,700,853	25.1
2026 Q2	1,040,408	32.1	69,972	34.1	2,216	48.5	2,765,270	25.4

Table 11. Percentage of Encounters Covered by Medicaid by Care Setting Over Time for Ages 18 to 34

Quarter	ED N	ED %	Inpatient N	Inpatient %	Birth N	Birth %	Primary care N	Primary care %
2022 Q1	1,779,485	23.3	154,669	25.8	236,005	25.6	2,315,211	15.6
2022 Q2	1,896,288	23.5	168,979	25.7	248,113	25.0	2,427,780	15.9
2022 Q3	1,977,897	23.6	173,747	26.0	272,669	25.2	2,480,663	15.3
2022 Q4	1,972,731	23.6	172,419	25.6	269,154	25.4	2,472,067	15.7
2023 Q1	1,842,341	23.9	162,733	25.9	242,108	26.5	2,510,357	16.3
2023 Q2	1,909,041	23.7	172,807	25.5	247,136	24.9	2,599,003	16.0
2023 Q3	1,978,009	22.7	177,539	25.0	268,840	25.0	2,643,077	14.8
2023 Q4	1,940,245	21.6	174,841	24.5	266,109	24.9	2,622,967	14.4
2024 Q1	1,909,338	21.6	166,482	24.9	243,593	25.7	2,701,426	14.5

2024 Q2	1,915,232	21.2	173,686	24.8	252,227	24.5	2,753,281	14.3
2024 Q3	1,977,310	20.5	179,557	24.2	274,171	24.3	2,835,736	13.4
2024 Q4	1,973,033	20.2	177,687	23.8	269,497	24.2	2,855,917	13.5
2025 Q1	1,967,745	20.3	164,451	23.9	247,611	24.8	2,908,276	13.9
2025 Q2	1,963,689	20.1	173,114	24.3	257,361	23.7	3,018,257	13.9
2025 Q3	2,020,991	19.7	177,884	24.1	276,767	23.1	3,107,382	13.3
2025 Q4	1,992,393	19.5	177,384	23.8	266,003	23.1	3,051,023	13.4
2026 Q1	1,879,752	20.0	160,804	24.4	242,698	24.7	2,928,430	13.8
2026 Q2	1,920,043	20.2	172,395	24.3	249,126	23.9	3,013,475	14.0

Table 12. Percentage of Encounters Covered by Medicaid by Care Setting Over Time for Ages 35 to 49

Quarter	ED N	ED %	Inpatient N	Inpatient %	Birth N	Birth %	Primary care N	Primary care %
2022 Q1	1,371,611	19.6	215,342	21.0	83,065	15.9	2,611,912	10.6
2022 Q2	1,444,085	19.8	232,213	21.2	81,346	15.3	2,776,735	10.9
2022 Q3	1,533,122	19.8	237,707	21.2	82,049	16.1	2,743,505	10.8
2022 Q4	1,486,261	19.8	238,930	20.9	76,967	16.4	2,970,768	10.5
2023 Q1	1,473,450	20.0	232,023	21.3	85,763	16.4	2,953,683	11.0
2023 Q2	1,519,233	19.8	243,751	20.8	82,603	15.5	3,082,106	10.8
2023 Q3	1,578,739	19.1	251,420	20.5	83,263	15.7	3,027,076	10.3
2023 Q4	1,525,757	18.3	249,925	19.8	78,707	15.8	3,247,746	9.7
2024 Q1	1,579,124	18.3	245,798	20.5	89,422	15.7	3,279,854	10.0
2024 Q2	1,571,658	17.9	253,698	20.2	86,701	14.7	3,359,142	9.9
2024 Q3	1,626,177	17.6	257,745	19.8	86,727	15.1	3,316,578	9.6
2024 Q4	1,577,915	17.3	256,139	19.5	81,572	15.1	3,591,792	9.3
2025 Q1	1,641,659	17.3	247,156	20.1	93,545	15.0	3,568,020	9.6
2025 Q2	1,649,070	17.2	255,490	20.2	91,504	14.4	3,726,179	9.6
2025 Q3	1,701,081	16.9	263,171	20.0	91,436	14.5	3,682,197	9.4
2025 Q4	1,620,418	16.8	261,180	19.9	84,483	14.2	3,885,041	9.2
2026 Q1	1,613,817	17.3	248,306	20.9	95,409	15.1	3,736,245	9.6
2026 Q2	1,666,843	17.7	262,114	20.7	93,144	14.5	3,887,912	9.7

Table 13. Percentage of Encounters Covered by Medicaid by Care Setting Over Time for Ages 50 to 64

Quarter	ED N	ED %	Inpatient N	Inpatient %	Primary care N	Primary care %
2022 Q1	1,331,137	14.5	407,299	15.1	3,637,746	7.8

2022 Q2	1,414,678	14.6	426,526	15.2	3,929,349	8.1
2022 Q3	1,504,882	14.5	430,842	15.0	3,902,075	8.1
2022 Q4	1,459,319	14.5	442,073	14.8	4,181,512	7.9
2023 Q1	1,413,587	14.7	420,759	15.1	3,999,958	8.2
2023 Q2	1,457,240	14.5	433,023	14.8	4,201,826	8.0
2023 Q3	1,521,489	14.0	439,498	14.5	4,161,034	7.7
2023 Q4	1,473,861	13.6	446,706	13.9	4,434,776	7.3
2024 Q1	1,480,809	13.6	434,528	14.4	4,342,166	7.4
2024 Q2	1,488,150	13.4	439,820	14.2	4,494,358	7.3
2024 Q3	1,539,883	13.2	441,816	13.9	4,447,847	7.1
2024 Q4	1,483,587	13.0	445,046	13.7	4,756,220	6.9
2025 Q1	1,530,657	13.0	432,242	14.1	4,590,099	7.2
2025 Q2	1,528,038	13.0	435,639	14.2	4,829,976	7.2
2025 Q3	1,580,818	12.8	439,813	14.2	4,775,324	7.1
2025 Q4	1,507,338	12.8	442,765	14.0	5,023,321	6.9
2026 Q1	1,468,353	13.3	416,867	14.8	4,684,114	7.3
2026 Q2	1,521,621	13.4	430,850	14.7	4,928,658	7.3

Table 14. Percentage of Encounters Covered by Medicaid by Care Setting Over Time for Ages 65+

Quarter	ED N	ED %	Inpatient N	Inpatient %	Primary care N	Primary care %
2022 Q1	1,752,554	1.6	920,195	1.4	4,859,452	1.1
2022 Q2	1,896,086	1.5	951,235	1.3	5,390,334	1.1
2022 Q3	1,992,301	1.4	951,535	1.2	5,310,945	1.0
2022 Q4	1,969,209	1.3	988,676	1.1	5,614,162	0.9
2023 Q1	1,991,212	1.6	1,014,393	1.4	5,504,284	1.2
2023 Q2	2,026,635	1.5	1,011,325	1.3	5,872,484	1.1
2023 Q3	2,088,958	1.4	1,007,237	1.2	5,761,057	1.0
2023 Q4	2,078,109	1.2	1,042,392	1.1	6,135,529	0.9
2024 Q1	2,181,523	1.6	1,109,004	1.3	6,123,921	1.1
2024 Q2	2,185,120	1.4	1,090,527	1.2	6,484,673	1.0
2024 Q3	2,232,853	1.3	1,072,666	1.1	6,334,894	0.9
2024 Q4	2,167,626	1.1	1,082,014	1.0	6,766,123	0.8
2025 Q1	2,361,095	1.5	1,165,692	1.3	6,708,575	1.1
2025 Q2	2,351,870	1.3	1,129,251	1.2	7,240,781	1.0
2025 Q3	2,388,872	1.2	1,114,588	1.1	7,019,006	0.9
2025 Q4	2,315,055	1.0	1,131,813	1.0	7,433,480	0.7
2026 Q1	2,395,667	1.4	1,180,650	1.3	7,170,764	1.0

2026 Q2	2,459,626	1.3	1,174,250	1.1	7,712,043	0.9
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Table 15. Emergency Department Coverage Mix Over Time Overall

Quarter	ED N	Self-pay %	Medicaid %	Traditional Medicare %	Medicare Advantage %	Commercial / Other %
2022 Q1	7,636,210	5.5	18.2	12.8	10.3	53.1
2022 Q2	8,340,210	6.0	18.5	12.5	10.5	52.6
2022 Q3	8,616,567	6.2	18.2	12.7	10.8	52.1
2022 Q4	9,092,694	5.6	19.4	11.9	10.3	52.8
2023 Q1	8,360,201	5.3	18.4	12.1	11.3	52.8
2023 Q2	8,632,496	5.3	18.4	11.9	11.4	53.1
2023 Q3	8,673,761	6.0	17.2	12.2	11.9	52.7
2023 Q4	8,907,877	6.3	17.3	11.8	11.6	53.0
2024 Q1	8,901,892	6.3	17.0	11.6	12.1	53.0
2024 Q2	8,844,705	6.2	16.6	11.6	12.4	53.1
2024 Q3	8,878,658	6.6	15.8	11.9	12.8	53.0
2024 Q4	9,044,541	6.3	16.3	11.4	12.3	53.7
2025 Q1	9,356,564	6.0	16.3	11.5	12.5	53.7
2025 Q2	9,227,304	6.1	15.8	11.7	12.7	53.6
2025 Q3	9,260,686	6.5	15.3	12.0	13.0	53.3
2025 Q4	9,273,304	6.4	15.8	11.7	12.7	53.5
2026 Q1	9,180,059	6.6	16.2	11.8	12.8	52.7
2026 Q2	9,318,454	7.6	16.1	11.9	13.0	51.3

Table 16. Emergency Department Coverage Mix Over Time for Ages 0 to 4

Quarter	ED N	Self-pay %	Medicaid %	Traditional Medicare %	Medicare Advantage %	Commercial / Other %
2022 Q1	633,713	1.9	36.5	0.1	0.4	61.1
2022 Q2	723,546	2.1	35.9	0.0	0.4	61.5
2022 Q3	718,354	2.2	36.0	0.0	0.4	61.3
2022 Q4	957,934	2.1	36.4	0.0	0.4	61.1
2023 Q1	708,528	2.0	36.3	0.0	0.4	61.3
2023 Q2	692,814	2.0	36.1	0.0	0.4	61.4
2023 Q3	623,740	2.8	35.3	0.0	0.4	61.5
2023 Q4	794,224	3.5	34.4	0.0	0.4	61.7
2024 Q1	750,471	3.7	34.8	0.0	0.3	61.2
2024 Q2	683,164	3.5	34.6	0.0	0.4	61.5
2024 Q3	612,146	3.6	34.2	0.0	0.4	61.8

2024 Q4	741,644	3.6	33.7	0.0	0.4	62.3
2025 Q1	821,047	3.4	34.4	0.0	0.4	61.8
2025 Q2	715,804	3.2	33.7	0.0	0.4	62.7
2025 Q3	660,998	3.4	33.7	0.0	0.4	62.5
2025 Q4	754,202	3.5	33.6	0.0	0.4	62.5
2026 Q1	793,621	3.7	34.4	0.0	0.3	61.6
2026 Q2	709,913	4.3	35.4	0.0	0.3	60.0

Table 17. Emergency Department Coverage Mix Over Time for Ages 5 to 17

Quarter	ED N	Self-pay %	Medicaid %	Traditional Medicare %	Medicare Advantage %	Commercial / Other %
2022 Q1	767,710	2.4	32.9	0.1	0.4	64.3
2022 Q2	965,527	2.6	32.5	0.0	0.4	64.4
2022 Q3	890,011	2.8	32.7	0.0	0.4	64.0
2022 Q4	1,247,240	2.7	33.5	0.0	0.4	63.4
2023 Q1	931,083	2.4	33.1	0.0	0.4	64.0
2023 Q2	1,027,533	2.5	33.0	0.0	0.4	64.1
2023 Q3	882,826	3.5	32.0	0.0	0.3	64.2
2023 Q4	1,095,681	4.1	31.7	0.0	0.3	63.8
2024 Q1	1,000,627	4.5	31.7	0.0	0.3	63.5
2024 Q2	1,001,381	4.2	31.3	0.0	0.3	64.1
2024 Q3	890,289	4.4	30.4	0.0	0.3	64.9
2024 Q4	1,100,736	4.3	30.6	0.0	0.3	64.8
2025 Q1	1,034,361	4.0	31.6	0.0	0.4	64.1
2025 Q2	1,018,833	3.9	30.7	0.0	0.3	65.0
2025 Q3	907,926	4.1	30.5	0.0	0.3	65.1
2025 Q4	1,083,898	4.3	30.7	0.0	0.3	64.7
2026 Q1	1,028,849	4.5	31.7	0.0	0.3	63.4
2026 Q2	1,040,408	5.1	32.1	0.0	0.3	62.5

Table 18. Emergency Department Coverage Mix Over Time for Ages 18 to 34

Quarter	ED N	Self-pay %	Medicaid %	Traditional Medicare %	Medicare Advantage %	Commercial / Other %
2022 Q1	1,779,485	9.9	23.3	1.3	0.7	64.7
2022 Q2	1,896,288	11.0	23.5	1.1	0.8	63.6
2022 Q3	1,977,897	11.4	23.6	1.1	0.8	63.2
2022 Q4	1,972,731	10.8	23.6	1.0	0.8	63.7
2023 Q1	1,842,341	9.7	23.9	0.9	0.8	64.7

2023 Q2	1,909,041	9.9	23.7	0.9	0.8	64.7
2023 Q3	1,978,009	11.3	22.7	0.9	0.8	64.3
2023 Q4	1,940,245	12.3	21.6	0.9	0.8	64.4
2024 Q1	1,909,338	12.3	21.6	0.8	0.8	64.5
2024 Q2	1,915,232	12.4	21.2	0.8	0.8	64.7
2024 Q3	1,977,310	13.0	20.5	0.8	0.8	64.8
2024 Q4	1,973,033	12.7	20.2	0.8	0.8	65.4
2025 Q1	1,967,745	12.0	20.3	0.8	0.8	66.1
2025 Q2	1,963,689	12.4	20.1	0.8	0.8	65.9
2025 Q3	2,020,991	13.0	19.7	0.8	0.8	65.6
2025 Q4	1,992,393	13.1	19.5	0.9	0.8	65.7
2026 Q1	1,879,752	13.4	20.0	0.8	0.8	65.0
2026 Q2	1,920,043	15.3	20.2	0.8	0.8	62.9

Table 19. Emergency Department Coverage Mix Over Time for Ages 35 to 49

Quarter	ED N	Self-pay %	Medicaid %	Traditional Medicare %	Medicare Advantage %	Commercial / Other %
2022 Q1	1,371,611	9.6	19.6	3.7	2.8	64.3
2022 Q2	1,444,085	10.7	19.8	3.4	3.0	63.2
2022 Q3	1,533,122	10.8	19.8	3.3	3.0	63.1
2022 Q4	1,486,261	10.2	19.8	3.2	3.1	63.6
2023 Q1	1,473,450	9.5	20.0	2.9	3.0	64.5
2023 Q2	1,519,233	9.3	19.8	2.8	3.2	64.9
2023 Q3	1,578,739	9.9	19.1	2.7	3.2	65.0
2023 Q4	1,525,757	10.3	18.3	2.7	3.3	65.4
2024 Q1	1,579,124	10.1	18.3	2.5	3.1	65.9
2024 Q2	1,571,658	9.9	17.9	2.5	3.2	66.4
2024 Q3	1,626,177	10.3	17.6	2.4	3.3	66.5
2024 Q4	1,577,915	10.0	17.3	2.5	3.3	66.9
2025 Q1	1,641,659	9.7	17.3	2.4	3.1	67.4
2025 Q2	1,649,070	10.0	17.2	2.4	3.2	67.2
2025 Q3	1,701,081	10.3	16.9	2.4	3.2	67.2
2025 Q4	1,620,418	10.3	16.8	2.4	3.2	67.2
2026 Q1	1,613,817	10.9	17.3	2.4	3.0	66.4
2026 Q2	1,666,843	12.5	17.7	2.4	3.0	64.4

Table 20. Emergency Department Coverage Mix Over Time for Ages 50 to 64

Quarter	ED N	Self-pay %	Medicaid %	Traditional Medicare %	Medicare Advantage %	Commercial / Other %
2022 Q1	1,331,137	5.4	14.5	7.6	8.9	63.6
2022 Q2	1,414,678	5.9	14.6	7.3	9.4	62.8
2022 Q3	1,504,882	5.9	14.5	7.1	9.5	63.0
2022 Q4	1,459,319	5.6	14.5	7.1	9.8	63.0
2023 Q1	1,413,587	5.3	14.7	6.4	9.6	64.0
2023 Q2	1,457,240	5.1	14.5	6.2	10.0	64.2
2023 Q3	1,521,489	5.3	14.0	6.0	10.2	64.5
2023 Q4	1,473,861	5.3	13.6	6.0	10.4	64.7
2024 Q1	1,480,809	5.3	13.6	5.5	10.0	65.5
2024 Q2	1,488,150	5.1	13.4	5.5	10.3	65.7
2024 Q3	1,539,883	5.2	13.2	5.4	10.4	65.8
2024 Q4	1,483,587	5.1	13.0	5.5	10.5	66.0
2025 Q1	1,530,657	5.2	13.0	5.2	9.9	66.7
2025 Q2	1,528,038	5.2	13.0	5.2	10.1	66.5
2025 Q3	1,580,818	5.3	12.8	5.2	10.2	66.5
2025 Q4	1,507,338	5.4	12.8	5.3	10.2	66.3
2026 Q1	1,468,353	6.0	13.3	5.1	9.7	65.9
2026 Q2	1,521,621	6.9	13.4	5.0	9.8	64.8

Table 21. Emergency Department Coverage Mix Over Time for Ages 65+

Quarter	ED N	Self-pay %	Medicaid %	Traditional Medicare %	Medicare Advantage %	Commercial / Other %
2022 Q1	1,752,554	0.7	1.6	45.8	35.0	16.9
2022 Q2	1,896,086	0.7	1.5	45.8	35.7	16.3
2022 Q3	1,992,301	0.7	1.4	46.0	36.2	15.8
2022 Q4	1,969,209	0.6	1.3	46.1	36.6	15.4
2023 Q1	1,991,212	0.7	1.6	43.4	37.3	17.0
2023 Q2	2,026,635	0.6	1.5	43.1	38.0	16.7
2023 Q3	2,088,958	0.7	1.4	43.2	38.4	16.3
2023 Q4	2,078,109	0.6	1.2	43.5	38.8	15.8
2024 Q1	2,181,523	0.7	1.6	41.0	39.3	17.4
2024 Q2	2,185,120	0.7	1.4	40.9	40.0	17.1
2024 Q3	2,232,853	0.7	1.3	41.0	40.3	16.7
2024 Q4	2,167,626	0.6	1.1	41.4	40.6	16.3
2025 Q1	2,361,095	0.7	1.5	39.9	40.1	17.9
2025 Q2	2,351,870	0.7	1.3	40.2	40.2	17.6

2025 Q3	2,388,872	0.7	1.2	40.5	40.4	17.3
2025 Q4	2,315,055	0.6	1.0	40.8	40.8	16.7
2026 Q1	2,395,667	0.7	1.4	39.8	40.0	18.0
2026 Q2	2,459,626	0.8	1.3	39.8	40.4	17.6