

The COVID-19 Snapshot is the American Hospital Association's look at what America's hospitals and front-line workers are facing as they provide care during the public health emergency. America's hospitals and health systems continue to face historic challenges, including unprecedented financial pressures. It is vitally important that hospitals and health systems receive further support and resources to ensure that they can continue to deliver critical care for patients and communities.

BY THE NUMBERS: COVID-19 IN THE U.S.

4,184,178

cumulative confirmed COVID-19 hospital admissions
(August 1, 2020 – January 24, 2022)

Source: CDC | COVID Data Tracker

67%

increase in the advertised pay rate for contract travel nurses from January 2020 to January 2022

Source: Jan. 2022 AHA Workforce Issues Data Brief

95,600

decrease in number of hospital employees from February 2020

Source: Jan. 2022 Altarum Health Sector Economic IndicatorsSM Labor Brief

72,912,405

total COVID-19 cases in the U.S.
(as of 1/27)



(4,311,704 increase over the last 7 days)

Source: JHU | COVID-19 Dashboard

876,078

total COVID-19 deaths in the U.S.
(as of 1/27)



(16,197 increase over the last 7 days)

Source: JHU | COVID-19 Dashboard

States with the highest percent increase in COVID-19 admissions from the prior week:
(as of 1/24)

1. AK – **34%**
2. ID – **30%**
3. WY – **29%**
4. NE – **22%**
5. OR – **22%**

Source: COVID-19 Community Profile Report | beta.HealthData.gov

FROM THE FRONT LINES



“It’s been extremely busy... We’re having record numbers of admissions in our hospital, which are putting considerable pressure on our labor force. Of course, our labor force is also experiencing COVID and so these factors are coming together.”

William Rayburn, M.D., CMO | Baylor Scott & White Health-College Station, Texas

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– The Associated Press –

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– CNBC –

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– The Associated Press –

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– Becker's Hospital Review –