

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.

**3,038,576**

cumulative confirmed COVID-19 hospital admissions  
(August 1, 2020 – September 27, 2021)

Source: [covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#new-hospital-admissions](https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#new-hospital-admissions)

**30.3%**

increase in hospital drug expenses per adjusted discharge compared to 2019

Source: Sept. 2021 Kaufman Hall National Hospital Flash Report

**35%**

of hospitals are projected to end 2021 with negative operating margins

Source: AHA | Financial Effects of COVID Outlook

**43,356,406**

total COVID-19 cases in the U.S.  
(as of 9/30)

Source: [coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html](https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html)



(799,870 increase over the last 7 days)

**695,196**

total COVID-19 deaths in the U.S.  
(as of 9/30)

Source: [coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html](https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html)



(13,699 increase over the last 7 days)

**States with the highest number of COVID-19 hospital admissions over the last 7 days:**  
(as of 9/27)

1. TX – **7,089**
2. FL – **5,075**
3. CA – **3,688**
4. OH – **3,432**
5. GA – **2,754**

Source: COVID-19 Community Profile Report | [beta.HealthData.gov](https://beta.HealthData.gov)

## FROM THE FRONT LINES

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“I worry about the toll on our staff emotionally. I worry about how many more surges we can endure.”

Elain Richardson | Regional Chief Nursing Officer at SSM Health Saint Anthony Hospital, Oklahoma City

## IN THE NEWS

**‘Never-ending nightmare’: The hospitals where the ICU occupancy stayed high**

– NBC News –

**Surge in COVID-19 cases continues to strain hospitals**

– Idaho Mountain Express –

**Wisconsin says children account for more COVID-19 cases than any other age group**

– The Hill –

**Providers Want More Time to Report, Spend Pandemic Relief Funds**

– Bloomberg Law –

**Covid Hospitalizations Dip, But More Than Half Of States Have Almost No ICU Beds Open**

– Forbes –

**More hospitals forced to ration care amid delta surge**

– The Hill –