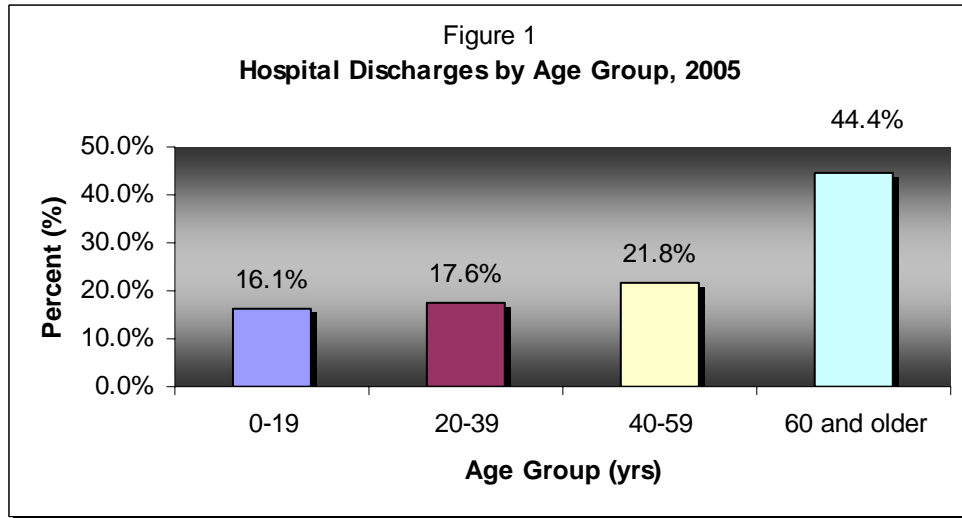


Hospital Discharge Summary, 2005

Patient discharges from Florida hospitals have increased from about 1.8 million in 1993 to about 2.5 million in 2005. This reflects an increase of approximately 38.9%. The largest number of discharges continues to be among those 60 years and older, at 44.4% of the total discharges (Figure 1).



Women were hospitalized more often and at an earlier age than men; however, hospital stays for men were longer (Table 1). Of the women's hospitalizations, 8.7% (219,755) were for childbirth. Vaginal delivery was the highest rate due to childbirth (Figure 2).

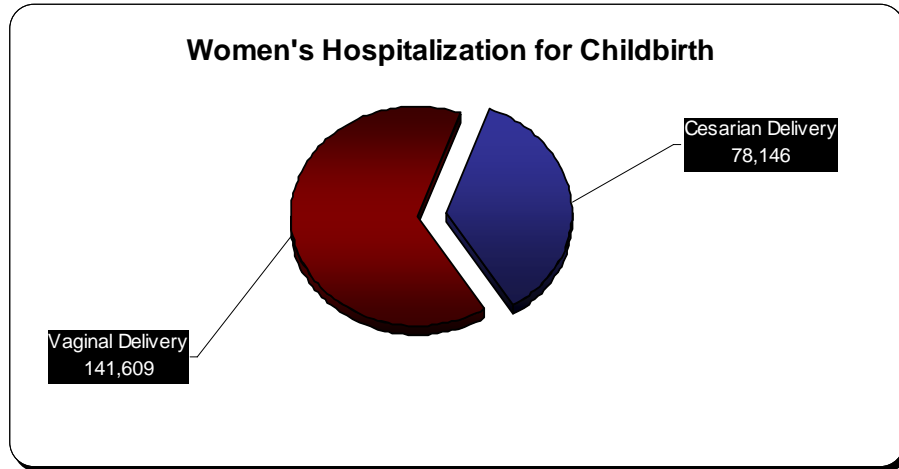
Table 1

Hospital Discharges by Gender, 2005

Gender	Number	Percent (%) of Total	Average Age	Average Length of Stay
Female	1,433,761	56.6%	50	4.6
Male	1,101,104	43.4%	51	5.2
Total	2,534,909	100.0%	50	4.9

Note: Numbers may not add to total due to unclassified gender records.

Figure 2



White patients, at 65.8% of the total discharges, accounted for the most discharges in 2005. Among all racial/ethnic groups, Asian or Pacific Islander, American Indian/Eskimo/Aleut, and the group under the section “Other” on average were the youngest hospitalized. White and Black Hispanic patients had the longest hospital stay (Table 2).

Table 2
Hospital Discharges by Race/Ethnicity, 2005

Race	Number	Percent (%) of Total	Average Age	Average Length of Stay
White	1,669,048	65.8%	55	4.8
Black	389,518	15.4%	40	5.3
White Hispanic	372,317	14.7%	42	4.6
Asian or Pacific Islander	16,531	0.7%	36	4.2
Black Hispanic	14,740	0.6%	55	6.0
American Indian/Eskimo/Aleut	4,020	0.2%	36	4.6
Other	48,408	1.9%	36	4.7
Total	2,534,909	100.0%	50	4.9

Note: Numbers may not add to total due to unclassified race records.

Total charges for 2005 hospitalizations were over \$70 billion dollars. Medicare and Medicare HMO accounted for over half of the total charges at 52.4%. Commercial insurance accounted for the second largest total charges with 25.8% (Table 3).

Table 3

Hospital Discharges by Principal Payer, 2005

Payer	Number	Total Charges	Percent (%) of Total Charges	Average Charges
Medicare & Medicare HMO	1,068,457	\$36,977,348,260	52.4%	\$34,608
Commercial Insurance	740,423	\$18,201,392,330	25.8%	\$24,582
Medicaid & Medicaid HMO	445,120	\$8,669,595,469	12.3%	\$19,477
Self Pay & Charity	200,962	\$4,518,417,798	6.4%	\$22,484
Other State/Local Government	25,325	\$737,723,583	1.0%	\$29,130
Champus	24,575	\$569,970,319	0.8%	\$23,193
Worker's Compensation	12,741	\$494,710,826	0.7%	\$38,828
Other	9,054	\$183,283,918	0.3%	\$20,243
VA	5,783	\$187,320,488	0.3%	\$32,392
Kidcare	2,469	\$61,416,573	0.1%	\$24,875
Total	2,534,909	\$70,601,179,564	100.0%	\$27,852

Over 81% of the patients were discharged home from the hospital. Table 4 displays patient discharge status for 2005.

Table 4

Hospital Discharges by Patient Discharge Status, 2005

Discharge Status	Number	Percent (%)
Home	2,066,961	81.5%
Short-term general hospital	46,379	1.8%
Skilled Nursing Facility	221,724	8.7%
Intermediate care facility	21,302	0.8%
Other Institutions	62,045	2.4%
Left against medical advice	30,378	1.2%
Expired	53,879	2.1%
Hospice	32,241	1.3%
Total	2,534,909	100.0%

Source: State of Florida, Agency for Health Care Administration, Florida Center for Health Information and Policy Analysis, 2005