




## Washington State Hospital Association – Hospital Pricing

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# Hospital Pricing

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### Welcome to WSHA Hospital Pricing

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### How to use the Washington Hospital Price System

**STEP ONE: Select a Hospital**

Select a hospital by choosing a county or city from the drop-down menu. Your selection will reveal another drop-down menu that lists all hospitals in that county or city. On the results page you will be given the opportunity to select up to three hospitals for comparison.

**STEP TWO: Select Service**

Using the menu below, select the type of service that you would like to view for the hospital you selected. *Note, this system only includes information about inpatient services, or those that require a stay in the hospital. There is not currently a database in Washington State that covers outpatient services like those that occur in emergency rooms or a doctor's office.*

**STEP THREE: Receive the Results**

After you select a specific type of service, the following information will be displayed:

- The name, address and telephone number of the hospital you selected.
- The number of discharges, the average length of stay, and information about the average and median charges for (1) the selected hospital; (2) all hospitals in the selected county; (3) all hospitals with similar patient volume as the selected hospital; and (4) all Washington hospitals. **Please note that the charges listed are for hospital services only. They do not include physician charges such as those for a surgeon or anesthesiologist.**
- Overall information about charges and payments to the selected hospital from different types of insurers.