

# Hospital Ratings Avoiding C-Sections

Delivering a baby by C-section when that is not medically necessary poses additional health risks to the mother and the baby. Many hospitals in the U.S. do more C-sections than they should. Our hospital Ratings can help people compare hospitals in their community based on C-section rates. Higher-rated hospitals do fewer C-sections. Lower-rated hospitals do more of them.

We have Ratings for avoiding C-sections for over 1,500 hospitals in 22 states. The rates were calculated using hospital billing records from those states; some of them already make this data public. Our Ratings are the largest, single source of comparative C-section data for individual hospitals in the country.

The Ratings are based on the C-section rates for mothers who anticipate a low-risk delivery – that is, women who haven't had a C-section before, don't deliver prematurely, and are pregnant with a single baby who is properly positioned. The Ratings include all moms, not just first-time moms. The data the Ratings are based on does not include information on factors that may increase the risk of a C-section, such as heart problems in the mother or fetus, pregnancy-related high blood pressure, obesity, or other chronic diseases.

C-section rates among the hospitals we looked at ranged from a low of 4 percent to a high of 57 percent. The average C-section rate was 17.6 percent, which would earn hospitals our second lowest Rating. Read our article on unnecessary C-sections (go to [www.consumerreports.org/cro/c-sections0514.htm](http://www.consumerreports.org/cro/c-sections0514.htm)) and our technical report on how we rate hospitals (go to [www.consumerreports.org/howweratehospitals](http://www.consumerreports.org/howweratehospitals)).

Hospitals in the chart below are listed alphabetically by Rating.

ILLINOIS		
Hospital Name	City	Rating
Holy Cross Hospital	Chicago	●●●●●
Jersey Community Hospital	Jerseyville	●●●●●
Roseland Community Hospital	Chicago	●●●●●
Saint Anthony Hospital	Chicago	●●●●●
St. Francis Hospital	Litchfield	●●●●●
Galesburg Cottage Hospital	Galesburg	●●●●○
Jackson Park Hospital and Medical Center	Chicago	●●●●○
Presence United Samaritans Medical Center	Danville	●●●●○
Provident Hospital of Cook County	Chicago	●●●●○
St. Bernard Hospital and Health Care Center	Chicago	●●●●○
St. Mary's Hospital	Streator	●●●●○
West Suburban Medical Center	Oak Park	●●●●○
Westlake Hospital	Melrose Park	●●●●○
Adventist Hinsdale Hospital	Hinsdale	●●●●○
Advocate Sherman Hospital	Elgin	●●●●○
Advocate Trinity Hospital	Chicago	●●●●○
Alton Memorial Hospital	Alton	●●●●○
Blessing Hospital	Quincy	●●●●○
Centegra Hospital - McHenry	Mchenry	●●●●○
Elmhurst Memorial Hospital	Elmhurst	●●●●○
Franciscan St. James Hospital and Health Centers	Olympia Fields	●●●●○
Greenville Regional Hospital	Greenville	●●●●○

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Hammond-Henry Hospital	Geneeseo	○
Illinois Valley Community Hospital	Peru	○
Ingalls Memorial Hospital	Harvey	○
Memorial Medical Center	Springfield	○
Mercy Hospital and Medical Center	Chicago	○
NorthShore University Health System Evanston Hospital	Evanston	○
Norwegian American Hospital	Chicago	○
Pekin Hospital	Pekin	○
Proctor Hospital	Peoria	○
Saint Anthony's Health Center	Alton	○
Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center	Mattoon	○
Silver Cross Hospital	New Lenox	○
St. Elizabeth's Hospital	Belleville	○
St. Joseph's Hospital	Breese	○
St. Mary's Hospital	Decatur	○
Valley West Hospital	Sandwich	○
Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital	Lincoln	◐
Adventist Bolingbrook Hospital	Bolingbrook	◐
Adventist GlenOaks Hospital	Glendale Heights	◐
Adventist La Grange Memorial Hospital	La Grange	◐
Advocate BroMenn Medical Center	Normal	◐
Advocate Christ Medical Center	Oak Lawn	◐
Advocate Condell Medical Center	Libertyville	◐
Advocate Good Samaritan Hospital	Downers Grove	◐
Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital	Barrington	◐
Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center	Chicago	◐
Advocate Lutheran General Hospital	Park Ridge	◐
Advocate South Suburban Hospital	Hazel Crest	◐
Anderson Hospital	Maryville	◐
CGH Medical Center	Sterling	◐
Carle Foundation Hospital	Urbana	◐
Centegra Hospital - Woodstock	Woodstock	◐
Central DuPage Hospital	Winfield	◐
Edward Hospital	Naperville	◐
Good Samaritan Regional Health Center	Mount Vernon	◐
Gottlieb Memorial Hospital	Melrose Park	◐
Heartland Regional Medical Center	Marion	◐

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John H. Stroger Jr. Hospital of Cook County	Chicago	●
Katherine Shaw Bethea Hospital	Dixon	●
Kishwaukee Hospital	Dekalb	●
Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers	Evergreen Park	●
Loyola University Medical Center	Maywood	●
Memorial Hospital	Belleville	●
Memorial Hospital	Carthage	●
Memorial Hospital of Carbondale	Carbondale	●
MetroSouth Medical Center	Blue Island	●
Morris Hospital & Healthcare Centers	Morris	●
Mount Sinai Hospital	Chicago	●
Northwest Community Hospital	Arlington Heights	●
Northwestern Lake Forest Hospital	Lake Forest	●
Northwestern Memorial Hospital	Chicago	●
OSF Saint Elizabeth Medical Center	Ottawa	●
OSF St. Joseph Medical Center	Bloomington	●
OSF St. Mary Medical Center	Galesburg	●
Palos Community Hospital	Palos Heights	●
Passavant Area Hospital	Jacksonville	●
Perry Memorial Hospital	Princeton	●
Presence Covenant Medical Center	Urbana	●
Presence Mercy Medical Center	Aurora	●
Presence Resurrection Medical Center	Chicago	●
Presence Saint Francis Hospital	Evanston	●
Presence Saint Joseph Hospital	Chicago	●
Presence Saint Joseph Medical Center	Joliet	●
Presence Saints Mary & Elizabeth Medical Center	Chicago	●
Presence St. Mary's Hospital	Kankakee	●
Richland Memorial Hospital	Olney	●
Riverside Medical Center	Kankakee	●
Rockford Memorial Hospital	Rockford	●
Rush-Copley Medical Center	Aurora	●
St. Alexius Medical Center	Hoffman Estates	●
St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital	Effingham	●
St. John's Hospital	Springfield	●
St. Margaret's Hospital	Spring Valley	●
St. Mary's Hospital	Centralia	●

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Swedish Covenant Hospital	Chicago	
SwedishAmerican Hospital	Rockford	
Touchette Regional Hospitals	Centreville	
UnityHealth MacNeal Hospital	Berwyn	
UnityPoint Health - Methodist	Peoria	
University of Chicago Medical Center	Chicago	
University of Illinois Hospital & Health Sciences System	Chicago	
Vista Medical Center East	Waukegan	
Alexian Brothers Medical Center	Elk Grove Village	
Crawford Memorial Hospital	Robinson	
Decatur Memorial Hospital	Decatur	
Delnor Hospital	Geneva	
Gateway Regional Medical Center	Granite City	
Genesis Medical Center, Illini Campus	Silvis	
Graham Hospital	Canton	
Iroquois Memorial Hospital and Resident Home	Watseka	
OSF Saint James - John W. Albrecht Medical Center	Pontiac	
Rush University Medical Center	Chicago	