

and "other" hospitals (special hospitals not specified as to type of service). Concurrently with the 23.6 p.c. rise in admissions, patient-days increased by only 10.9 p.c., indicating a shorter average length of stay per patient in 1958 than in 1954. The number of patients in hospital at year-end per 100,000 population remained remarkably constant over the period—938 on Dec. 31, 1954 and 932 on Dec. 31, 1958. Despite the over-all ratio (in rated-capacity terms) of 16 general hospital beds to every 10 beds in mental institutions, there was a difference of less than 10 p.c. between the number of patients in reporting general hospitals (70,649) and the number in mental institutions (64,188) on Dec. 31, 1958.

3.—Movement of Patients of Reporting Public, Private and Federal Hospitals, by Type, 1954-58

Type of Service and Item	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958
PUBLIC HOSPITALS					
General—					
Hospitals reporting..... No.	762	781	796	820	833
Ratio of reporting to operating hospitals. p.c.	96.0	96.7	97.0	98.4	98.2
Admissions ¹ No.	2,205,335	2,394,777	2,548,389	2,675,400	2,764,214
Per 100,000 population..... "	14,426	15,255	15,847	16,128	16,214
Discharges and deaths..... "	2,204,207	2,392,900	2,547,715	2,673,034	2,760,932
Patients in hospital at Dec. 31..... "	50,185	54,181	55,836	58,359	62,561
Per 100,000 population..... "	328	345	347	352	367
Chronic and Convalescent—					
Hospitals reporting..... No.	34	46	46	51	63
Ratio of reporting to operating hospitals. p.c.	75.6	88.5	86.8	85.0	82.9
Admissions ¹ No.	8,051	10,821	10,323	10,297	10,941
Per 100,000 population..... "	53	69	64	62	64
Discharges and deaths..... "	7,900	10,577	9,748	9,980	10,902
Patients in hospital at Dec. 31..... "	6,500	6,939	7,402	7,898	9,131
Per 100,000 population..... "	43	44	46	48	54
Maternity—					
Hospitals reporting..... No.	13	17	17	12	11
Ratio of reporting to operating hospitals. p.c.	86.7	94.4	94.4	92.3	78.6
Admissions ¹ No.	30,528	28,936	24,715	25,695	24,114
Per 100,000 population..... "	200	184	154	155	141
Discharges and deaths..... "	30,507	29,052	24,681	25,716	24,118
Patients in hospital at Dec. 31..... "	747	647	460	443	432
Per 100,000 population..... "	5	4	3	3	3
Mental—²					
Hospitals reporting..... No.	73	70	71	72	71
Ratio of reporting to operating hospitals. p.c.	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Admissions ¹ No.	20,734	23,374	23,601	26,133	27,238
Per 100,000 population..... "	136	149	147	158	160
Discharges and deaths..... "	18,778	21,236	22,089	24,821	26,172
Patients in hospital at Dec. 31..... "	59,985	61,264	62,500	63,318	63,861
Per 100,000 population..... "	392	390	389	382	375
Tuberculosis—⁴					
Hospitals reporting..... No.	56	55	55	54	51
Ratio of reporting to operating hospitals. p.c.	94.9	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Admissions ¹ No.	13,256	13,445	14,075	15,075	13,352
Per 100,000 population..... "	87	86	88	91	78
Discharges and deaths..... "	16,046	16,565	16,855	18,160	15,674
Patients in hospital at Dec. 31..... "	12,122	11,432	10,928	9,657	8,371
Per 100,000 population..... "	79	73	68	58	49
Totals, Public Hospitals—⁴					
Hospitals reporting..... No.	946	983	998	1,020	1,044
Ratio of reporting to operating hospitals. p.c.	94.4	96.3	96.4	97.5	96.8
Admissions ¹ No.	2,286,027	2,485,538	2,632,765	2,762,224	2,851,715
Per 100,000 population..... "	14,954	15,838	16,372	16,651	16,728
Discharges and deaths..... "	2,285,770	2,484,531	2,632,678	2,761,387	2,849,461
Patients in hospital at Dec. 31..... "	130,552	135,813	138,211	140,564	145,864
Per 100,000 population..... "	854	865	859	847	856