

Choices in Childbirth

HELPING WOMEN MAKE INFORMED MATERNITY CARE DECISIONS

NEW YORK CITY HOSPITALS CESAREAN SECTION RATES 2000-2005

The World Health Organization recommends that the cesarean section rate for industrialized nations should not exceed 15%. A safe range, as determined by WHO experts, is 10-15%.

		2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005*
MANHATTAN	New York Downtown Hospital	11.1 %	13.5 %	13.3 %	14.2 %	18.4 %	18.8 %
	Women's Hospital	26.2 %	23.4 %	22.6 %	21.7 %	23.6 %	23.8 %
	Roosevelt Hospital	28.7 %	25.9 %	27.0 %	25.9 %	26.7 %	25.0 %
	Bellevue Hospital	18.4 %	18.5 %	19.8 %	20.9 %	22.6 %	25.2 %
	Harlem Hospital Center	23.0 %	19.5 %	24.9 %	22.0 %	23.1 %	26.1 %
	Beth Israel Hospital	24.0 %	24.3 %	22.4 %	23.4 %	26.1 %	27.7 %
	Lenox Hill Hospital	29.8 %	29.1 %	31.5 %	31.7 %	33.1 %	28.0 %
	Metropolitan Hospital	25.3 %	24.6 %	22.8 %	22.5 %	23.8 %	28.1 %
	St. Vincent's Hospital	24.9 %	25.3 %	26.1 %	25.6 %	29.3 %	28.3 %
	Mount Sinai Hospital	23.7 %	27.8 %	26.9 %	28.4 %	29.3 %	29.7 %
	New York Univ. Medical Center	25.6 %	25.9 %	26.4 %	28.3 %	29.9 %	32.0 %
	NY-Presbyterian Hosp./The Allen Pavilion	22.9 %	24.3 %	28.0 %	27.9 %	29.8 %	32.3 %
NY-Presbyterian Hosp./Weill Cornell Med. Ctr.	29.2 %	32.0 %	35.7 %	37.3 %	39.6 %	37.8 %	
NY-Presbyterian Hosp./Columbia U. Med. Ctr.	28.3 %	31.9 %	33.8 %	34.8 %	37.1 %	38.9 %	
QUEENS	City Hospital Center at Elmhurst	19.8 %	22.2 %	21.3 %	23.1 %	24.2 %	23.3 %
	Queens Center Hospital	18.5 %	19.9 %	20.0 %	22.1 %	24.7 %	23.4 %
	Jamaica Hospital	28.1 %	24.9 %	25.3 %	25.8 %	28.8 %	29.6 %
	LaGuardia Hospital	34.5 %	32.3 %	28.9 %	32.2 %	28.0 %	31.0 %
	New York Hosp./Med. Center of Queens	25.3 %	26.5 %	28.1 %	28.2 %	30.5 %	31.8 %
	St. John's Episcopal Hospital	25.2 %	28.6 %	24.8 %	31.9 %	31.4 %	34.3 %
	Long Island Jewish Medical Center	27.4 %	28.9 %	29.4 %	30.6 %	33.5 %	35.1 %
	St. John's Queens Hospital	23.4 %	28.8 %	31.7 %	32.0 %	34.5 %	37.1 %
Flushing Hospital/Medical Center	30.7 %	32.9 %	33.4 %	35.6 %	37.0 %	38.8 %	
BROOKLYN	Maimonides Medical Center	14.9 %	17.5 %	18.9 %	19.1 %	18.7 %	20.3 %
	Wyckoff Heights Hospital	24.2 %	21.3 %	28.1 %	25.7 %	27.6 %	25.8 %
	Kings County Hospital	21.2 %	20.5 %	23.0 %	23.1 %	27.5 %	27.0 %
	Coney Island Hospital	19.7 %	18.0 %	24.1 %	27.1 %	26.9 %	27.3 %
	Lutheran Medical Center	24.6 %	25.9 %	27.1 %	25.6 %	27.4 %	27.9 %
	Woodhull Hospital	24.2 %	25.0 %	27.9 %	29.5 %	31.5 %	29.7 %
	Brookdale Hospital Medical Center	24.1 %	24.2 %	26.4 %	25.8 %	26.4 %	30.2 %
	Victory Memorial Hospital	32.6 %	33.2 %	37.4 %	28.6 %	36.2 %	31.9 %
	University Hospital Of Brooklyn	26.4 %	24.8 %	26.2 %	29.2 %	32.6 %	33.5 %
	Long Island College Hospital	31.1 %	30.4 %	28.2 %	29.5 %	32.2 %	34.0 %
	Brooklyn Hospital	29.6 %	29.8 %	32.9 %	34.8 %	38.5 %	34.1 %
Methodist Hospital	28.5 %	28.1 %	32.0 %	33.7 %	34.8 %	38.0 %	
BRONX	North Central Bronx Hospital	17.4 %	17.3 %	16.3 %	21.4 %	18.3 %	17.3 %
	St. Barnabas Hospital	20.1 %	19.6 %	21.3 %	23.4 %	24.7 %	23.9 %
	Jacobi Hospital	14.1 %	16.4 %	18.1 %	19.4 %	21.6 %	25.4 %
	Lincoln Hospital	22.6 %	24.2 %	22.7 %	22.6 %	22.4 %	26.3 %
	Bronx Lebanon Hospital	23.8 %	25.1 %	26.8 %	28.2 %	28.0 %	28.3 %
	Our Lady of Mercy Medical Center	24.1 %	18.3 %	9.7 %	18.0 %	28.2 %	29.0 %
	Weiler Hospital	21.0 %	24.0 %	22.7 %	23.7 %	29.3 %	31.8 %
STATEN ISLAND	Staten Island University Hospital	22.3 %	22.3 %	22.0 %	22.0 %	23.0 %	22.8 %
	St. Vincent's Hospital	34.7 %	35.5 %	37.1 %	35.6 %	39.5 %	44.6 %

*Latest statistics available from the New York State Department of Health.

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