

Hospital by hospital breakdown of ICU capacity and COVID-19 patients

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PHOENIX (3TV/CBS 5) – We’ve been hearing quite a bit about Arizona’s hospitals closing in on maximum capacity as COVID-19 continues to surge unchecked. Statewide numbers, however, do not tell you what’s happening at the hospitals in your neighborhood.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services recently released data that shows where our hospitals stand. Arizona’s Family has put that into an [at-a-glance format](#) so you can see exactly what’s happening at individual facilities.

Our [searchable and sortable chart](#) looks at four metrics – total ICU capacity, the percentage of ICU beds in use by COVID-19 patients, the percentage of adult patients who have COVID-19, and the percentage of all hospital patients who have COVID-19.

Capacity Details for Arizona Hospitals

SEARCH: Search for a specific hospital.

TABS: By clicking on each of the 3 tabs, you can see capacity rates for inpatient and ICU beds as well as how full the hospital is with Covid-19 patients.

SORT: You may also sort from highest to lowest or lowest to highest in each of the columns to see which have the highest percentage. There is no data available for some hospitals.

AVERAGE FOR THE WEEK OF:

January 15-21, 2021

Inpatient Capacity		ICU Capacity		Covid-19 Patients	
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City	Capacity	Covid-19	Occupied Beds	Total Beds	
Yuma	66%	20%	42990%	656.0	
Glendale	65%	24%	27400%	422.0	
Phoenix	27%	0%	630%	23.0	
Phoenix	96%	0%	4590%	48.0	
Goodyear	62%	28%	23290%	376.0	
Gilbert	62%	23%	28290%	458.7	
Tucson	69%	30%	7500%	109.0	
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Bullhead City	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	0%	0.0	
Tucson	49%	22%	12470%	257.0	
Oro Valley	62%	22%	3360%	54.0	
Chandler	100%	41%	24830%	248.3	
Cottonwood	100%	33%	21670%	216.7	
Apache Junction	96%	52%	6430%	66.7	
Prescott	97%	33%	18210%	188.4	
Safford	60%	45%	1990%	33.0	
Phoenix	62%	33%	4590%	74.0	
Queen Creek	84%	52%	1590%	18.9	
Tucson	64%	28%	22730%	356.0	
Mesa	91%	44%	63510%	697.3	
Gilbert	39%	0%	430%	11.0	
Green Valley	92%	-2941174%	3130%	34.0	
Casa Grande	33%	12%	1690%	51.0	
Mesa	51%	28%	4900%	96.0	
Mesa	35%	-3703700%	940%	27.0	
Kingman	44%	0%	710%	16.0	
Mesa	44%	24%	1530%	35.0	
Sun City	19%	0%	760%	39.0	
Phoenix	73%	30%	10960%	150.0	
Flagstaff	92%	36%	18960%	206.7	
Phoenix	80%	0%	5230%	65.0	
Glendale	83%	41%	20140%	242.0	
Phoenix	71%	34%	44710%	628.4	
Tucson	49%	34%	1230%	25.0	
Sierra Vista	48%	22%	1010%	21.0	
Tucson	96%	39%	17190%	178.4	
Sun City West	68%	33%	31470%	462.0	
Scottsdale	93%	36%	16390%	176.0	
Payson	25%	-4999995%	490%	20.0	
Scottsdale	24%	-5263153%	450%	19.0	
Phoenix	68%	41%	30630%	449.0	
Show Low	67%	38%	33430%	498.0	
Mesa	96%	40%	46330%	484.7	
Mesa	93%	45%	22800%	244.1	
Phoenix	76%	60%	4330%	56.7	
Scottsdale	100%	48%	14700%	147.0	
Phoenix	83%	46%	38410%	464.0	

Laveen	97%	36%	43100%	444.6
Fort Mohave	67%	2%	13660%	204.0
Bisbee	82%	43%	5560%	68.0
Winslow	77%	31%	63940%	829.9
Parker	91%	49%	2770%	30.3
Willcox	46%	-7142850%	640%	14.0
Lake Havasu City	41%	0%	2610%	64.0
Peoria	78%	9%	8630%	111.0
Globe	48%	25%	2390%	50.0
Benson	58%	33%	1040%	18.0
Goodyear	98%	50%	8290%	84.9
Wickenburg	70%	18%	46990%	669.0
Page	41%	-8333325%	490%	12.0
Chandler	100%	50%	22130%	221.3
Phoenix	56%	40%	1400%	25.0

Data is provided by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). Hospitals report capacity data to HHS. For each hospital report, hundreds of people are directly or indirectly involved, including hospital staff, state agencies, federal employees, and contractors. According to HHS, the data is not perfect, and expectations that it's perfect are not reasonable. However, HHS says the data has been reliable enough to be used in Federal response planning for some time and continues to improve each day.

Diverting patients

Some Phoenix-area hospitals have had to divert emergencies to other facilities because they have so many COVID-19 patients. The diversion process is designed to allow a hospital's staff to work through a backlog of patients.



Six Phoenix-area hospitals are diverting transports due to influx of patients

Many hospitals are running out of room and resources due to the rising number of cases around the Valley.

"We've got some rolling diversions," explained Dr. Ross Goldberg, a surgeon at Valleywise Health and the president of the Arizona Medical Association. "What that means is no ambulances or transfers can occur." He said hospitals work together so that emergency responders know where to go.

Walk-in patients will not be turned away from emergency departments, but they might find themselves waiting to see a doctor.

"If, for example, there is a patient that is adamant about going to the hospital – or that specific hospital that is on diversion – we notify them that they might have to experience a significant delay in being seen, but they can still go there," Capt. Scott Douglas of the Phoenix Fire Department explained.

"If a true emergency shows up, we will take care of that," Goldberg said.

It's not clear which hospitals are on diversion. A facility's status can change throughout the day depending on its staffing and patient loads.

While many hospitals are nearing capacity, the number of available beds isn't necessarily the most significant issue. "[It's] more a resource problem -- with staffing," Goldberg said. "There is a limit to what we have available."

Dr. Cara Christ, the director of the Arizona Department of Health Services, said Wednesday that help is on the way in the form of 300 nurses. Some of them are due to arrive next week. At the same time, travel nurses already in Arizona will move on to other locations in need.

"We kind of take what we can," Goldberg said. "We never say no to resources. To predict what we're going to need is tough. ... We have to be adaptable."

"We have to make sure we are doing our part to have enough staffing in place to handle whatever waves come our way," he continued. "There is a concern now after Christmas and with New Year's coming up this week that we're going to see additional surges in January."

Goldberg said it is up to everyone to help slow the spread of the coronavirus that causes COVID-19. It's all about personal accountability.

"It's actually not that hard," he said. "Everyone says they're very thankful for what we're doing, but then no one pays attention to our recommendations." Those recommendations include wearing a mask, physically distancing, and not gathering in large groups. "Unless we all buy-in and do our part, this is not going to stop anytime soon."
