

# Hospice Provider Availability by State (CMS Care Compare)

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Public methodology surface -- <https://fonteum.com/methodology/hospice-availability>

State-level rollups of CMS Care Compare hospice provider counts.

## Source provenance

Source families: CMS Care Compare datasets (public)

Spatial resolution: Facility (point) + state rollups.

Temporal coverage: CMS quarterly Care Compare release (current snapshot 2026-04-01).

Refresh cadence: Quarterly (matches CMS Care Compare release cadence).

Snapshot: 5,300 providers across 51 states + DC, dated 2026-04-01.

## Reproducibility

1. Pull the CMS Care Compare Hospice Compare dataset from [data.cms.gov/provider-data/dataset/252m-zfp9](https://data.cms.gov/provider-data/dataset/252m-zfp9).
2. Bucket by state.
3. Compute per-state count + provider-type breakdown.

## Limitations

- Each CMS measure carries its own published limitations; readers should review the CMS dataset documentation linked in the methodology for measure-specific caveats. We do not modify CMS's published measure values, only re-aggregate to state-level rollups.
- Sampling-based measures (e.g. patient-experience surveys) carry confidence bands CMS publishes alongside the values. State-level rollups average across facilities and do not preserve those bands; for facility-specific decisions, reference the original CMS Care Compare record.
- Date alignment: state rollups are computed from the CMS file's published reporting period, not the file release date. The reporting period typically lags the release date by 6-12 months per CMS convention.

## Field schema

> provider\_ccn -- CMS Certification Number for the hospice provider.

Source: CMS Care Compare -- Hospice Compare (<https://data.cms.gov/provider-data/dataset/252m-zfp9>)

Refresh: Quarterly - Confidence: 1.0 (verbatim)

> state -- Hospice state (USPS code).

Source: CMS Care Compare -- Hospice Compare (<https://data.cms.gov/provider-data/dataset/252m-zfp9>)

Refresh: Quarterly - Confidence: 1.0 (verbatim)

> provider\_type -- Hospice provider type (free-standing, hospital-based, home-health-based, etc.).

Source: CMS Care Compare -- Hospice Compare (<https://data.cms.gov/provider-data/dataset/252m-zfp9>)

Refresh: Quarterly - Confidence: 1.0 (verbatim)

## Version history

v2026.05.0 - released 2026-05-06

Initial Audit Pack release. Methodology, provenance map, reproducibility statement, and limitations stack baselined.

## Citation

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## Cross-references

Audit Pack: <https://fonteum.com/audit-pack/hospice-availability>

Research study: <https://fonteum.com/research/hospice-provider-availability-by-state-2026>

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