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Hospital CEO Turnover Rate Increases

CHICAGO, March 10, 2014—Hospital CEO turnover increased in 2013, tracking at 20 percent, according to a recent report from the American College of Healthcare Executives. This is the highest rate reported since ACHE began analyzing these numbers in 1981. The turnover rate in 2012 was 17 percent, and in 2011 and 2012 it was 16 percent. The annual rate has fluctuated between 14 and 18 percent in the decade prior to 2013.

“The increase in the turnover rate may be indicative of a combination of factors, including an increased number of baby boomers seeking retirement, the emerging trend toward consolidation in our industry and the complexity and amount of change going on in healthcare today,” said Deborah J. Bowen, FACHE, CAE, president and CEO of ACHE. “The increase in the rate reinforces the need for healthcare leaders to work with their boards to ensure appropriate succession plans are in place.”

ACHE's CEO turnover rates are based on changes in an organization's chief executive officer as reported to the American Hospital Association.

American College of Healthcare Executives Hospital CEO Turnover*

YEAR	ADJUSTED ** (percent)	NUMBER OF HOSPITALS
2013	20	4,546
2012	17	4,555
2011	16	4,542
2010	16	4,567
2009	18	4,582
2008	14	4,520
2007	15	4,496
2006	15	4,546
2005	14	4,512

2004	16	4,566
2003	14	4,569
2002	14	4602
2001	15	4,624
2000	17	4,689
1999	18	4,744
1998	17	4,780
1997	16	4,842
1996	16	4,928
1995	17	4,940
1994	14	5,045
1993	14	5,030
1992	15	5,198
1991	17	5,294
1990	13	5,398
1989	16	5,454
1988	18	5,526
1987	18	5,583

1986	17	5,626
1985	16	5,651
1984	15	5,665
1983	13	5,672
1982	14	5,678
1981	14	5,687

* Short term, general medical and surgical and nonfederal hospitals.

** Based on a universal telephone study in 1990, we reduced the total turnover for the years 1981-1997 by 14.2 percent due to incorrect reporting of retained CEOs and by 9.9 percent due to the replacement of interim or acting CEOs. The total reduction is 24.1 percent. In 1998, a sample survey of 146 hospitals showed that the appropriate deflator should be 18.6 percent, which was applied to the 1998-2002 rates. In 2004, this deflator was adjusted to 18.8 percent on the basis of a survey of a sample of 150 hospitals; this was applied to the 2003-2007 rates. For the 2008 calendar year, on the basis of a survey of 300 hospitals, a new deflator of 13.04 percent was computed, which was used for 2009 and 2010 as well.

Beginning in the 2011 figures, our calculations exclude known interim CEOs, rather than correcting for them using the deflator. A deflator of 2.10 percent, correcting for overlooked interim CEOs and misidentified turnovers, was computed on the basis of a 2012 survey of 300 hospitals and applied to the 2012 and 2013 data.

American College of Healthcare Executives—Feb. 21, 2014 Annual CEO Turnover by State—Rates adjusted for states with more than 23 turnovers

Nonfederal, Short-Term, General Medical/Surgical Hospitals—Calendar Year 2013

Rank	State	Adjusted CEO Turnover Pct*
(High-turnover states)		
1	ALASKA	37
2	OKLAHOMA	33†
3	ARKANSAS	30

4	PUERTO RICO	30
5	VIRGINIA	29
6	LOUISIANA	27†
7	FLORIDA	27†
8	MASSACHUSETTS	26
9	ALABAMA	25
10	KENTUCKY	25†
11	SOUTH CAROLINA	25
12	TENNESSEE	24†
13	MISSOURI	24†
14-15	NEW MEXICO	23
14-15	ARIZONA	23
16	MISSISSIPPI	23
17	NEW YORK	21†

(Medium-turnover states)

18	NORTH CAROLINA	21
19	ILLINOIS	21†

(Medium-turnover states)

20-21	MICHIGAN	21†
20-21	CONNECTICUT	21
22	GEORGIA	20†
23-24	DELAWARE	20
23-24	HAWAII	20
25	CALIFORNIA	20†
26	TEXAS	19†
27	WASHINGTON	19
28	IDAHO	18
29	KANSAS	18
30	COLORADO	18
31	OHIO	17†
32	NEW HAMPSHIRE	16
33	MARYLAND	16
34-35	NORTH DAKOTA	15
33-35	WYOMING	15

(Low-turnover states)

36	IOWA	15
37-38	INDIANA	15
37-38	NEVADA	15
39	MINNESOTA	15
40-41	DIST. OF COLUMBIA	14
40-41	UTAH	14
42	PENNSYLVANIA	14
43	WISCONSIN	14
44	OREGON	13
45	MAINE	11
46	MONTANA	11
47	SOUTH DAKOTA	11
48	NEBRASKA	11
49	WEST VIRGINIA	10
50	NEW JERSEY	10
51-52	VERMONT	0
51-52	RHODE ISLAND	0

(Low-turnover states)

US TOTAL (50 states, DC, Puerto Rico)	20
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* This table adjusts the turnover rate downward in states with more than 23 turnovers to account for unrecorded interim and acting CEOs who are intentionally assigned to their posts for a short period.

† More than 23 turnovers—adjusted rate

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