

HCAHPS PERCENTILES

December 2013

Hospital Percentile*	Communication with Nurses	Communication with Doctors	Responsiveness of Hosp. Staff	Pain Management	Comm. About Medicines	Cleanliness of Hospital Env.	Quietness of Hospital Env.	Discharge Information	Overall Hospital Rating	Recommend the Hospital
TOP-Box Score¹										
95 th (near best)	88	90	83	79	76	87	78	91	84	86
90 th	85	88	79	77	72	83	73	90	81	82
75 th	82	85	72	73	67	78	67	88	76	77
50 th	79	81	66	70	63	72	60	85	70	71
25 th	75	78	61	68	60	68	54	82	65	65
10 th	72	75	57	65	56	64	48	80	59	58
5 th (near worst)	69	73	53	62	54	61	45	77	55	54
BOTTOM-Box Score²										
5 th (near best)	1	1	2	3	9	2	2	9	2	1
10 th	2	2	4	4	12	4	4	10	4	2
25 th	3	3	6	5	16	6	6	12	5	3
50 th	4	4	9	6	19	8	9	15	7	4
75 th	6	5	12	8	22	11	13	18	10	7
90 th	8	7	15	11	25	14	17	20	13	9
95 th (near worst)	10	8	18	12	27	16	20	23	16	11

* Percentiles for HCAHPS "Top-box" and "Bottom-box" scores of the 3,939 hospitals publicly reported on Hospital Compare in December 2013. Surveys are from patients discharged between April 2012 and March 2013. Scores have been adjusted for survey mode and patient-mix.

¹ The "**Top-box**" is the most positive response to HCAHPS survey items. Percentiles indicate how often patients gave positive assessments of their hospital experience. *With "Top-box" scores, the higher, the better.* For example, on "Communication with Nurses," 5% of hospitals scored 88 or higher (95th percentile) in the "Top-box," while 5% scored 69 or lower (5th percentile). The median (50th percentile) score on this measure was 79.

² The "**Bottom-box**" summarizes the least positive responses to HCAHPS survey items. Percentiles indicate how often patients gave negative assessments of their hospital experience. *With "Bottom-box" scores, the lower, the better.* For example, on "Communication with Nurses," 5% of hospitals scored 1 or lower (5th percentile) in the "Bottom-box," while 5% scored 10 or higher (95th percentile). The median (50th percentile) score on this measure was 4.

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