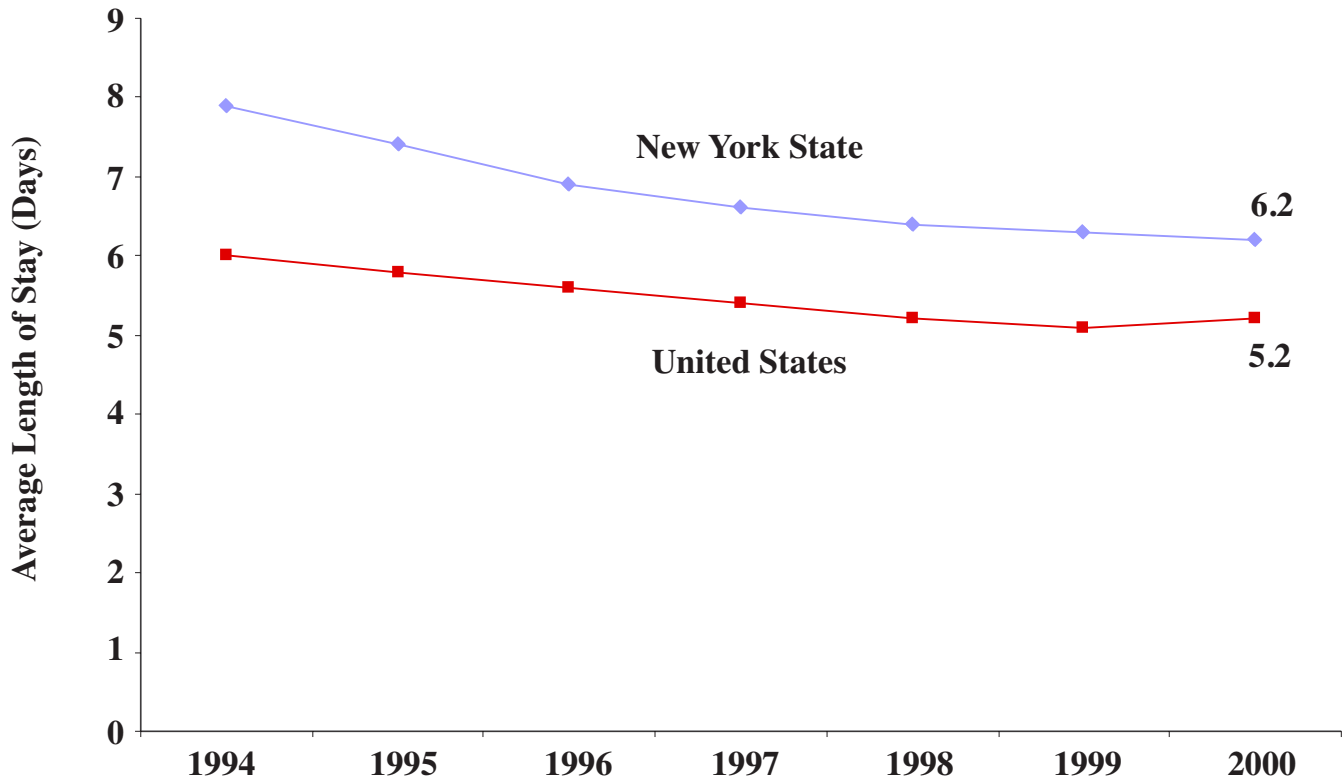


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Average Length of Stay - All Ages
1994 - 2000

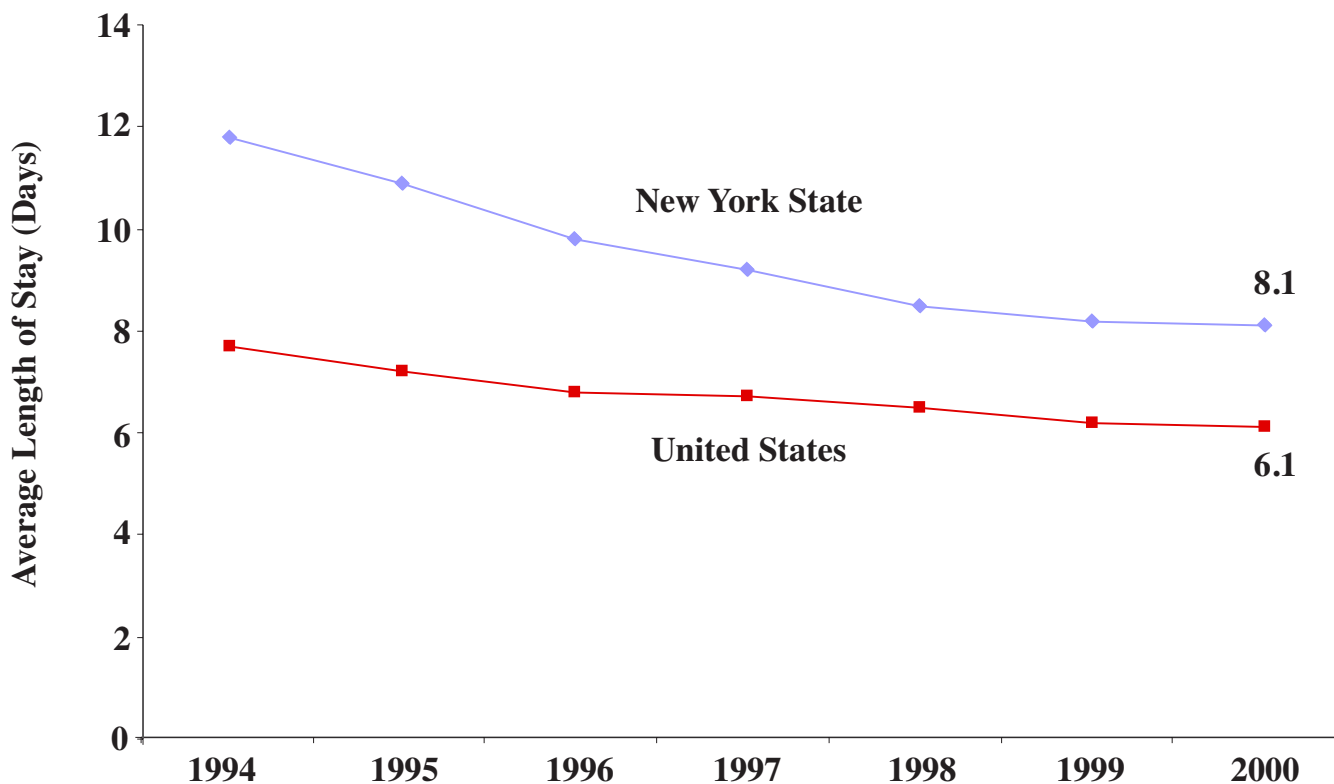


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New York State hospitals have among the longest average lengths of stay for patients in the country, even adjusting for the severe patient cases. Most national health-care quality consulting groups view low average lengths of stay as a key measurement for quality because shorter stays reflect greater cooperation and coordination between hospitals and physicians for safe patient discharges. New York hospitals are reducing their lengths of stay, but current levels continue to be significantly longer than national averages. The following table illustrates the most recent data available on New York State, its local regions and the national average. For further details on New York's average lengths of stay, [click here](#). For details on national average lengths of stay, [click here](#).

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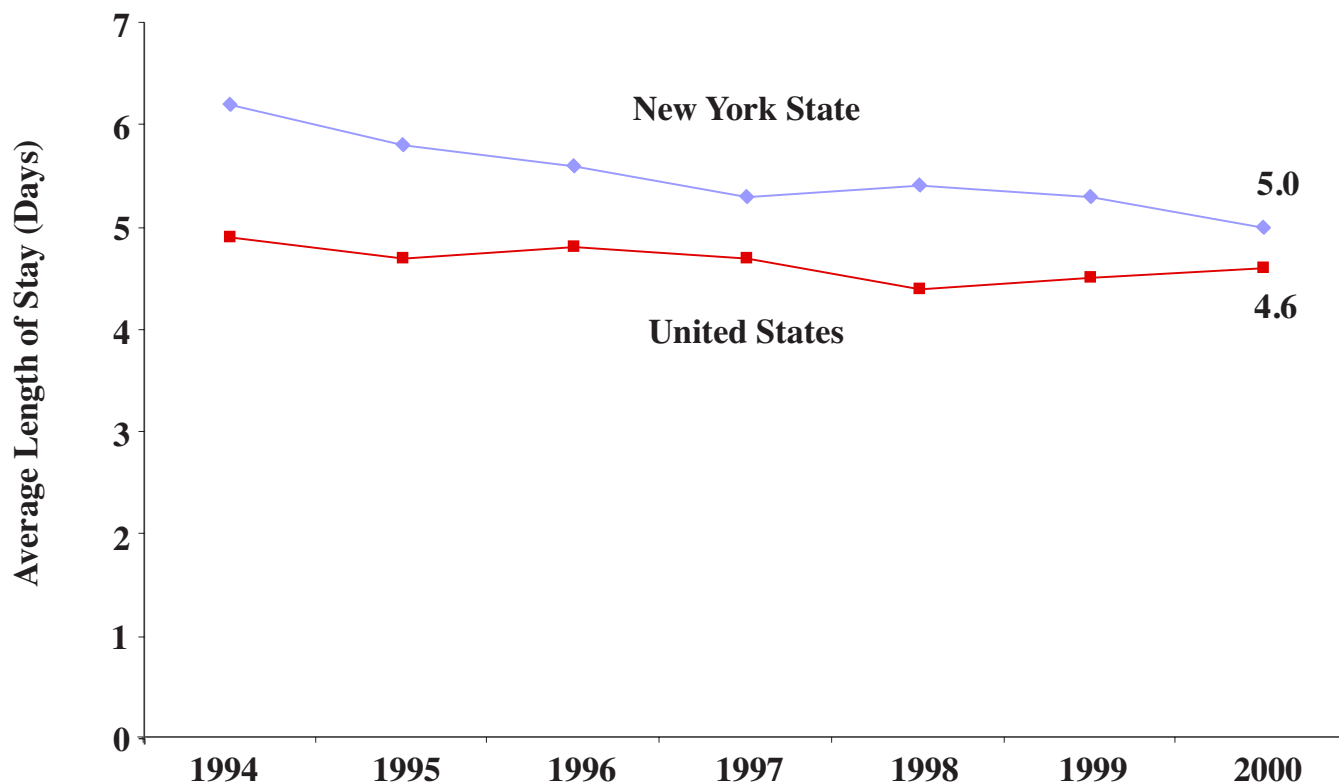
**Average Length of Stay
Patients Aged 65 Years and Older
1994 - 2000**



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**Average Length of Stay
Patients Under The Age of 65
1994 - 2000**



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Average Lengths of Stay in Hospitals United States and New York State 2000			
Geographic Region	Age Group		
	All Ages	65+ Years	<65 Years
United States	5.2	6.1	4.6
New York State	6.2	8.1	5.0
<i>Regions Within New York State:</i>			
Western	6.0	7.6	4.6
Finger Lakes	5.7	7.2	5.0
Central	5.4	7.1	4.0
New York-Penn.	5.7	7.3	4.0
Northeastern New York	5.6	7.1	4.3
Mid Hudson	6.6	8.2	6.0
New York City	6.4	8.7	6.5
Long Island	6.1	8.3	4.4

Source: *New York State Department of Health, Statewide Planning and Research Cooperative System (SPARCS), 2000 Annual Report Table 1. U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, based on data reported by the American Hospital Association.*