

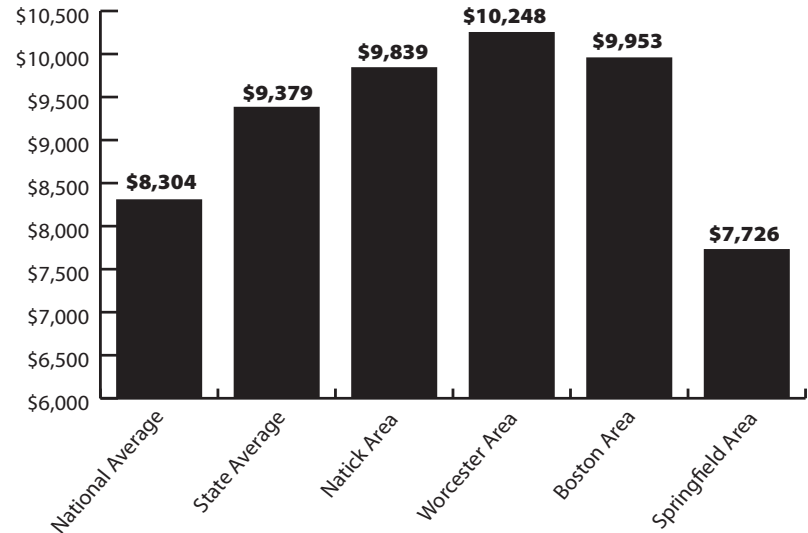
Health Care Costs In The Bay State

UMass Memorial Medical Center had 118,059 visitors to its emergency room in fiscal year 2006. That makes it the busiest emergency department in the region, and second in the state behind Boston Medical Center.

Hospital	ED Visits
Athol Memorial	9,717
Clinton	11,786
Harrinton Memorial	20,783
Health Alliance Hospitals	53,450
Heywood	21,899
Hubbard Regional	11,735
Marlborough	25,978
MetroWest Medical (Framingham)	64,530
Milford Regional	49,539
Nashobal Valley	15,620
Saint Vincent	46,960
UMass Memorial (Univ. Campus)	118,049
Boston Medical (Harrison Ave.)	126,034

Source: Mass. Division of Health Care Finance and Policy.

The average Medicare reimbursement per enrollee is \$10,248 in the Worcester area. That's higher than the average for Boston (\$9,953).



Medicare reimbursements for inpatient stays and skilled nursing are particularly costly in the Worcester area.

	Medicare reimbursements per enrollee		
	Inpatient (25 days or more)	Inpatient (Less than 25 days)	Skilled nursing facilities
National Average	\$442	\$2,979	\$690
State Average	\$611	\$3,334	\$1,016
Worcester area	\$882	\$3,978	\$1,105

Source: Dartmouth Atlas of Health Care. Notes: Data is from 2006.