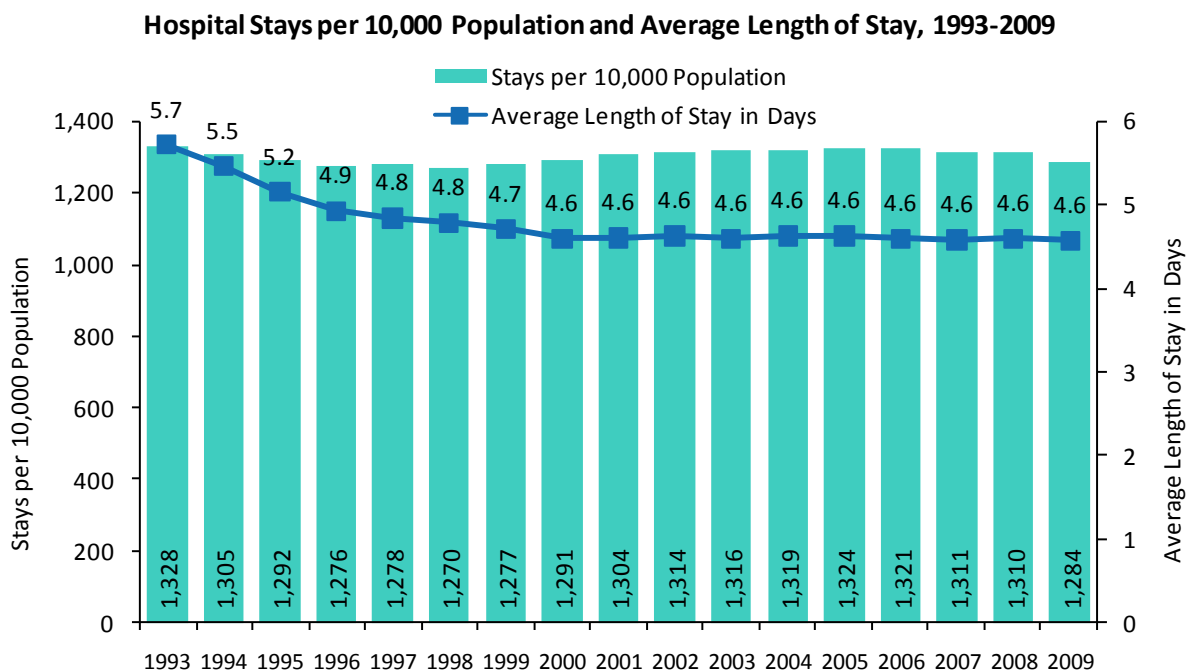


## EXHIBIT 1.2 Inpatient Hospital Stays and Average Length of Stay



Source: AHRQ, Center for Delivery, Organization, and Markets, Healthcare Cost and Utilization Project, Nationwide Inpatient Sample, 1993-2009.

The average length of stay in U.S. community hospitals stabilized beginning in 2000, while the number of hospital stays per 10,000 population remained stable throughout the 1993-2009 period.

- The average length of stay (ALOS) in 2009 (4.6 days) was almost 20-percent shorter than in 1993 (5.7 days). The ALOS declined throughout most of the 1990s and has remained unchanged since 2000.
- From 1993 to 2009, the annual rate of stays was relatively stable at about 1,300 stays per 10,000 population.