

The Cash Price Index

What uninsured Americans actually pay for common medical procedures — and how wildly that number varies depending on where you show up.

3,229

hospitals analyzed

9.6M+

price records

46

states covered

128x

max price gap same procedure

Key finding: Prices for identical procedures vary by up to **128x** between hospitals across 46 states and 3,229 facilities. A patient choosing the lowest-cost facility within their region can save hundreds to thousands of dollars on a single visit — yet most never know this price information exists.

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SELECTED 2025 FINDINGS

Real cash prices from 3,229 hospitals across 46 states

All prices are gross cash / self-pay rates from hospital price transparency files. Per-hospital medians used; top and bottom 2% trimmed to remove outliers. Data collected Q2 2026.

PROCEDURE	CPT	HOSPITALS	LOWEST	HIGHEST	GAP
Comprehensive Metabolic Panel	80053	2,925	\$7.26	\$927.00	127.7x
Electrocardiogram (ECG/EKG)	93000	923	\$6.50	\$514.29	79.1x
Renal Function Panel	80069	2,811	\$8.68	\$679.46	78.3x
Complete Blood Count (CBC)	85025	2,844	\$4.38	\$297.00	67.8x
Injection (Subcutaneous/IM)	96372	2,738	\$19.00	\$1,188.60	62.6x
Blood Transfusion	36430	2,841	\$70.80	\$4,045.00	57.1x
Arterial Blood Draw	36600	2,594	\$19.60	\$892.62	45.5x
Vaccine Administration	90471	2,616	\$9.55	\$314.30	32.9x
Chest X-Ray (2 views)	71046	2,952	\$34.40	\$1,089.00	31.7x
Abdominal Ultrasound	76700	2,849	\$89.80	\$2,813.25	31.3x
Chest Ultrasound	76604	2,744	\$58.08	\$1,590.12	27.4x
Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)	92950	2,597	\$142.55	\$3,186.00	22.4x

METHODOLOGY

How this data was collected

The Cash Price Index uses machine-readable files published under the federal **Hospital Price Transparency Rule** (effective January 2021).

3,229 hospitals — price files collected and normalized

9.6M+ price records — identified by CPT code

Cash / self-pay rates — isolated — gross rates before financial assistance

Per-hospital medians — used; top/bottom 2% trimmed to remove outliers

Q2 2026 — data collection period

46 states — covered in this edition; expanding nationally

Important note: All prices are gross cash / self-pay rates. Actual costs may be lower after financial assistance or charity care. Always confirm pricing with the facility before scheduling.

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