



Calendar Year (CY) 2024 Documented Charity Care (DCC) Report

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I. Executive Summary

New Jersey law requires all acute care hospitals provide medically necessary services to patients regardless of their ability to pay. The NJ Hospital Care Payment Program (Charity Care) ensures that free or reduced-cost care is provided to patients who receive inpatient and outpatient services statewide.

Hospitals submit Charity Care claims to the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services, where they are priced at Medicaid rates. These claims are audited quarterly by the New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH) and the Department of Human Services. The annual audited total, called Documented Charity Care (DCC), is used to calculate each hospital's Charity Care subsidy.

This annual report summarizes CY 2024 DCC data, which is based on the Medicaid payment rate for all 70 acute care hospitals. NJ hospitals reported approximately \$686 million in DCC for CY 2024. Total DCC increased by 22.6%, which is the largest annual increase in the past decade.

When reading through this report, there are several important factors to consider:

- DCC declined precipitously in CY 2020 because of the temporary statewide moratorium on elective procedures; even after the moratorium was lifted in May 2020, potential patients were understandably hesitant to use hospital services and deferred their care. Additionally, the federal Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) allowed hospitals to seek reimbursement for uninsured claims related to COVID-19 testing and treatment. Though not all hospitals availed themselves of this option, it nevertheless reduced the DCC of those that did.
- Under the federal Families First Coronavirus Response Act of 2020, the federal government provided states an enhanced matching rate on Medicaid expenses but required states to maintain continuous enrollment of Medicaid beneficiaries. As a result, Medicaid enrollment increased dramatically in the intervening years. Increased Medicaid enrollment figures are typically negatively correlated with DCC levels. Despite the increases in Medicaid enrollment since 2020, however, DCC has likewise increased.
- Since the decline of 2020, DCC has increased each subsequent year. DCC is now 26% above the pre-COVID levels. This increase is driven by rising costs of hospital services.

II. Eligibility

NJ residents with income at-or-below 300% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) who do not qualify for Medicaid are eligible to receive Charity Care coverage at any acute care hospital and hospital-based ambulatory care facility. Families with an income less than or equal to 200% of the FPL are eligible to receive care at no cost, while families with income between 200-300% of the FPL are responsible for a portion of their hospital bill. The following chart, which is effective as of March 15, 2026, is the schedule of discounted amounts for Charity Care patients:

| Family Size | Patient Responsibility | | | | |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | 0% | 20% | 40% | 60% | 80% |
| | ≤ 200% FPL | >200≤ 225% FPL | >225≤ 250% FPL | >250≤ 275% FPL | >275≤ 300% FPL |
| 1 | \$31,920 | \$31,921-\$35,910 | \$35,911-\$39,900 | \$39,901-\$43,890 | \$43,891-\$47,880 |
| 2 | \$43,280 | \$43,281-\$48,690 | \$48,691-\$54,100 | \$54,101-\$59,510 | \$59,511-\$64,920 |
| 3 | \$54,640 | \$54,641-\$61,470 | \$61,471-\$68,300 | \$68,301-\$75,130 | \$75,131-\$81,960 |
| 4 | \$66,000 | \$66,001-\$74,250 | \$74,251-\$82,500 | \$82,501-\$90,750 | \$90,751-\$99,000 |
| 5 | \$77,360 | \$77,361-\$87,030 | \$87,031-\$96,700 | \$96,701-\$106,370 | \$106,371-\$116,040 |
| 6 | \$88,720 | \$88,721-\$99,810 | \$99,811-\$110,900 | \$110,901-\$121,990 | \$121,991-\$133,080 |
| 7 | \$100,080 | \$100,081-\$112,590 | \$112,591-\$125,100 | \$125,101-\$137,610 | \$137,611-\$150,120 |
| 8 | \$111,440 | \$111,441-\$125,370 | \$125,371-\$139,300 | \$139,301-\$153,230 | \$153,231-\$167,160 |
| Each Additional Family Member | \$11,360 | \$12,780 | \$14,200 | \$15,620 | \$17,040 |

Further, to qualify for Charity Care, individual and family assets cannot exceed \$7,500 and \$15,000, respectively. Should a patient's assets exceed these limits, they may "spend down" the assets to the eligible limits through payment of the excess toward the hospital bill and other approved out-of-pocket medical expenses.

III. Services Covered by Charity Care

Charity Care covers all necessary hospital-based medical procedures. The Charity Care program is broader than the federal Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act (EMTALA), which only requires hospitals to stabilize the patient. Under Charity Care, patients are eligible to receive all types of treatment, to the extent that they are provided by the hospital itself. Patients can be seen for services as simple as a dental checkup or as serious as a cancer screening.

If patients have questions about the Charity Care program or would like to speak with an expert, they should contact the Office of Healthcare Financing's (OHCF) Charity Care unit:

Email: Charity.Care@doh.nj.gov

Phone: [1-866-588-5696](tel:1-866-588-5696) or [609-292-4709](tel:609-292-4709)

(Monday through Friday, 9am - 5pm)

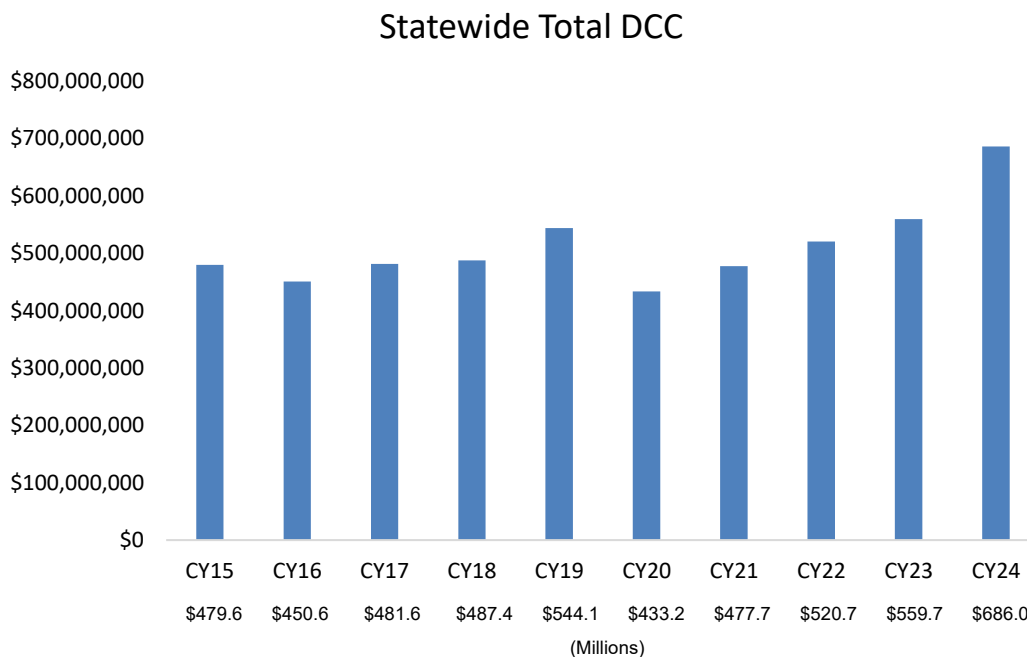
In addition, the OHCF has published a factsheet with important information about the Charity Care program. The factsheet is available in both [English](#) and [Spanish](#).

IV. Data Included in Report

This annual report is based on data collected from 70 licensed NJ acute care hospitals for CY 2024 but also includes historical data. Hospitals not included in this report include State-owned psychiatric hospitals, comprehensive rehabilitation hospitals, ambulatory surgery facilities and federal military and veterans' hospitals. The hospital data outlined in this report is derived from patient claims data submitted by the hospitals to the State in CY 2024 through February 2025.

V. New Jersey DCC Data

Below is a chart that provides an overview of the ten-year trend between CY 2015 through CY 2024 in DCC for all NJ acute care hospitals. Immediately following the expansion of Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act (ACA), there was a continued decrease in statewide DCC that lasted for several years. Beginning in 2017, DCC began to rise, which continued until the COVID-19 pandemic. This increase in DCC coincided with the federal rollback of certain ACA provisions, and decreases in promotional activity related to open enrollment. The precise effect of Medicaid expansion on DCC cannot be quantified, but DCC remains significantly below pre-ACA levels.



Quick Facts:

- A total of 19 hospitals reported over \$10 million in DCC in CY 2024, accounting for 74.8% of DCC.
- In CY 2024, 54 hospitals reported increases, compared to 39 in CY 2023.
- By contrast, 16 hospitals reported decreases in DCC, down from 32 in CY 2023.
- University Hospital remains the largest Charity Care provider in the state, accounting for 14.2% of DCC.
- Bergen New Bridge Medical Center reported the largest decrease in DCC (\$4.3 million) but remains among the largest providers of DCC in the state.

Table 1 - DCC by Facility, CY2024 - CY2023 - CY2022

| Hospital Name | CY24 | CY23 | CY22 | CY24 - CY23 Difference | CY23 - CY22 Difference | CY24 - CY22 Difference |
|------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| University Hospital | \$97,579,801 | \$78,537,667 | \$70,170,688 | \$19,042,134 | \$8,366,979 | \$27,409,113 |
| St. Joseph's UMC | \$55,606,765 | \$39,857,252 | \$40,625,154 | \$15,749,514 | (\$767,902) | \$14,981,611 |
| Robert Wood Johnson UH | \$41,995,731 | \$31,682,090 | \$35,727,629 | \$10,313,641 | (\$4,045,539) | \$6,268,102 |
| Cooper University Hospital | \$35,511,788 | \$26,112,583 | \$23,404,318 | \$9,399,205 | \$2,708,265 | \$12,107,470 |
| Hackensack UMC | \$33,843,190 | \$31,176,428 | \$26,880,627 | \$2,666,762 | \$4,295,801 | \$6,962,563 |
| Newark Beth Israel MC | \$30,977,395 | \$22,657,210 | \$18,304,674 | \$8,320,185 | \$4,352,537 | \$12,672,721 |
| Jersey City Medical Center | \$29,388,484 | \$19,334,131 | \$14,952,181 | \$10,054,353 | \$4,381,951 | \$14,436,303 |
| Capital Health Regional MC | \$23,897,234 | \$19,160,249 | \$16,062,450 | \$4,736,986 | \$3,097,798 | \$7,834,784 |
| Saint Peter's UH | \$21,968,719 | \$21,758,061 | \$19,931,243 | \$210,658 | \$1,826,818 | \$2,037,476 |
| Trinitas Regional Medical Center | \$21,120,910 | \$16,267,070 | \$18,278,219 | \$4,853,840 | (\$2,011,149) | \$2,842,691 |
| Bergen New Bridge Medical Center | \$20,158,638 | \$24,458,356 | \$19,446,553 | (\$4,299,718) | \$5,011,803 | \$712,086 |
| Palisades Medical Center | \$15,986,895 | \$12,711,769 | \$12,096,763 | \$3,275,126 | \$615,006 | \$3,890,132 |
| Monmouth Medical Center | \$13,607,342 | \$11,832,558 | \$9,029,628 | \$1,774,784 | \$2,802,930 | \$4,577,714 |
| Cooperman Barnabas MC | \$13,515,171 | \$9,558,797 | \$8,018,316 | \$3,956,374 | \$1,540,480 | \$5,496,854 |
| Morristown Medical Center | \$12,574,122 | \$11,471,139 | \$10,125,815 | \$1,102,982 | \$1,345,324 | \$2,448,307 |
| AtlantiCare Regional MC - Mainland | \$12,375,185 | \$8,501,495 | \$6,751,781 | \$3,873,690 | \$1,749,714 | \$5,623,405 |
| Capital Health MC - Hopewell | \$12,102,867 | \$10,571,659 | \$9,609,855 | \$1,531,208 | \$961,804 | \$2,493,012 |
| Clara Maass Medical Center | \$10,904,947 | \$5,836,322 | \$6,653,572 | \$5,068,625 | (\$817,250) | \$4,251,375 |
| Jersey Shore UMC | \$10,295,116 | \$9,560,639 | \$9,077,214 | \$734,476 | \$483,425 | \$1,217,901 |
| AtlantiCare Regional MC - City | \$9,795,786 | \$8,822,710 | \$7,465,934 | \$973,076 | \$1,356,776 | \$2,329,852 |
| St. Michael's Medical Center | \$8,954,033 | \$7,187,209 | \$7,748,088 | \$1,766,825 | (\$560,880) | \$1,205,945 |
| Valley Hospital | \$8,470,260 | \$2,512,543 | \$1,879,525 | \$5,957,716 | \$633,019 | \$6,590,735 |
| Virtua - Our Lady of Lourdes MC | \$8,363,081 | \$5,166,683 | \$5,702,720 | \$3,196,398 | (\$536,037) | \$2,660,361 |
| Hoboken University Hospital | \$7,964,330 | \$11,134,069 | \$8,376,085 | (\$3,169,739) | \$2,757,983 | (\$411,756) |
| Overlook Medical Center | \$7,797,667 | \$6,223,583 | \$6,579,160 | \$1,574,084 | (\$355,577) | \$1,218,507 |
| RWJ UH - Somerset | \$7,669,558 | \$6,194,764 | \$6,528,513 | \$1,474,794 | (\$333,749) | \$1,141,045 |
| Englewood Hospital | \$7,476,202 | \$6,254,488 | \$6,147,928 | \$1,221,715 | \$106,560 | \$1,328,275 |
| St. Mary's General Hospital | \$7,312,055 | \$6,200,541 | \$7,182,389 | \$1,111,515 | (\$981,848) | \$129,667 |
| Heights University Hospital | \$6,983,180 | \$9,504,065 | \$8,486,031 | (\$2,520,886) | \$1,018,034 | (\$1,502,851) |
| Inspira Medical Center - Vineland | \$6,628,273 | \$9,340,193 | \$4,396,071 | (\$2,711,921) | \$4,944,122 | \$2,232,202 |
| Monmouth MC - Southern | \$6,334,972 | \$3,749,352 | \$3,239,948 | \$2,585,620 | \$509,404 | \$3,095,024 |
| JFK University Medical Center | \$5,820,792 | \$6,792,375 | \$8,918,679 | (\$971,583) | (\$2,126,303) | (\$3,097,886) |
| Community Medical Center | \$5,303,240 | \$2,359,345 | \$3,001,142 | \$2,943,894 | (\$641,797) | \$2,302,097 |
| Virtua - Marlton | \$4,820,554 | \$3,431,969 | \$3,029,347 | \$1,388,586 | \$402,622 | \$1,791,207 |
| CentraState Medical Center | \$4,496,376 | \$3,400,012 | \$3,756,647 | \$1,096,364 | (\$356,635) | \$739,729 |
| St. Joseph's Wayne UH | \$4,405,021 | \$3,035,482 | \$2,533,748 | \$1,369,539 | \$501,733 | \$1,871,273 |
| Virtua - Memorial Hospital | \$4,319,312 | \$2,841,667 | \$2,607,332 | \$1,477,646 | \$234,335 | \$1,711,981 |
| Holy Name Medical Center | \$3,686,150 | \$3,713,582 | \$2,252,983 | (\$27,432) | \$1,460,599 | \$1,433,167 |
| RWJ UH - Hamilton | \$3,249,422 | \$2,414,782 | \$2,115,251 | \$834,641 | \$299,530 | \$1,134,171 |
| CareWell Health Medical Center | \$3,186,916 | \$2,899,455 | \$3,135,843 | \$287,461 | (\$236,388) | \$51,074 |
| Ocean UMC | \$2,910,764 | \$1,981,048 | \$2,397,971 | \$929,716 | (\$416,924) | \$512,792 |
| RWJ UH - Rahway | \$2,886,089 | \$1,726,239 | \$1,415,197 | \$1,159,849 | \$311,043 | \$1,470,892 |
| Penn Medicine Princeton MC | \$2,800,947 | \$3,494,955 | \$3,615,434 | (\$694,008) | (\$120,480) | (\$814,487) |
| Virtua - Willingboro Hospital | \$2,737,964 | \$1,453,122 | \$1,672,869 | \$1,284,842 | (\$219,747) | \$1,065,095 |
| Raritan Bay MC - Perth Amboy | \$2,645,306 | \$1,615,669 | \$1,998,026 | \$1,029,637 | (\$382,357) | \$647,280 |
| Hunterdon Medical Center | \$2,256,027 | \$2,280,643 | \$2,616,539 | (\$24,615) | (\$335,896) | (\$360,511) |

Table 1 - DCC by Facility, CY2024 - CY2023 - CY2022 Continued

| Hospital Name | CY24 | CY23 | CY22 | CY24 - CY23 Difference | CY23 - CY22 Difference | CY24 - CY22 Difference |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| St. Clare's Hospital - Dover | \$2,253,382 | \$1,941,742 | \$2,782,425 | \$311,641 | (\$840,684) | (\$529,043) |
| St. Clare's Hospital - Denville | \$2,185,065 | \$1,779,700 | \$1,992,352 | \$405,364 | (\$212,651) | \$192,713 |
| Inspira Medical Center - Mullica Hill | \$1,661,610 | \$1,250,968 | \$563,189 | \$410,642 | \$687,779 | \$1,098,421 |
| Deborah Heart & Lung Center | \$1,547,767 | \$2,311,613 | \$3,079,215 | (\$763,845) | (\$767,603) | (\$1,531,448) |
| Riverview MC | \$1,526,784 | \$1,133,408 | \$1,457,239 | \$393,377 | (\$323,831) | \$69,545 |
| Jefferson - Washington Twp | \$1,408,061 | \$1,205,859 | \$676,073 | \$202,202 | \$529,786 | \$731,988 |
| Jefferson - Cherry Hill | \$1,306,675 | \$975,085 | \$1,263,556 | \$331,590 | (\$288,471) | \$43,118 |
| Bayonne University Hospital | \$1,281,746 | \$2,053,373 | \$1,426,521 | (\$771,627) | \$626,852 | (\$144,774) |
| Shore Medical Center | \$1,206,208 | \$1,393,748 | \$1,213,992 | (\$187,539) | \$179,756 | (\$7,783) |
| St. Luke's Warren Hospital | \$1,200,571 | \$1,484,000 | \$1,255,664 | (\$283,429) | \$228,337 | (\$55,093) |
| Jefferson - Stratford | \$1,149,444 | \$1,482,269 | \$938,762 | (\$332,824) | \$543,507 | \$210,682 |
| Southern Ocean Medical Center | \$1,097,144 | \$766,953 | \$908,132 | \$330,192 | (\$141,179) | \$189,012 |
| Inspira Medical Center - Elmer | \$927,021 | \$749,930 | \$492,942 | \$177,091 | \$256,988 | \$434,079 |
| Newton Medical Center | \$906,377 | \$966,244 | \$1,012,583 | (\$59,866) | (\$46,340) | (\$106,206) |
| Hackettstown Medical Center | \$806,055 | \$795,109 | \$522,313 | \$10,946 | \$272,795 | \$283,742 |
| Chilton Medical Center | \$778,285 | \$879,488 | \$672,116 | (\$101,204) | \$207,372 | \$106,168 |
| Virtua - Voorhees | \$416,196 | \$282,425 | \$264,937 | \$133,771 | \$17,488 | \$151,260 |
| Raritan Bay MC - Old Bridge | \$405,266 | \$330,040 | \$484,768 | \$75,226 | (\$154,727) | (\$79,501) |
| Secaucus University Hospital | \$389,443 | \$295,304 | \$394,590 | \$94,138 | (\$99,285) | (\$5,147) |
| Bayshore Medical Center | \$378,223 | \$354,898 | \$453,107 | \$23,324 | (\$98,209) | (\$74,884) |
| Cooper UMC at Cape May | \$302,645 | \$224,547 | \$208,833 | \$78,099 | \$15,713 | \$93,812 |
| Inspira Medical Center - Mannington | \$108,947 | \$9,282 | \$304,696 | \$99,665 | (\$295,414) | (\$195,749) |
| Hackensack UMC - Mountainside | \$90,686 | \$159,251 | \$486,375 | (\$68,565) | (\$327,124) | (\$395,689) |
| Hackensack UMC - Pascack Valley | \$26,044 | (\$27,750) | \$100,704 | \$53,794 | (\$128,454) | (\$74,660) |
| St. Francis Medical Center | \$0 | \$88,672 | \$3,758,417 | (\$88,672) | (\$3,669,745) | (\$3,758,417) |
| Totals | \$686,044,225 | \$559,662,175 | \$520,659,581 | \$126,382,051 | \$39,002,594 | \$165,384,644 |

*Please note that due to prior year voids and adjustments, Hackensack UMC Pascack Valley has a negative DCC for CY2023.

VI. DCC by Health System

Quick Facts:

- RWJBarnabas Health reported the most DCC for a health system in CY 2024 (27.3% of total).
- RWJBarnabas Health reported the largest increase in DCC for a health system in CY 2024 (\$53 million).
- Three health systems (RWJBarnabas, Hackensack Meridian and St. Joseph's) combined for approximately 47% of all DCC.

Table 2 - DCC by Health System, CY2024 - CY2022

| Health System | CY24 | CY23 | CY22 | CY24 - CY23 Difference | CY23 - CY22 Difference | CY24 - CY22 Difference |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| RWJBarnabas Health | \$186,953,259 | \$133,612,659 | \$127,264,270 | \$53,340,600 | \$6,348,389 | \$59,688,989 |
| Hackensack Meridian Health | \$75,026,210 | \$66,561,511 | \$65,259,605 | \$8,464,699 | \$1,301,907 | \$9,766,606 |
| St. Joseph's Healthcare System | \$60,011,786 | \$42,892,733 | \$43,158,902 | \$17,119,053 | (\$266,169) | \$16,852,884 |
| Capital Health System | \$36,000,101 | \$29,731,908 | \$25,672,305 | \$6,268,193 | \$4,059,602 | \$10,327,796 |
| Cooper University Health System | \$35,814,434 | \$26,337,130 | \$23,613,152 | \$9,477,304 | \$2,723,978 | \$12,201,282 |
| Atlantic Health System | \$27,358,881 | \$23,735,574 | \$22,668,635 | \$3,623,307 | \$1,066,940 | \$4,690,246 |
| AtlantiCare Health System | \$22,170,971 | \$17,324,205 | \$14,217,715 | \$4,846,766 | \$3,106,490 | \$7,953,256 |
| Prime Healthcare Services | \$20,704,536 | \$17,109,191 | \$19,705,254 | \$3,595,345 | (\$2,596,063) | \$999,282 |
| Virtua | \$20,657,108 | \$13,175,866 | \$13,277,205 | \$7,481,242 | (\$101,339) | \$7,379,904 |
| Hudson Regional Health | \$16,618,698 | \$22,986,811 | \$18,683,227 | (\$6,368,113) | \$4,303,585 | (\$2,064,528) |
| Inspira Health Network | \$9,325,850 | \$11,350,373 | \$5,731,340 | (\$2,024,523) | \$5,619,033 | \$3,594,510 |
| Jefferson Health | \$3,864,180 | \$3,663,213 | \$2,878,392 | \$200,968 | \$784,821 | \$985,789 |
| Penn Medicine | \$2,800,947 | \$3,494,955 | \$3,615,434 | (\$694,008) | (\$120,480) | (\$814,487) |
| St. Luke's University Health Network | \$1,200,571 | \$1,484,000 | \$1,255,664 | (\$283,429) | \$228,337 | (\$55,093) |
| Trinity Health | \$0 | \$88,672 | \$3,758,417 | (\$88,672) | (\$3,669,745) | (\$3,758,417) |
| Single Site Hospitals | \$167,536,691 | \$146,368,489 | \$129,874,508 | \$21,168,202 | \$16,493,981 | \$37,662,183 |
| Totals | \$686,044,225 | \$559,917,292 | \$520,634,024 | \$126,126,934 | \$39,283,268 | \$165,410,202 |

VII. Historical DCC by County

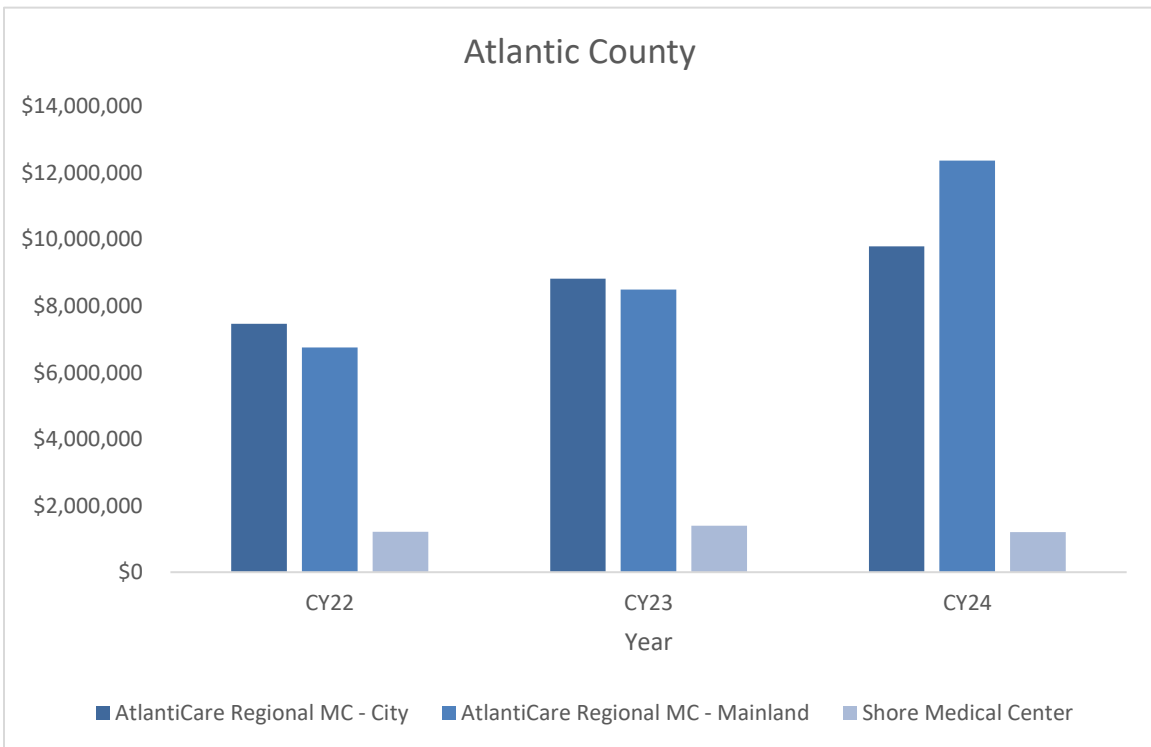
Quick Facts:

- Essex County led all counties, providing 24% of DCC and reporting the largest increase in CY 2024 (30%).
- Four counties had reductions in DCC in CY24, with only two (Hunterdon and Sussex) seeing reductions compared to CY22 totals.

| Table 3 - DCC by County, CY2024 - CY2022 | | | | | | |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| County | CY24 | CY23 | CY22 | CY24 - CY23 Difference | CY23 - CY22 Difference | CY24 - CY22 Difference |
| Atlantic County | \$23,377,180 | \$18,717,953 | \$15,431,707 | \$4,659,227 | \$3,286,246 | \$7,945,473 |
| Bergen County | \$73,660,485 | \$68,087,647 | \$56,708,319 | \$5,572,838 | \$11,379,327 | \$16,952,166 |
| Burlington County | \$13,425,598 | \$10,038,371 | \$10,388,764 | \$3,387,228 | (\$350,393) | \$3,036,835 |
| Camden County | \$46,747,185 | \$34,019,045 | \$31,574,293 | \$12,728,140 | \$2,444,752 | \$15,172,892 |
| Cape May County | \$302,645 | \$224,547 | \$208,833 | \$78,099 | \$15,713 | \$93,812 |
| Cumberland County | \$6,628,273 | \$9,340,193 | \$4,396,071 | (\$2,711,921) | \$4,944,122 | \$2,232,202 |
| Essex County | \$165,208,950 | \$126,835,911 | \$114,517,556 | \$38,373,039 | \$12,318,355 | \$50,691,394 |
| Gloucester County | \$3,069,671 | \$2,456,827 | \$1,239,262 | \$612,844 | \$1,217,565 | \$1,830,409 |
| Hudson County | \$61,994,077 | \$55,032,712 | \$45,732,170 | \$6,961,365 | \$9,300,542 | \$16,261,907 |
| Hunterdon County | \$2,256,027 | \$2,280,643 | \$2,616,539 | (\$24,615) | (\$335,896) | (\$360,511) |
| Mercer County | \$39,249,523 | \$32,235,361 | \$31,545,974 | \$7,014,162 | \$689,387 | \$7,703,550 |
| Middlesex County | \$75,636,761 | \$65,673,190 | \$70,675,779 | \$9,963,572 | (\$5,002,589) | \$4,960,983 |
| Monmouth County | \$30,303,841 | \$26,281,515 | \$23,773,836 | \$4,022,326 | \$2,507,679 | \$6,530,005 |
| Morris County | \$17,790,853 | \$16,072,069 | \$15,572,708 | \$1,718,784 | \$499,361 | \$2,218,145 |
| Ocean County | \$15,646,120 | \$8,856,698 | \$9,547,194 | \$6,789,422 | (\$690,496) | \$6,098,926 |
| Passaic County | \$67,323,842 | \$49,093,274 | \$50,341,291 | \$18,230,568 | (\$1,248,017) | \$16,982,551 |
| Salem County | \$1,035,968 | \$759,212 | \$797,638 | \$276,756 | (\$38,425) | \$238,330 |
| Somerset County | \$7,669,558 | \$6,194,764 | \$6,528,513 | \$1,474,794 | (\$333,749) | \$1,141,045 |
| Sussex County | \$906,377 | \$966,244 | \$1,012,583 | (\$59,866) | (\$46,340) | (\$106,206) |
| Union County | \$31,804,666 | \$24,216,892 | \$26,272,576 | \$7,587,774 | (\$2,055,684) | \$5,532,090 |
| Warren County | \$2,006,626 | \$2,279,109 | \$1,777,977 | (\$272,483) | \$501,132 | \$228,649 |
| Totals | \$686,044,225 | \$559,662,175 | \$520,659,581 | \$126,382,051 | \$39,002,594 | \$165,384,645 |

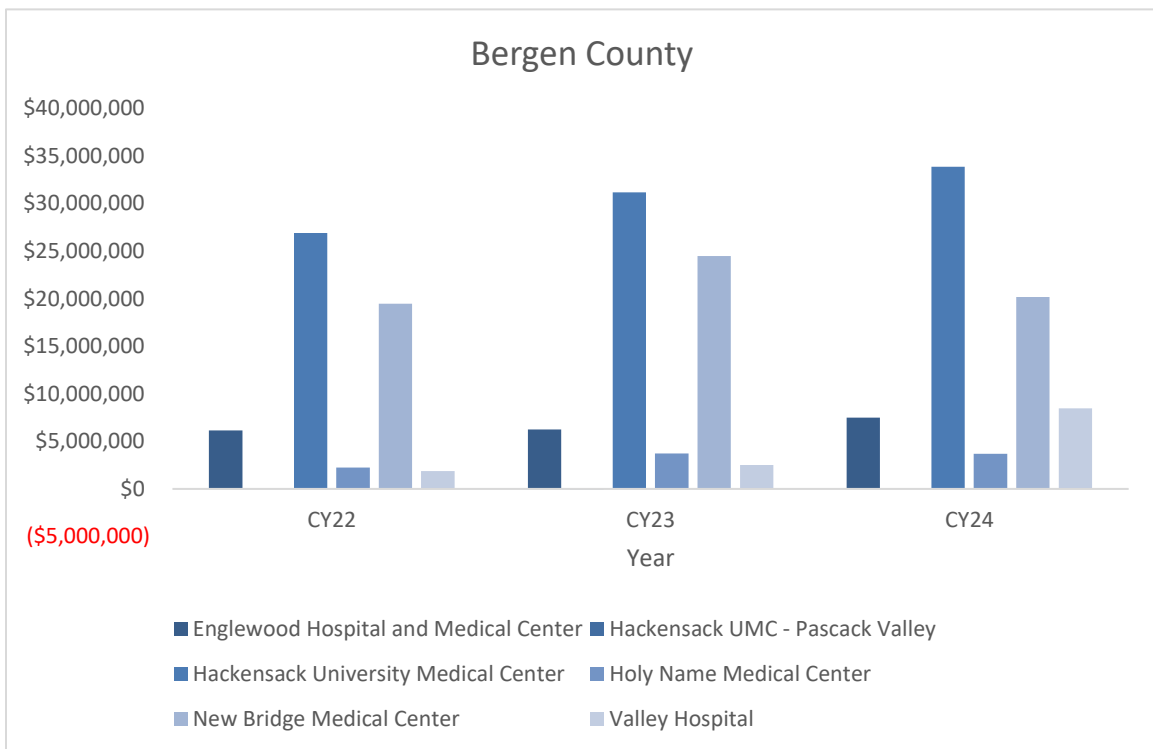
A. Atlantic County

| Table 4: DCC Comparison Atlantic County | | | |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Hospital Name | CY22 | CY23 | CY24 |
| AtlantiCare Regional MC - City | \$7,465,934 | \$8,822,710 | \$9,795,786 |
| AtlantiCare Regional MC - Mainland | \$6,751,781 | \$8,501,495 | \$12,375,185 |
| Shore Medical Center | \$1,213,992 | \$1,393,748 | \$1,206,208 |
| Totals | \$15,431,707 | \$18,717,953 | \$23,377,180 |



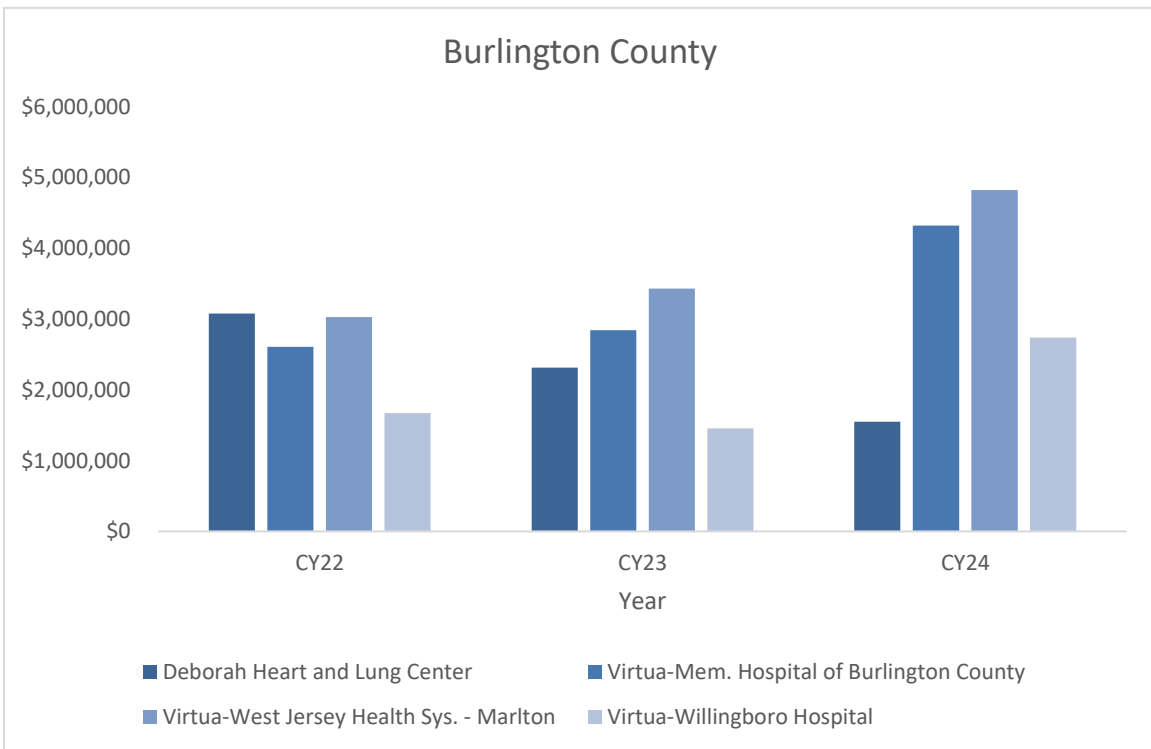
B. Bergen County

| Table 5: DCC Comparison Bergen County | | | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Hospital Name | CY2022 | CY2023 | CY2024 |
| Englewood Hospital and Medical Center | \$6,147,928 | \$6,254,488 | \$7,476,202 |
| Hackensack UMC - Pascack Valley | \$100,704 | (\$27,750) | \$26,044 |
| Hackensack University Medical Center | \$26,880,627 | \$31,176,428 | \$33,843,190 |
| Holy Name Medical Center | \$2,252,983 | \$3,713,582 | \$3,686,150 |
| New Bridge Medical Center | \$19,446,553 | \$24,458,356 | \$20,158,638 |
| Valley Hospital | \$1,879,525 | \$2,512,543 | \$8,470,260 |
| Totals | \$56,708,319 | \$68,087,647 | \$73,660,485 |



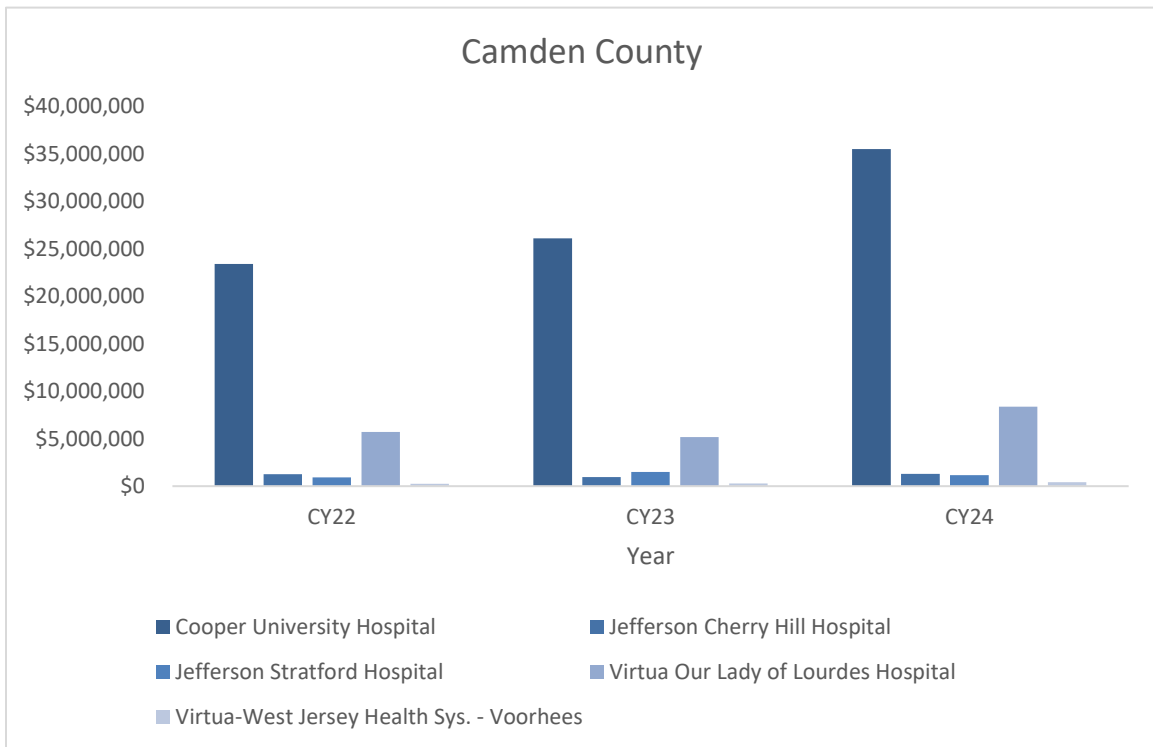
C. Burlington County

| Table 6: DCC Comparison Burlington County | | | |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Hospital Name | CY2022 | CY2023 | CY2024 |
| Deborah Heart and Lung Center | \$3,079,215 | \$2,311,613 | \$1,547,767 |
| Virtua-Mem. Hospital of Burlington County | \$2,607,332 | \$2,841,667 | \$4,319,312 |
| Virtua-West Jersey Health Sys. - Marlton | \$3,029,347 | \$3,431,969 | \$4,820,554 |
| Virtua-Willingboro Hospital | \$1,672,869 | \$1,453,122 | \$2,737,964 |
| Totals | \$10,388,764 | \$10,038,371 | \$13,425,598 |



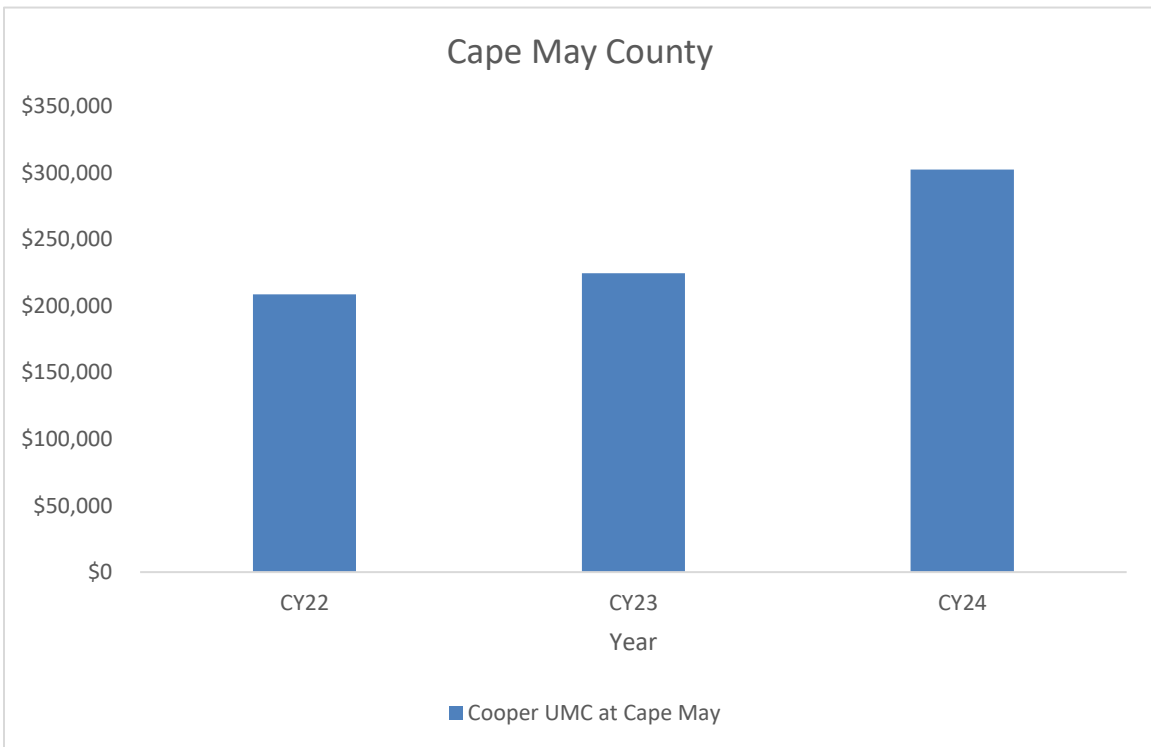
D. Camden County

| Table 7: DCC Comparison Camden County | | | |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Hospital Name | CY2022 | CY2023 | CY2024 |
| Cooper University Hospital | \$23,404,318 | \$26,112,583 | \$35,511,788 |
| Jefferson Cherry Hill Hospital | \$1,263,556 | \$975,085 | \$1,306,675 |
| Jefferson Stratford Hospital | \$938,762 | \$1,482,269 | \$1,149,444 |
| Virtua Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital | \$5,702,720 | \$5,166,683 | \$8,363,081 |
| Virtua-West Jersey Health Sys. - Voorhees | \$264,937 | \$282,425 | \$416,196 |
| Totals | \$31,574,293 | \$34,019,045 | \$46,747,185 |



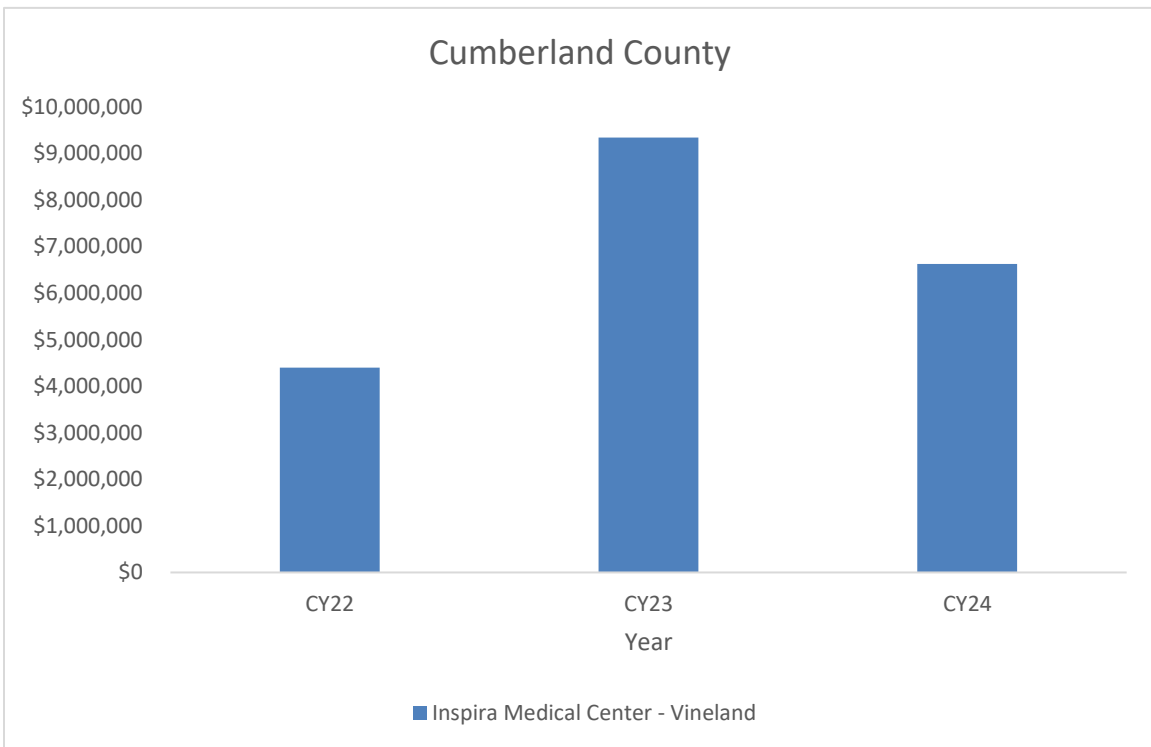
E. Cape May County

| Table 8: DCC Comparison Cape May County | | | |
|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Hospital Name | CY2022 | CY2023 | CY2024 |
| Cooper UMC at Cape May | \$208,833 | \$224,547 | \$302,645 |
| Totals | \$208,833 | \$224,547 | \$302,645 |



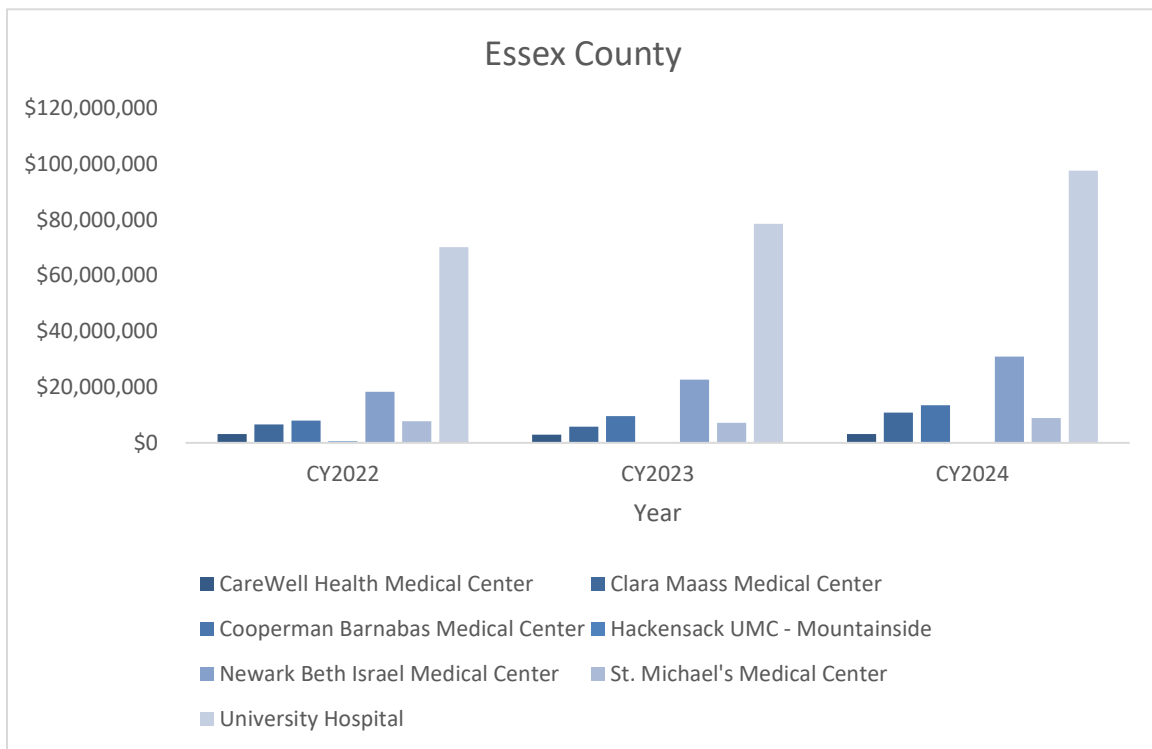
F. Cumberland County

| Table 9: DCC Comparison Cumberland County | | | |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Hospital Name | CY2022 | CY2023 | CY2024 |
| Inspira Medical Center - Vineland | \$4,396,071 | \$9,340,193 | \$6,628,273 |
| Totals | \$4,396,071 | \$9,340,193 | \$6,628,273 |



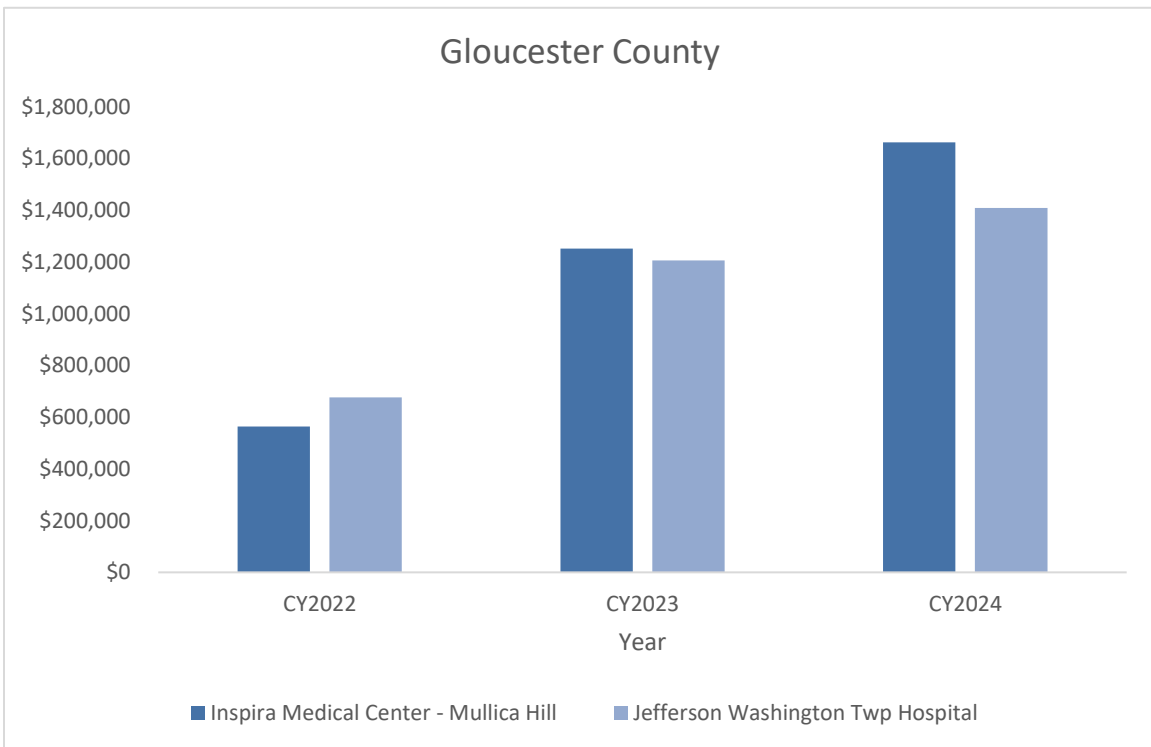
G. Essex County

| Table 10: DCC Comparison Essex County | | | |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Hospital Name | CY2022 | CY2023 | CY2024 |
| CareWell Health Medical Center | \$3,135,843 | \$2,899,455 | \$3,186,916 |
| Clara Maass Medical Center | \$6,653,572 | \$5,836,322 | \$10,904,947 |
| Cooperman Barnabas Medical Center | \$8,018,316 | \$9,558,797 | \$13,515,171 |
| Hackensack UMC - Mountainside | \$486,375 | \$159,251 | \$90,686 |
| Newark Beth Israel Medical Center | \$18,304,674 | \$22,657,210 | \$30,977,395 |
| St. Michael's Medical Center | \$7,748,088 | \$7,187,209 | \$8,954,033 |
| University Hospital | \$70,170,688 | \$78,537,667 | \$97,579,801 |
| Totals | \$114,517,556 | \$126,835,911 | \$165,208,950 |



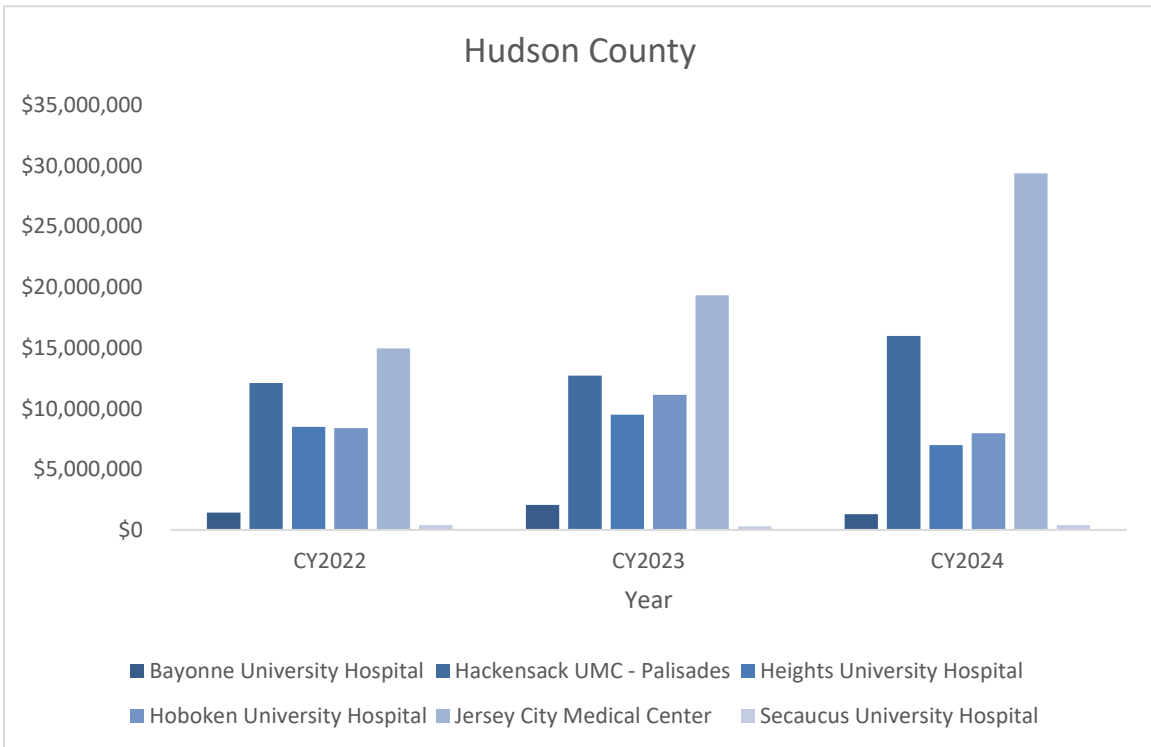
H. Gloucester County

| Table 11: DCC Comparison Gloucester County | | | |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Hospital Name | CY2022 | CY2023 | CY2024 |
| Inspira Medical Center - Mullica Hill | \$563,189 | \$1,250,968 | \$1,661,610 |
| Jefferson Washington Twp Hospital | \$676,073 | \$1,205,859 | \$1,408,061 |
| Totals | \$1,239,262 | \$2,456,827 | \$3,069,671 |



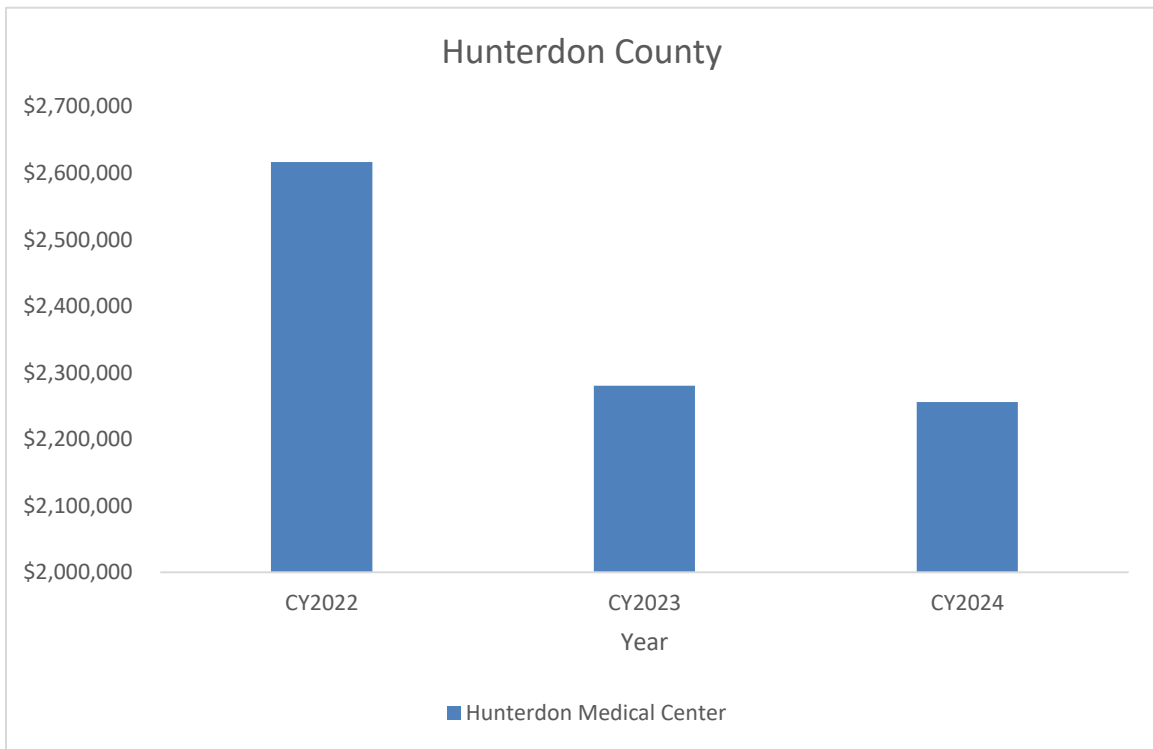
I. Hudson County

| Table 12: DCC Comparison Hudson County | | | |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Hospital Name | CY2022 | CY2023 | CY2024 |
| Bayonne University Hospital | \$1,426,521 | \$2,053,373 | \$1,281,746 |
| Hackensack UMC - Palisades | \$12,096,763 | \$12,711,769 | \$15,986,895 |
| Heights University Hospital | \$8,486,031 | \$9,504,065 | \$6,983,180 |
| Hoboken University Hospital | \$8,376,085 | \$11,134,069 | \$7,964,330 |
| Jersey City Medical Center | \$14,952,181 | \$19,334,131 | \$29,388,484 |
| Secaucus University Hospital | \$394,590 | \$295,304 | \$389,443 |
| Totals | \$45,732,170 | \$55,032,712 | \$61,994,077 |



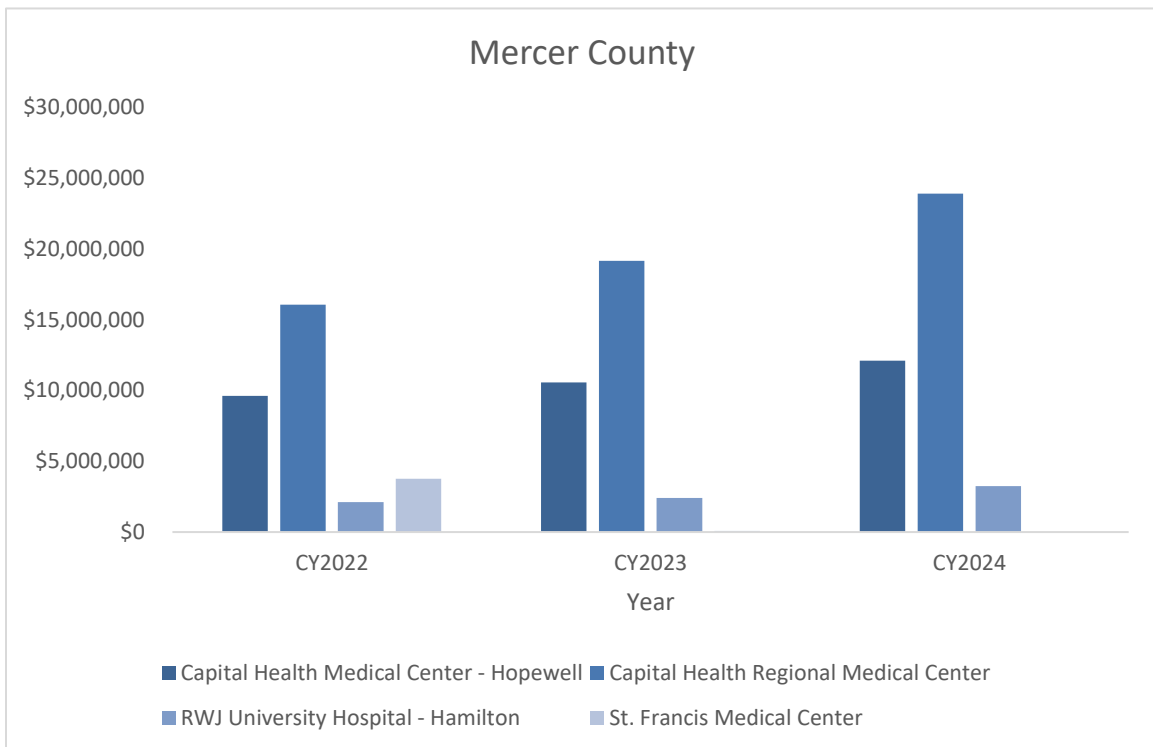
J. Hunterdon County

| Table 13: DCC Comparison Hunterdon County | | | |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Hospital Name | CY2022 | CY2023 | CY2024 |
| Hunterdon Medical Center | \$2,616,539 | \$2,280,643 | \$2,256,027 |
| Totals | \$2,616,539 | \$2,280,643 | \$2,256,027 |



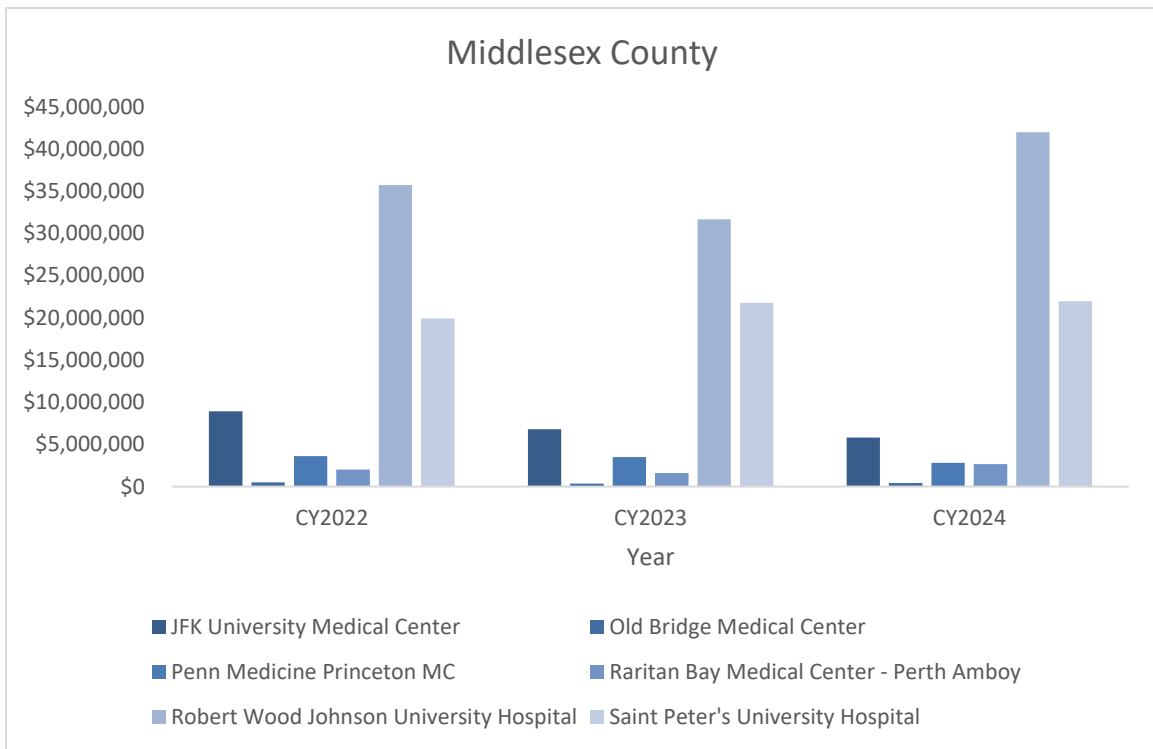
K. Mercer County

| Table 14: DCC Comparison Mercer County | | | |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Hospital Name | CY2022 | CY2023 | CY2024 |
| Capital Health Medical Center - Hopewell | \$9,609,855 | \$10,571,659 | \$12,102,867 |
| Capital Health Regional Medical Center | \$16,062,450 | \$19,160,249 | \$23,897,234 |
| RWJ University Hospital - Hamilton | \$2,115,251 | \$2,414,782 | \$3,249,422 |
| St. Francis Medical Center | \$3,758,417 | \$88,672 | \$0 |
| Totals | \$31,545,974 | \$32,235,361 | \$39,249,523 |



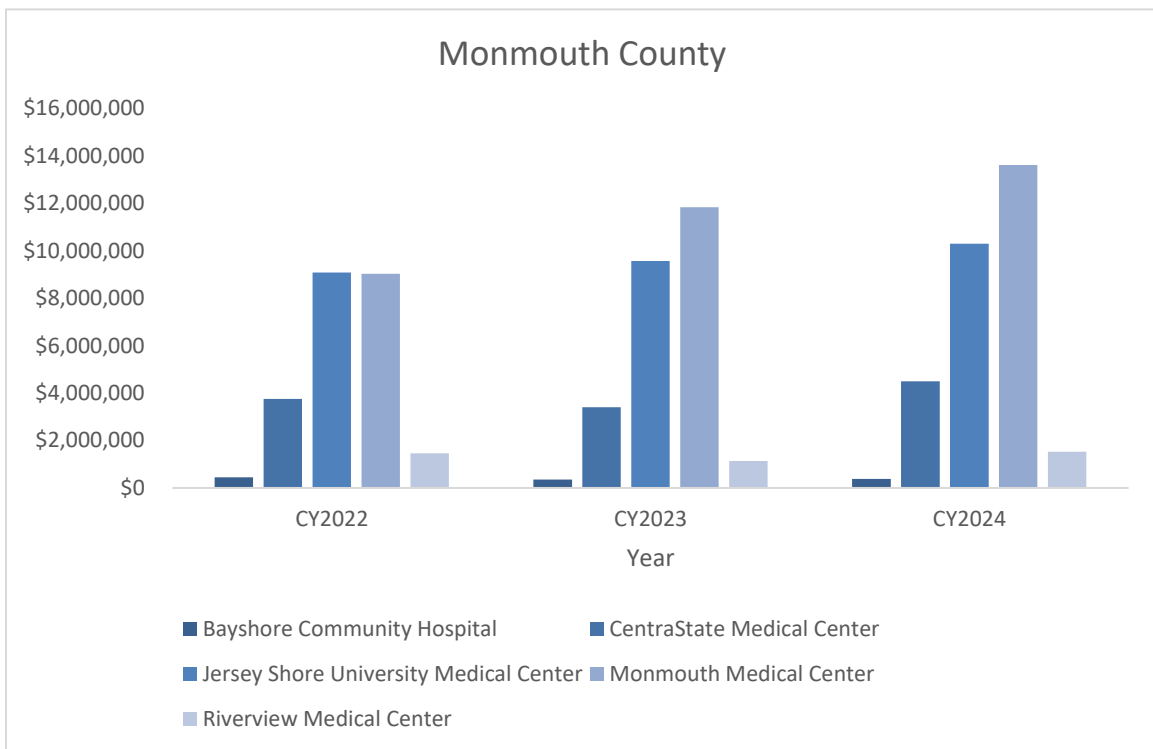
L. Middlesex County

| Table 15: DCC Comparison Middlesex County | | | |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Hospital Name | CY2022 | CY2023 | CY2024 |
| JFK University Medical Center | \$8,918,679 | \$6,792,375 | \$5,820,792 |
| Old Bridge Medical Center | \$484,768 | \$330,040 | \$405,266 |
| Penn Medicine Princeton MC | \$3,615,434 | \$3,494,955 | \$2,800,947 |
| Raritan Bay Medical Center - Perth Amboy | \$1,998,026 | \$1,615,669 | \$2,645,306 |
| Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital | \$35,727,629 | \$31,682,090 | \$41,995,731 |
| Saint Peter's University Hospital | \$19,931,243 | \$21,758,061 | \$21,968,719 |
| Totals | \$70,675,779 | \$65,673,190 | \$75,636,761 |



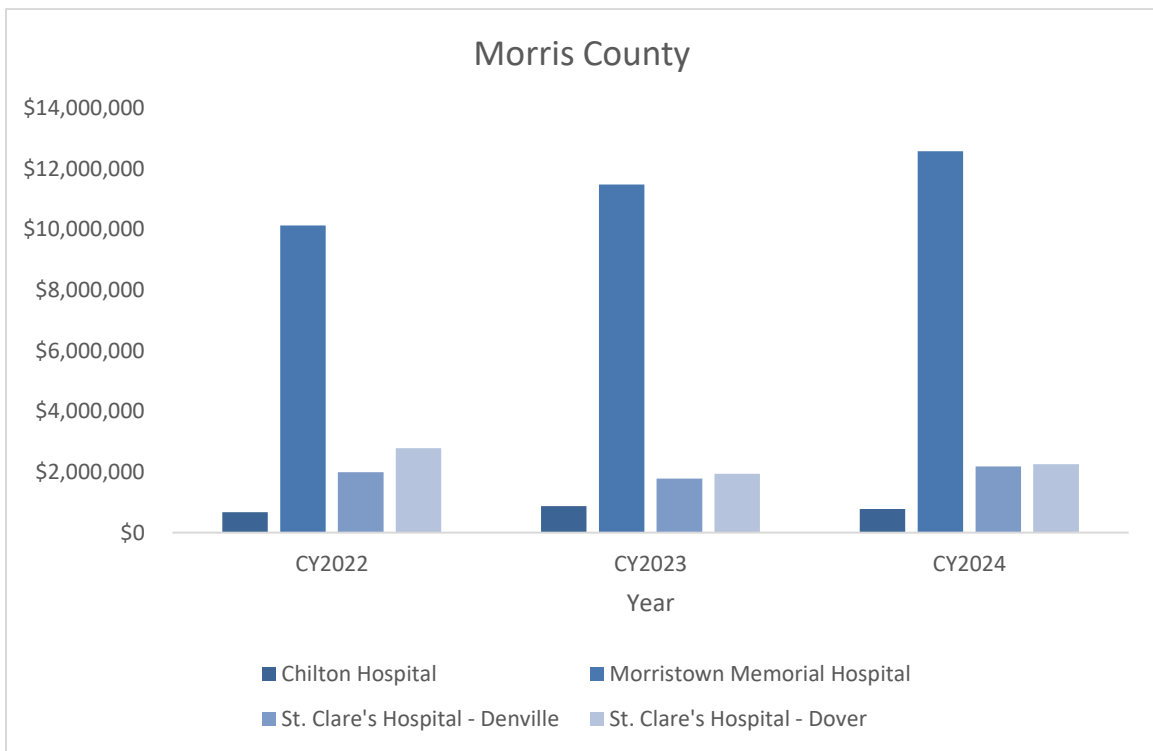
M. Monmouth County

| Table 16: DCC Comparison Monmouth County | | | |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Hospital Name | CY2022 | CY2023 | CY2024 |
| Bayshore Community Hospital | \$453,107 | \$354,898 | \$378,223 |
| CentraState Medical Center | \$3,756,647 | \$3,400,012 | \$4,496,376 |
| Jersey Shore University Medical Center | \$9,077,214 | \$9,560,639 | \$10,295,116 |
| Monmouth Medical Center | \$9,029,628 | \$11,832,558 | \$13,607,342 |
| Riverview Medical Center | \$1,457,239 | \$1,133,408 | \$1,526,784 |
| Totals | \$23,773,836 | \$26,281,515 | \$30,303,841 |



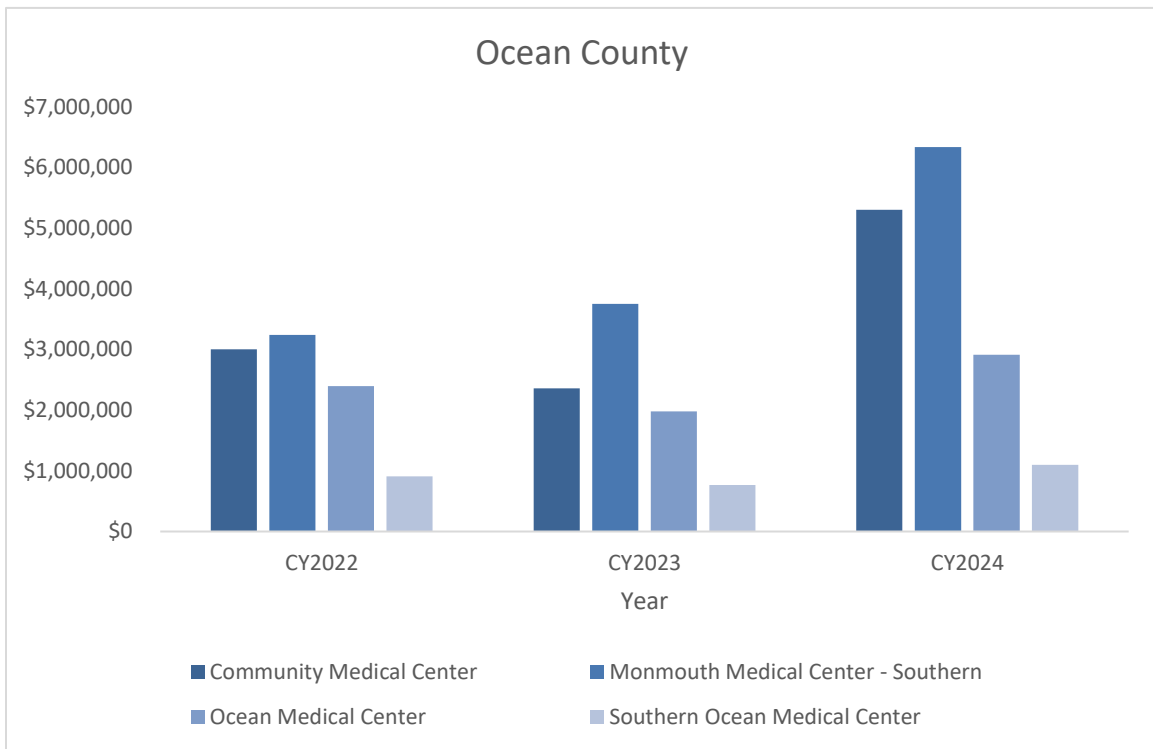
N. Morris County

| Table 17: DCC Comparison Morris County | | | |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Hospital Name | CY2022 | CY2023 | CY2024 |
| Chilton Hospital | \$672,116 | \$879,488 | \$778,285 |
| Morristown Memorial Hospital | \$10,125,815 | \$11,471,139 | \$12,574,122 |
| St. Clare's Hospital - Denville | \$1,992,352 | \$1,779,700 | \$2,185,065 |
| St. Clare's Hospital - Dover | \$2,782,425 | \$1,941,742 | \$2,253,382 |
| Totals | \$15,572,708 | \$16,072,069 | \$17,790,853 |



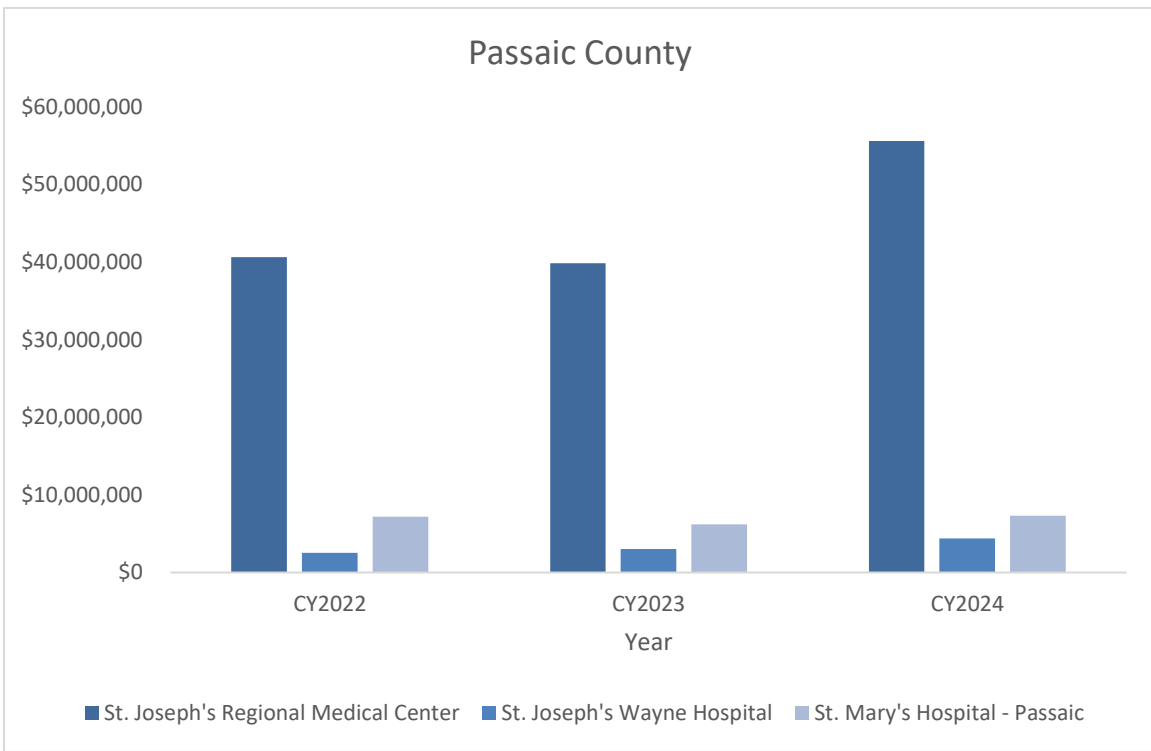
O. Ocean County

| Table 18: DCC Comparison Ocean County | | | |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Hospital Name | CY2022 | CY2023 | CY2024 |
| Community Medical Center | \$3,001,142 | \$2,359,345 | \$5,303,240 |
| Monmouth Medical Center - Southern | \$3,239,948 | \$3,749,352 | \$6,334,972 |
| Ocean Medical Center | \$2,397,971 | \$1,981,048 | \$2,910,764 |
| Southern Ocean Medical Center | \$908,132 | \$766,953 | \$1,097,144 |
| Totals | \$9,547,194 | \$8,856,698 | \$15,646,120 |



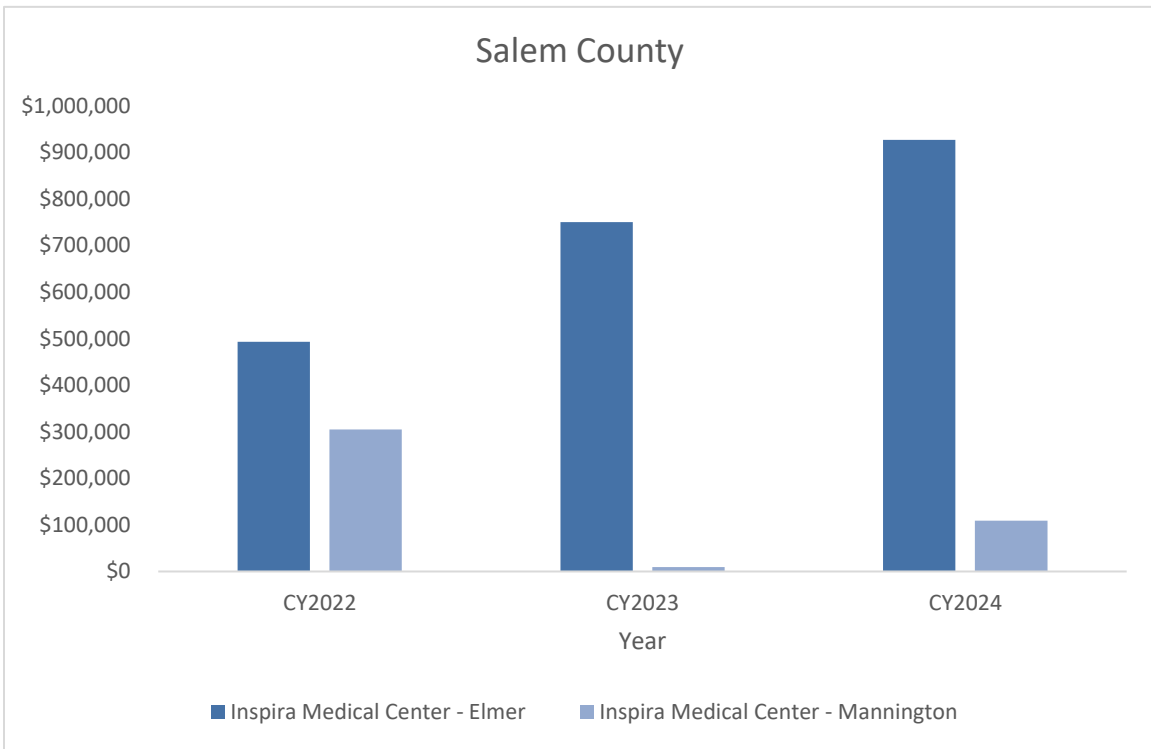
P. Passaic County

| Table 19: DCC Comparison Passaic County | | | |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Hospital Name | CY2022 | CY2023 | CY2024 |
| St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center | \$40,625,154 | \$39,857,252 | \$55,606,765 |
| St. Joseph's Wayne Hospital | \$2,533,748 | \$3,035,482 | \$4,405,021 |
| St. Mary's Hospital - Passaic | \$7,182,389 | \$6,200,541 | \$7,312,055 |
| Totals | \$50,341,291 | \$49,093,274 | \$67,323,842 |



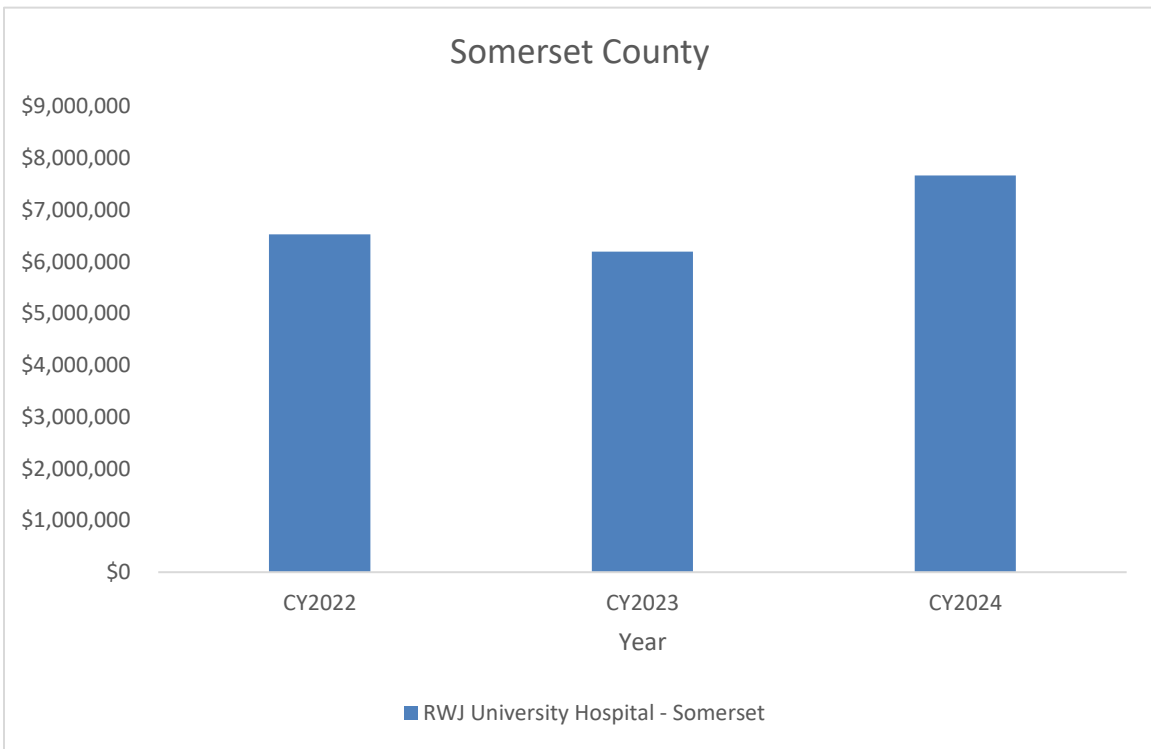
Q. Salem County

| Table 20: DCC Comparison Salem County | | | |
|--|------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Hospital Name | CY2022 | CY2023 | CY2024 |
| Inspira Medical Center - Elmer | \$492,942 | \$749,930 | \$927,021 |
| Inspira Medical Center - Mannington | \$304,696 | \$9,282 | \$108,947 |
| Totals | \$797,638 | \$759,212 | \$1,035,968 |



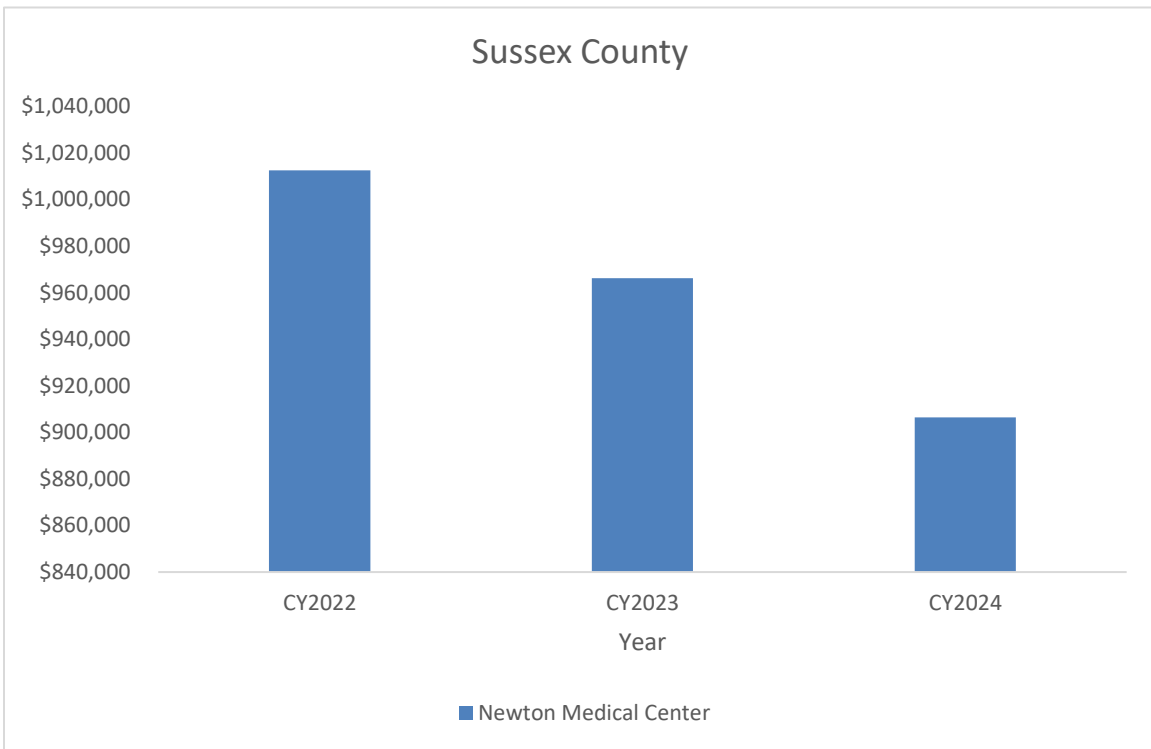
R. Somerset County

| Table 21: DCC Comparison Somerset County | | | |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Hospital Name | CY2022 | CY2023 | CY2024 |
| RWJ University Hospital - Somerset | \$6,528,513 | \$6,194,764 | \$7,669,558 |
| Totals | \$6,528,513 | \$6,194,764 | \$7,669,558 |



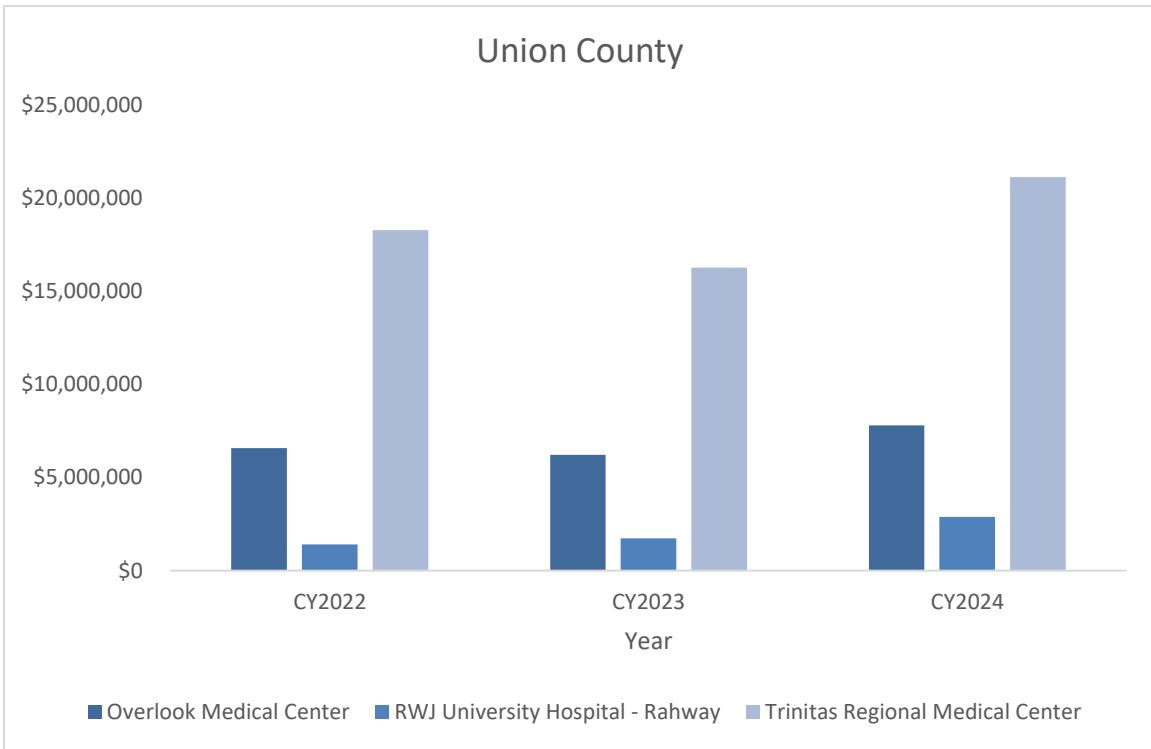
S. Sussex County

| Table 22: DCC Comparison Sussex County | | | |
|---|--------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Hospital Name | CY2022 | CY2023 | CY2024 |
| Newton Medical Center | \$1,012,583 | \$966,244 | \$906,377 |
| Totals | \$1,012,583 | \$966,244 | \$906,377 |



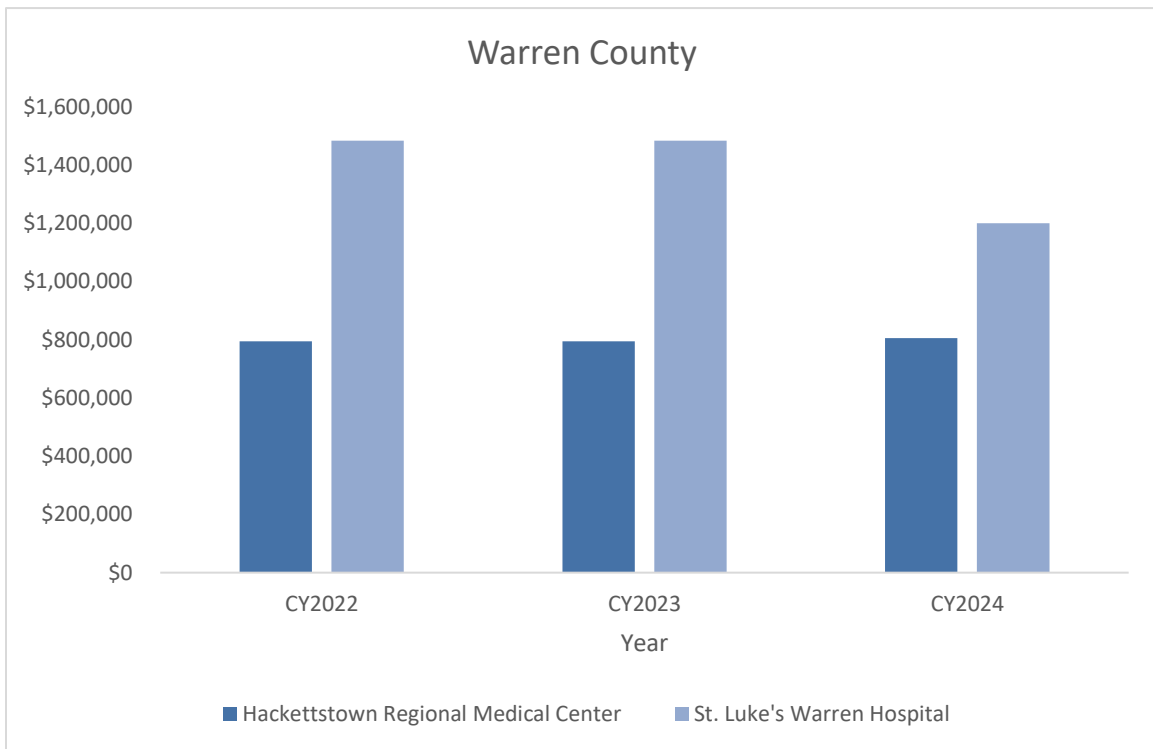
T. Union County

| Table 23: DCC Comparison Union County | | | |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Hospital Name | CY2022 | CY2023 | CY2024 |
| Overlook Medical Center | \$6,579,160 | \$6,223,583 | \$7,797,667 |
| RWJ University Hospital - Rahway | \$1,415,197 | \$1,726,239 | \$2,886,089 |
| Trinitas Regional Medical Center | \$18,278,219 | \$16,267,070 | \$21,120,910 |
| Totals | \$26,272,576 | \$24,216,892 | \$31,804,666 |



U. Warren County

| Table 24: DCC Comparison Warren County | | | |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Hospital Name | CY2022 | CY2023 | CY2024 |
| Hackettstown Regional Medical Center | \$795,109 | \$795,109 | \$806,055 |
| St. Luke's Warren Hospital | \$1,484,000 | \$1,484,000 | \$1,200,571 |
| Totals | \$2,279,109 | \$2,279,109 | \$2,006,626 |



VIII. DCC Inpatient and Outpatient Components

Inpatient hospital services have historically represented a small majority of DCC. At the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, outpatient hospital services dropped by 30%, while inpatient services decreased by only 12%. By CY21, inpatient services had rebounded to pre-COVID levels, but outpatient services continued to linger. CY24 marks the first year that the cost of outpatient services exceeds the pre-COVID levels. The share of total DCC attributable to inpatient services in CY24 remains higher than pre-COVID levels, but it is stable year-over-year.

| Calendar Year | Inpatient | | Outpatient | |
|----------------------|------------------|----------|-------------------|----------|
| | \$ | % | \$ | % |
| CY19 | \$286,651,547 | 53% | \$257,408,328 | 47% |
| CY20 | \$253,096,643 | 58% | \$180,124,319 | 42% |
| CY21 | \$289,128,894 | 61% | \$188,566,102 | 39% |
| CY22 | \$307,370,454 | 59% | \$213,289,127 | 41% |
| CY23 | \$304,844,663 | 54% | \$254,817,512 | 46% |
| CY24 | \$377,090,237 | 55% | \$308,953,989 | 45% |

IX. Priced Charity Care and Recipient Counts

This report refers to the cost of treating the Charity Care population, but there are two components of DCC. The larger component represents the priced claims submitted by hospitals for treating Charity Care recipients. The smaller component is an add-on that reflects the graduate medical education (GME) costs associated with the Charity Care population. The share of DCC attributable to the GME add-on has ranged from 9% to 11% annually.

| Calendar Year | Charity Care Claims | GME Add-On | Total DCC |
|----------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| CY19 | \$492,741,588 | \$51,318,287 | \$544,059,875 |
| CY20 | \$388,169,268 | \$45,051,694 | \$433,220,962 |
| CY21 | \$426,654,305 | \$51,040,691 | \$477,694,996 |
| CY22 | \$461,757,433 | \$58,902,148 | \$520,659,581 |
| CY23 | \$499,329,173 | \$60,333,002 | \$559,662,175 |
| CY24 | \$611,939,055 | \$74,105,170 | \$686,044,225 |

As demonstrated by Table 26, both the GME add-on and priced Charity Care claims have increased in recent years, but 89% of the CY24 DCC increase is attributable to increases in the cost of Charity Care claims and 11% is due to increases in the GME add-on.

| Calendar Year | Inpatient Recipients | Outpatient Recipients | Total Recipients* |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| CY19 | 21,073 | 139,085 | 160,158 |
| CY20 | 17,885 | 106,755 | 124,640 |
| CY21 | 17,406 | 96,152 | 113,558 |
| CY22 | 17,648 | 102,393 | 120,041 |
| CY23 | 16,435 | 106,588 | 123,023 |
| CY24 | 18,586 | 105,048 | 123,634 |

*Not unique individual count due to some patients being counted as both IP and OP.

The number of Charity Care recipients dropped precipitously at the outset of COVID but began increasing in CY22. The recipient count plateaued in CY24 and remains nearly 23% lower than the pre-COVID levels. Increases in DCC are being driven by the increased cost of treating the Charity Care population rather than more people seeking care.

X. Conclusion

Charity Care is a vital component of the NJ health care system, ensuring that all individuals can access hospital-based treatment regardless of their ability to pay. Hospitals provide lifesaving care to Charity Care patients and are also responsible for verifying patient eligibility. Once approved, patients are eligible for all hospital-based services. The cost of providing Charity Care has been rising since the steep decline in 2020. In CY 2024, hospitals reported \$686 million in DCC, an increase of \$126 million, the largest growth in the past decade, driven primarily by higher treatment costs rather than an increase in the number of patients.