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Data-driven resources available for DEI journeys

IHA's Dimensions Datalytics dashboards can be an important tool as Iowa hospitals begin their diversity, equity and inclusion journeys. Dashboards highlighting data about chronic conditions, quality of life, county health rankings and the American Community Survey are available in Dimensions.

Hospitals can look at their local data and compare it to statewide data. These datasets can help hospitals and health systems paint a picture of the community demographics in their regions. Using the measures can help hospitals determine the social and health needs of the communities they serve. IHA's data team offered training about navigating the dashboard and datasets titled [IHA Health Equity Data Resources](#) that's available on IHA's Digital on Demand media site.

IHA also offers several videos like the dashboard demonstration to help Iowa hospitals with their DEI efforts. Videos available on IHA's Digital on Demand include:

- **Exploring Social Determinants of Health Data** with Shelly Horak with the Iowa Department of Human Services and assistant professor at Des Moines University.
- **Housing as Health Care: Addressing Social Determinants of Health Through Real Estate** with Danielle Bergner, a health care real estate attorney.
- **Human Trafficking Training for Medical Service Providers** with Michael Ferjak, a retired senior criminal investigator with the Iowa Department of Justice.

Email [John Richardson](#) at IHA with questions about Dimensions dashboards.

IHA releases latest hospital data trends

IHA has collected data trends from [101 hospitals for January-May 2022](#) as compared with the same time frame in 2021:

- Acute discharges decreased 0.3% as acute patient days increased 7%.
- Ambulatory surgery visits (hospital-based) increased 5.4%.
- Average facility paid hours increased 13%.
- Average length of stay increased 8%.
- Average physician paid hours increased 27.9%.
- Births increased 3.2%.
- Charity care decreased 7.2%.
- Emergency department visits increased 10%.
- Facility employment (excluding physicians) increased 13%.
- Inpatient admissions from the emergency department decreased 0.2%.
- Inpatient surgeries decreased 8.3%.
- Medicaid acute discharges decreased 2.3% and Medicaid acute patient days increased 4.8%.
- Net patient revenue (collected charges) increased 5.8%.
- Outpatient utilization increased 21.6%.
- Payroll and benefits expense increased 17.5%.
- Total average paid hours increased 16.9%.
- Total expenses increased 10.3%.
- Uncompensated care (bad debts) increased 14.6%.

Email [Alli Martin](#) at IHA with questions.

State requesting data about nursing employment

Gov. Kim Reynolds' office has asked IHA to gather information about the impact of the pandemic on nursing employment. The information is being used to determine whether there is a need for funding (grant) to help Iowa's health care industry.

Every hospital has been asked to participate; **survey responses are due Wednesday, July 20.**

To ensure your hospital has completed the survey, email [Alli Martin](#) at IHA.

FDA updates EUA for paxlovid

The Food and Drug Administration updated paxlovid's emergency-use authorization and provider fact sheet to [authorize state-licensed pharmacists to prescribe paxlovid with certain limitations](#).

Before Iowa-licensed pharmacists can be authorized, they must have access to sufficient patient records to assess patients' renal and hepatic functions and possible drug interactions. Records can be obtained from:

- The patient. Electronic or printed health records less than 12 months old are acceptable.
 - A consultation with the patient's health care providers.
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ASSOCIATE MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Nomi Health makes health care accessible

The mission of [Nomi Health](#) is to provide easy access to low-cost health care for as many Iowans as possible. Nomi Health rebuilt health care infrastructure to directly link providers, buyers and members so service is provided in real time.

Nomi and its platform reduce operational costs and administrative waste by facilitating real-time transactions to improve access and bring care solutions to communities. Nomi's integrated systems allows it to:

- Lower health care costs.
- Provide a one-stop shop for members.
- Simplify payments.

For more information about Nomi Health and its services, email [Jackie Butterbaugh](#), Nomi Health's director of provider engagement and product development.

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Iowa news

- [Polk County's first monkeypox case is confirmed, risk low to public](#)
- [Koerselman awarded Iowa Hospital Association scholarship](#)
- [As Iowa drug overdose deaths rise, Gov. Reynolds plans youth messaging campaign](#)

National news

- [COVID-19 hospitalizations hit highest average since March](#)
- [New omicron strain in U.S. is driving up cases and reinfections](#)
- [Biden admin may offer second COVID-19 booster shot to all adults](#)

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Online education

- [Creating Successes: IHA's Summer Series for Health Care Leaders:](#)
Tuesday, Aug. 16
- [2022 IHA Governance Webinar Series:](#)
Tuesday, Sept. 13 - Tuesday, Nov. 15
- [2022 IHA Employment Law Four-Part Virtual Series:](#) Tuesday, July 19 -
Tuesday, Aug. 16

In-person meetings

- [IHERF Swinging for Scholars Golf Outing:](#) Thursday, Sept. 1
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- [CEO podcasts](#).
- Previously recorded [webinars and presentations](#) including project presentations from the Advanced Leadership Academy.
- [Trustee resources](#).

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Hospital jobs site connects hospitals with qualified candidates

Are you looking for qualified health care professionals for your Iowa hospital? [HospitalCareers.com](#) can help. This website connects thousands of nurses, providers and other hospital jobseekers with Iowa hospitals each year and is a main resource for jobseekers looking for work in health care.



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