

PREVALENCE OF *C. DIFF* IN HOSPITAL PATIENTS

Clostridium difficile is much more prevalent in America's hospitals than previously believed, says a study in the May *American Journal of Infection Control*. Thirteen in every 1,000 inpatients has *C. diff* — 20 times more than previous estimates — according to findings from a survey done last summer by the Assn. for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology Inc. Prevalence rates show great variation nationwide.

C. diff per 1,000 hospital inpatients

Greater than 20

Rhode Island	28.88
Arkansas	26.67
Massachusetts	24.96
Maine	23.81
Michigan	22.72
Kentucky	21.80

Between 15 and 19.9

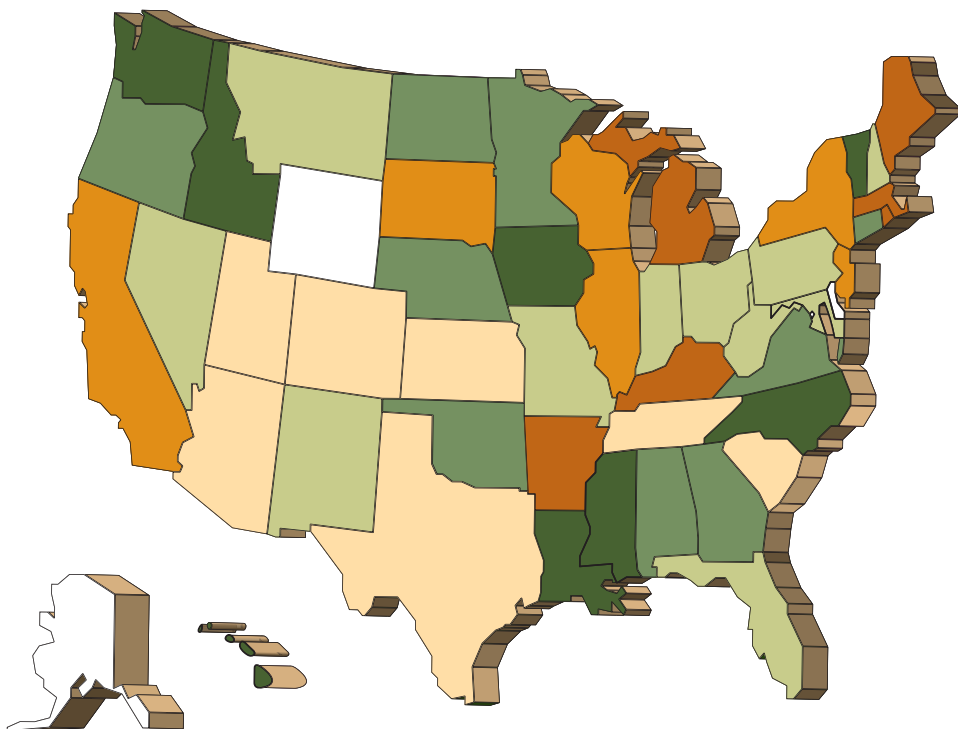
New York	19.40
South Dakota	19.00
California	18.70
New Jersey	17.67
Wisconsin	17.60
Illinois	16.15

Between 12.5 and 14.9

Tennessee	14.45
South Carolina	14.15
Colorado	13.76
Utah	12.99
Kansas	12.84
Arizona	12.80
Texas	12.70

Between 10 and 12.49

Pennsylvania	12.31
Montana	12.22
Florida	12.22
New Hampshire	11.40
Nevada	11.11
Maryland	10.70
Indiana	10.69
Ohio	10.42
New Mexico	10.40
Missouri	10.20
West Virginia	10.00



Between 7 and 9.99

Alabama	9.55
North Dakota	9.51
Oregon	9.43
Virginia	9.25
Georgia	7.36
Connecticut	7.29
Minnesota	7.21
Nebraska	7.04
Oklahoma	7.02

Between 0 and 6.99

Iowa	6.82
North Carolina	6.17
Mississippi	6.01
Vermont	6.00
Louisiana	5.45
Idaho	3.68
Washington	2.57
Hawaii	0.00

No responses available

Alaska, Delaware, District of Columbia, Wyoming

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