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# DATA SOURCES

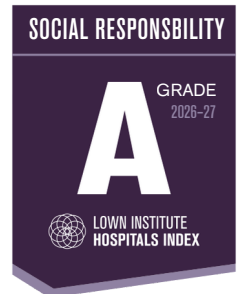
## 2026-27

2026 results release on June 23rd!

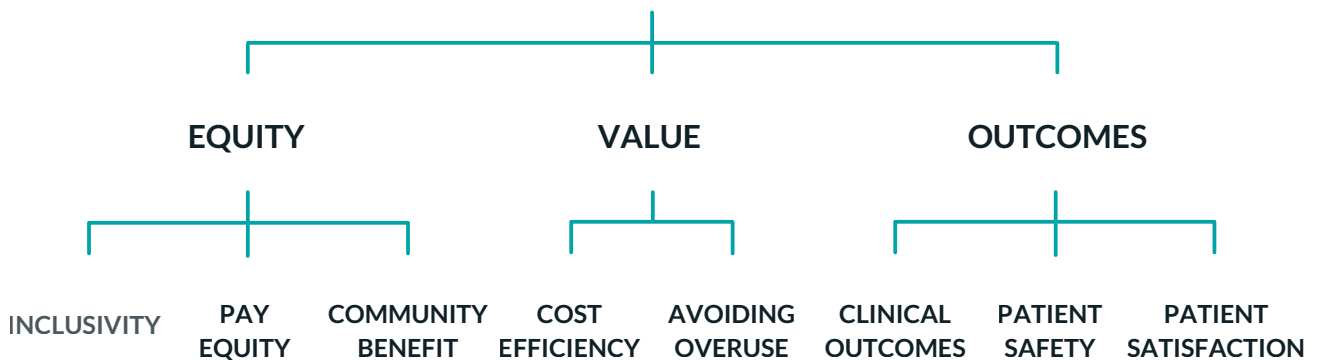


## ABOUT THE LOWN HOSPITALS INDEX

The Lown Hospitals Index is the **only independent national ranking focused on hospital and system social responsibility**, spotlighting those delivering exceptional care to all members of their communities.



### SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY



**How did your hospital do?** [LownHospitalsIndex.org](https://LownHospitalsIndex.org)

# HOW ARE THE RANKINGS DETERMINED?

The **Lown Hospitals Index for Social Responsibility** evaluates hospitals and hospital systems on their social responsibility performance across more than 50 individual metrics spanning the categories of health outcomes, value, and equity.

The analysis draws on millions of publicly available data points, covering more than **2,700 acute care hospitals**, **800 critical access hospitals**, and **300 health systems**.

The chart below shows the data sources and years for the **2026-2027 Index**:

METRIC	YEAR(S)	SOURCE
AVOIDING OVERUSE	2021-2024	Medicare FFS claims 2022-2024 and Medicare Advantage encounter files 2021-2023 inpatient, outpatient, and carrier
CLINICAL OUTCOMES	2021-2024	Medicare FFS claims 2022-2024 and Medicare Advantage encounter files 2021-2023 inpatient, outpatient, and carrier with 1-year lookback
COMMUNITY BENEFIT	FYE2023	IRS Form 990, HCRIS hospital data, Maryland HSCRC (for hospitals in MD)
COST EFFICIENCY	2022-2024	Medicare FFS inpatient, outpatient, and carrier claims data
INCLUSIVITY	2023-2024	Census Bureau Data (American Community Survey), CMS Hospital Service Area files, CDC Facility ID data set
PATIENT SAFETY	July 2022 - March 2025	CMS Patient Safety Indicators and Health care Associated Infections from Care Compare
PATIENT SATISFACTION	April 2024 - March 2025	CMS Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (HCAHPS) survey
PAY EQUITY	FYE2023	IRS Form 990, SEC Filings, Healthcare Cost Report Information System (HCRIS) hospital data, state databases with public employee salaries

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