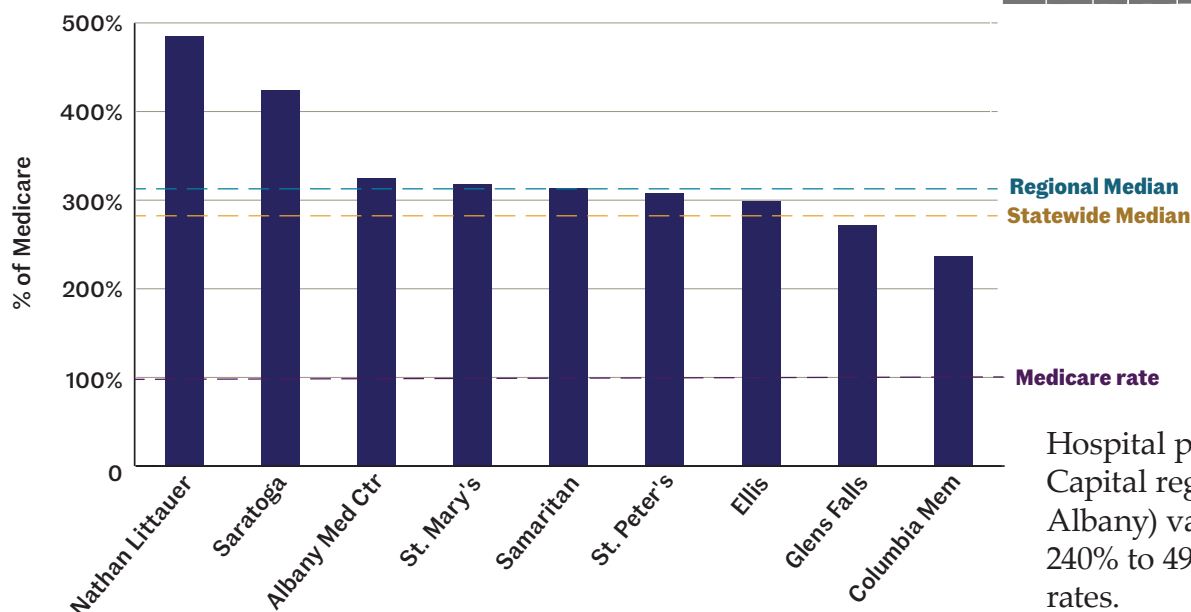
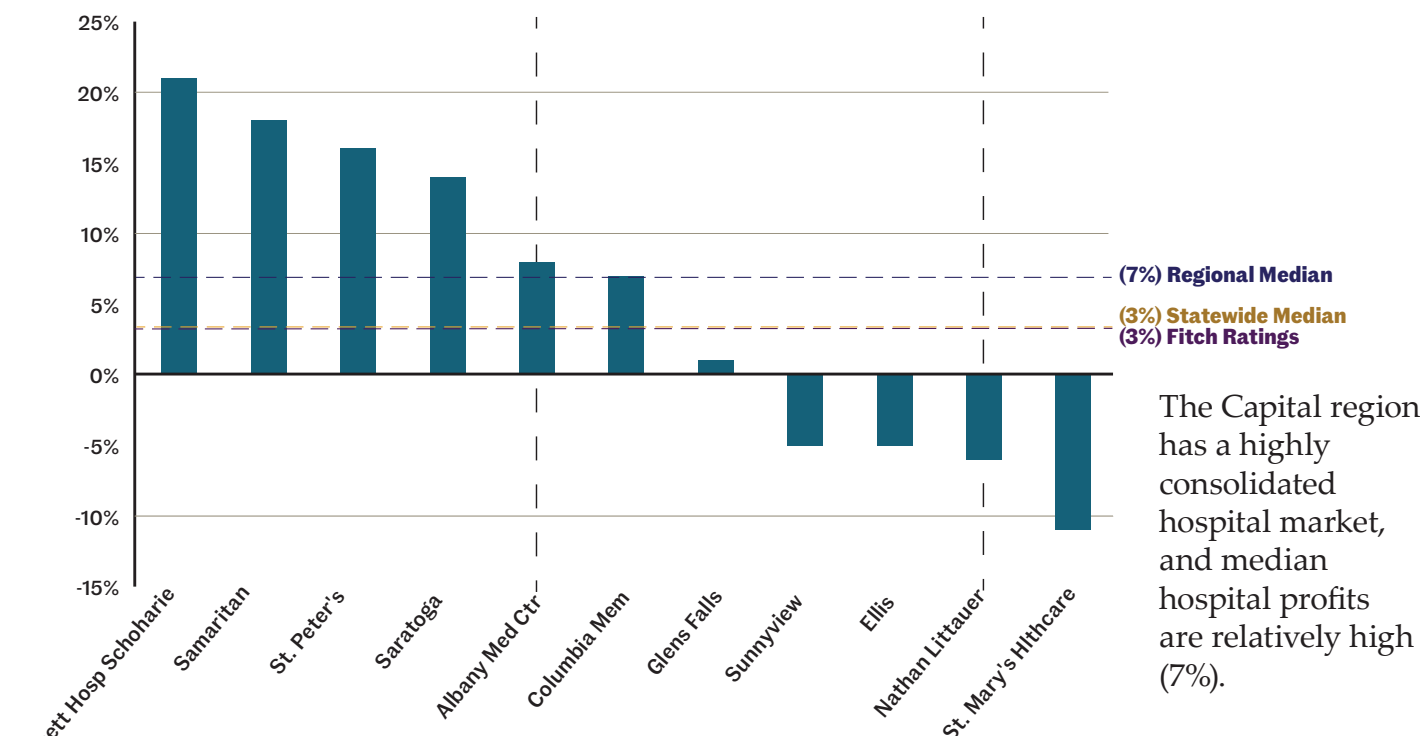


# Why is Health Care So Unaffordable In the Capital Region?

## Hospital Commercial Prices in the Capital Region

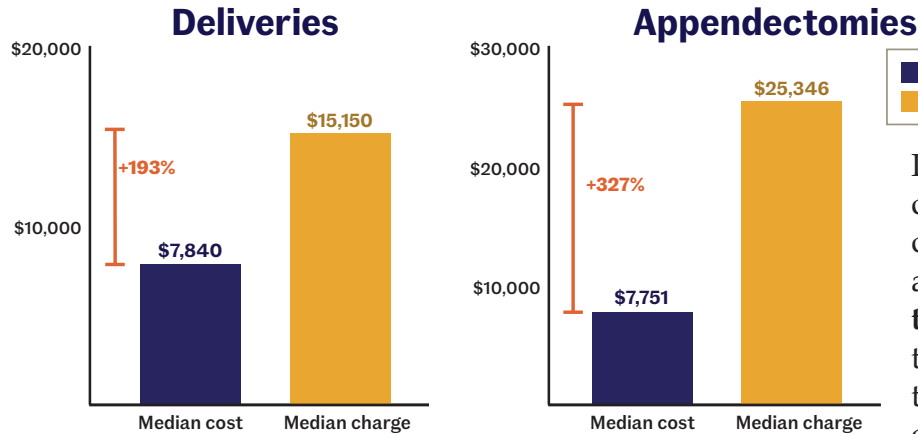


## Hospital Operating Profit Margin in the Capital Region



Capital region residents are facing the consequences of these rising costs. Individuals living in communities of color disproportionately suffer from medical debt (15% of residents living in communities with more people of color vs. 8% of residents living in communities with fewer people of color).

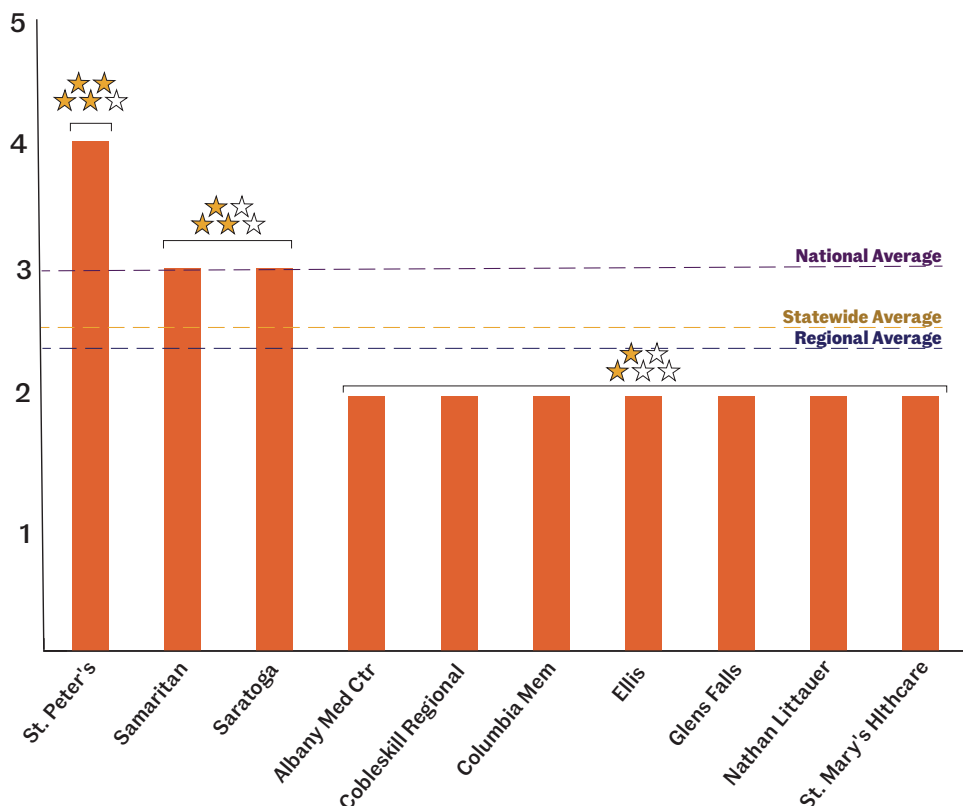
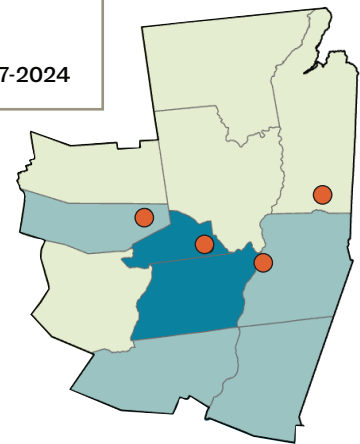
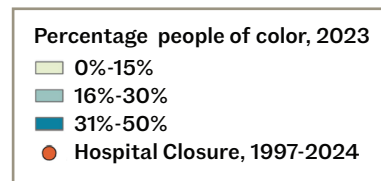
## Median Costs and Charges by Procedure



In the Capital Region, hospitals charge almost **2 times** their costs for vaginal deliveries. For appendectomies, they charge over **3 times** their costs. Consolidation in the market has enabled its hospitals to leverage their market power to command high charges for common procedures.

## Hospital Closures in the Capital Region

Since 1997, three out of four hospital closures in the region have occurred in counties where more people of color reside. The fourth closure took place in rural Washington County, where no hospitals remain. Since 2000, six counties lost over a quarter of their hospital beds: Washington (100%), Fulton (53%), Montgomery (42%), Schoharie (38%), Schenectady (35%) and Rensselaer (28%).



## CMS Quality Ratings for Hospitals in the Capital Region

The region's average overall quality score is close to the statewide average.

No hospitals in the region have a 5-star quality rating.

New York policymakers should consider a range of policy options—many of which have been adopted by other states—to address the unaffordability, lack of access, and low quality that plague the State's health care system. Read the full report, *Why is Health Care in New York So Unaffordable and What Can be Done to Fix It?* to learn more about how New York can address its lack of transparency, high prices, and uneven quality of care at [cssny.org](https://cssny.org).