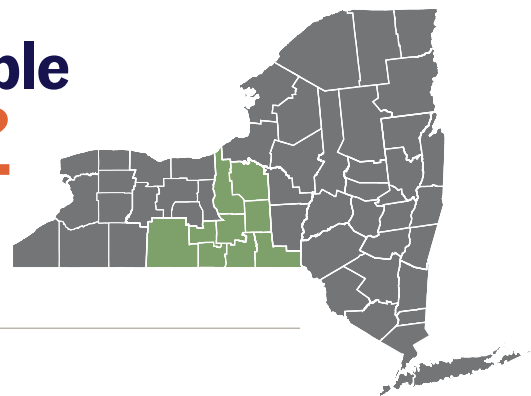


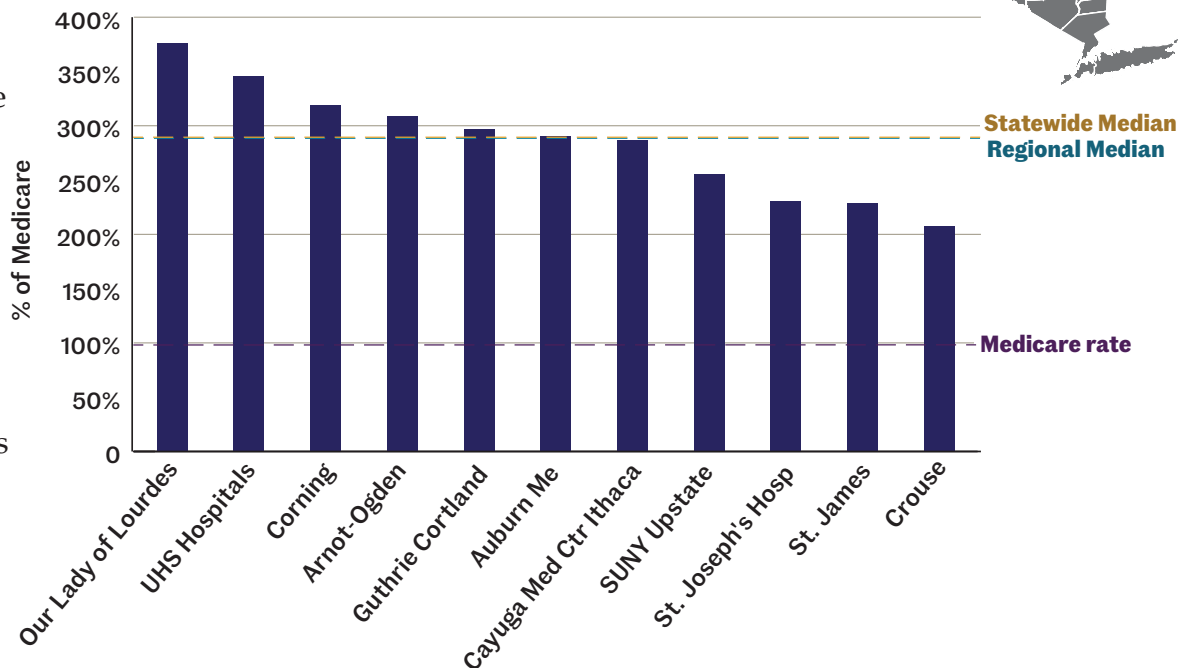
# Why is Health Care So Unaffordable In the **Central and Southern Tier?**



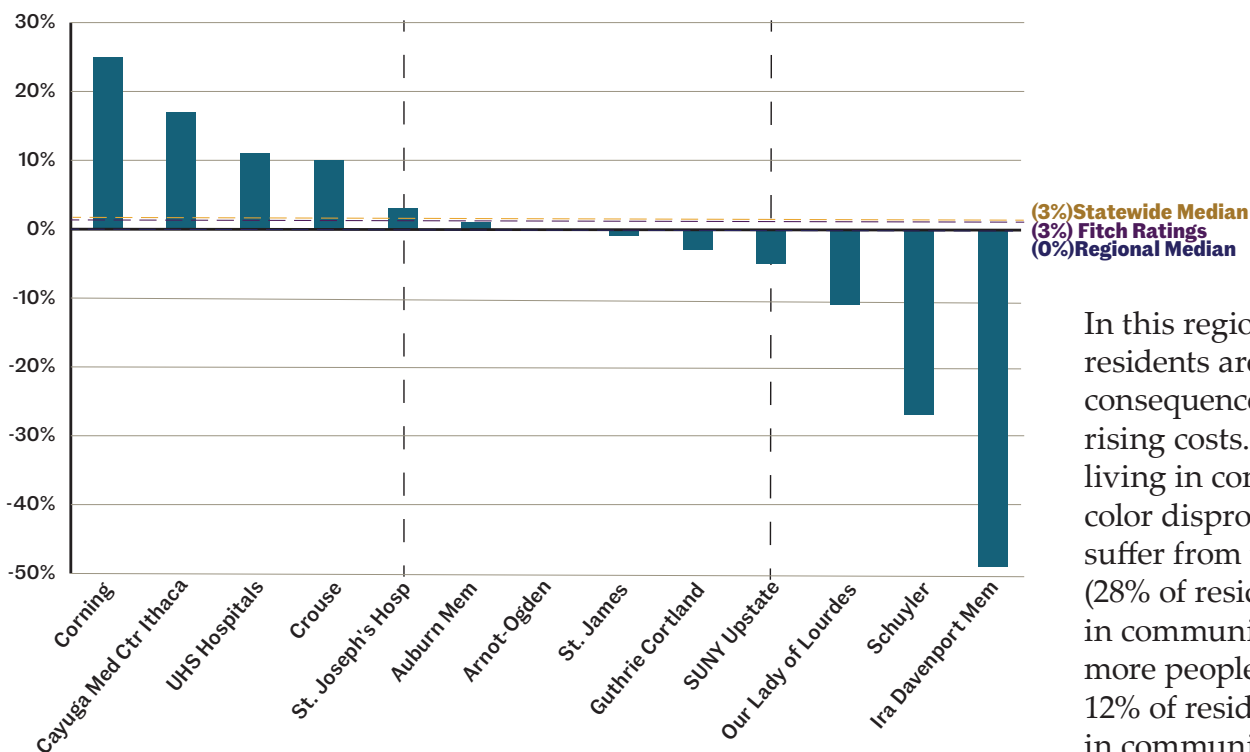
## Hospital Commercial Prices in the **Central and Southern Tier**

The Central and Southern Tier, which includes the Syracuse metro area, is otherwise largely rural.

A Brown University analysis of hospital prices for routine procedures found that regional hospitals charged from 486% to 696% of Medicare rates.



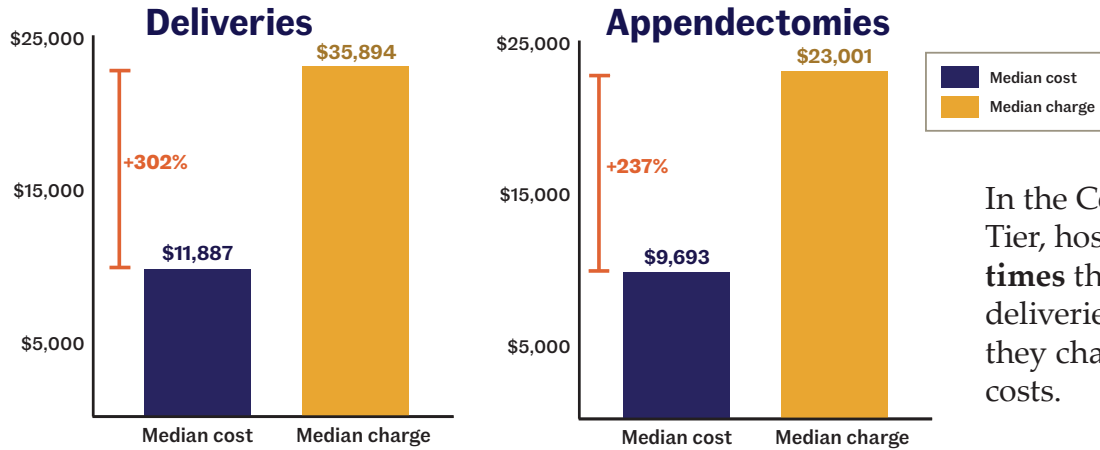
## Hospital Operating Profit Margin in the **Central and Southern Tier**



In this region, residents are facing the consequences of these rising costs. Individuals living in communities of color disproportionately suffer from medical debt (28% of residents living in communities with more people of color vs. 12% of residents living in communities with fewer people of color).

# CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN TIER CHARTS

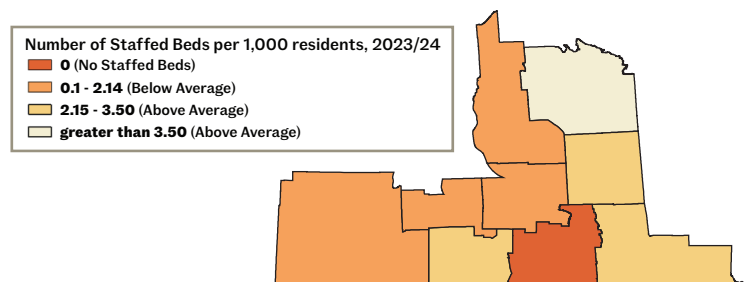
## Median Costs and Charges by Procedure



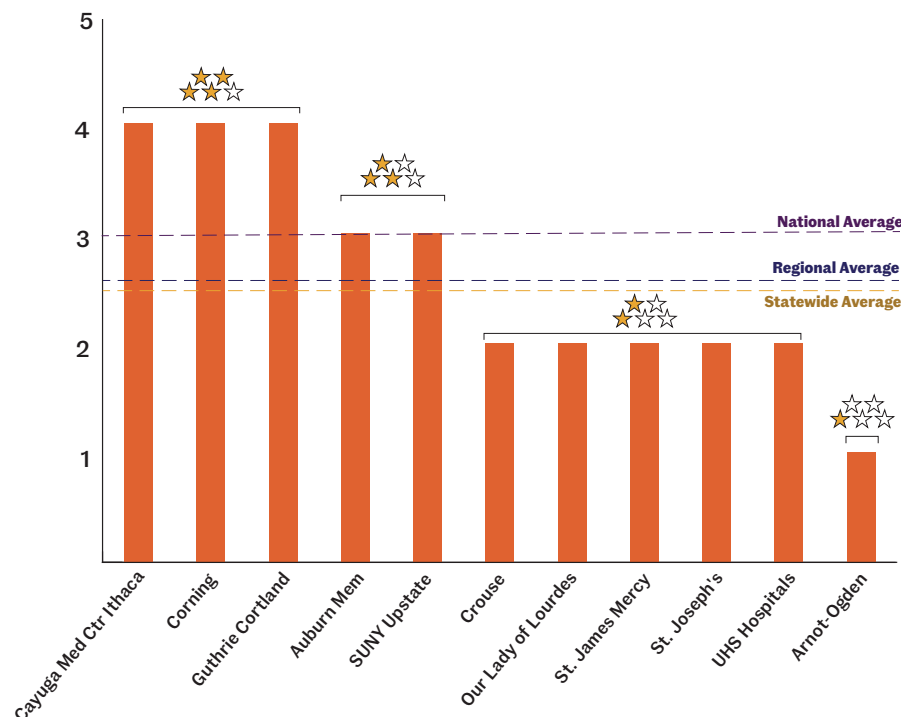
In the Central and Southern Tier, hospitals charge over **3 times** their costs for vaginal deliveries. For appendectomies, they charge over **2 times** their costs.

## Hospital Closures in the Central and Southern Tier

Since 2000, the region has lost a quarter of its beds. New Yorkers living in the Central and Southern Tier experience inequitable access to care depending on where they live. Areas that lost over half of their hospital beds since 2000 are Schuyler (65%), Steuben (62%), and Cayuga (60%). However, residents living in Tomkins, Broome and Onondaga experienced small gains in hospital beds.



## CMS Quality Ratings for Hospitals in the Central and Southern Tier



Hospitals in the Central and Southern Tier rank poorly for measures of mortality and safety of care compared to other regions in the State.

Quality ratings for hospitals in the Central and Southern Tier region are close to the Statewide average.

No hospital in the region has 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).