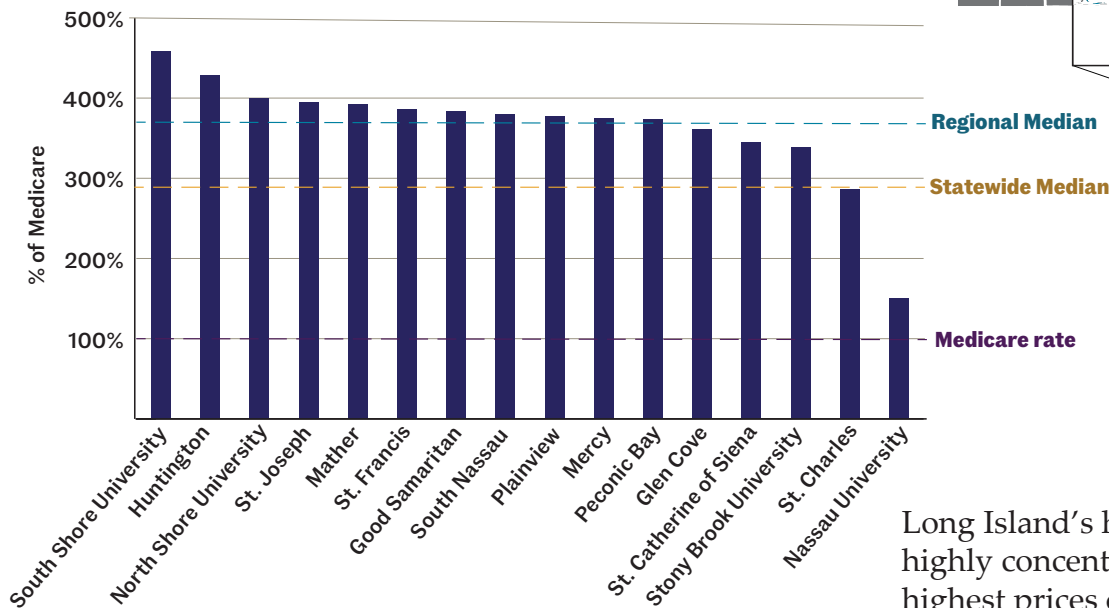


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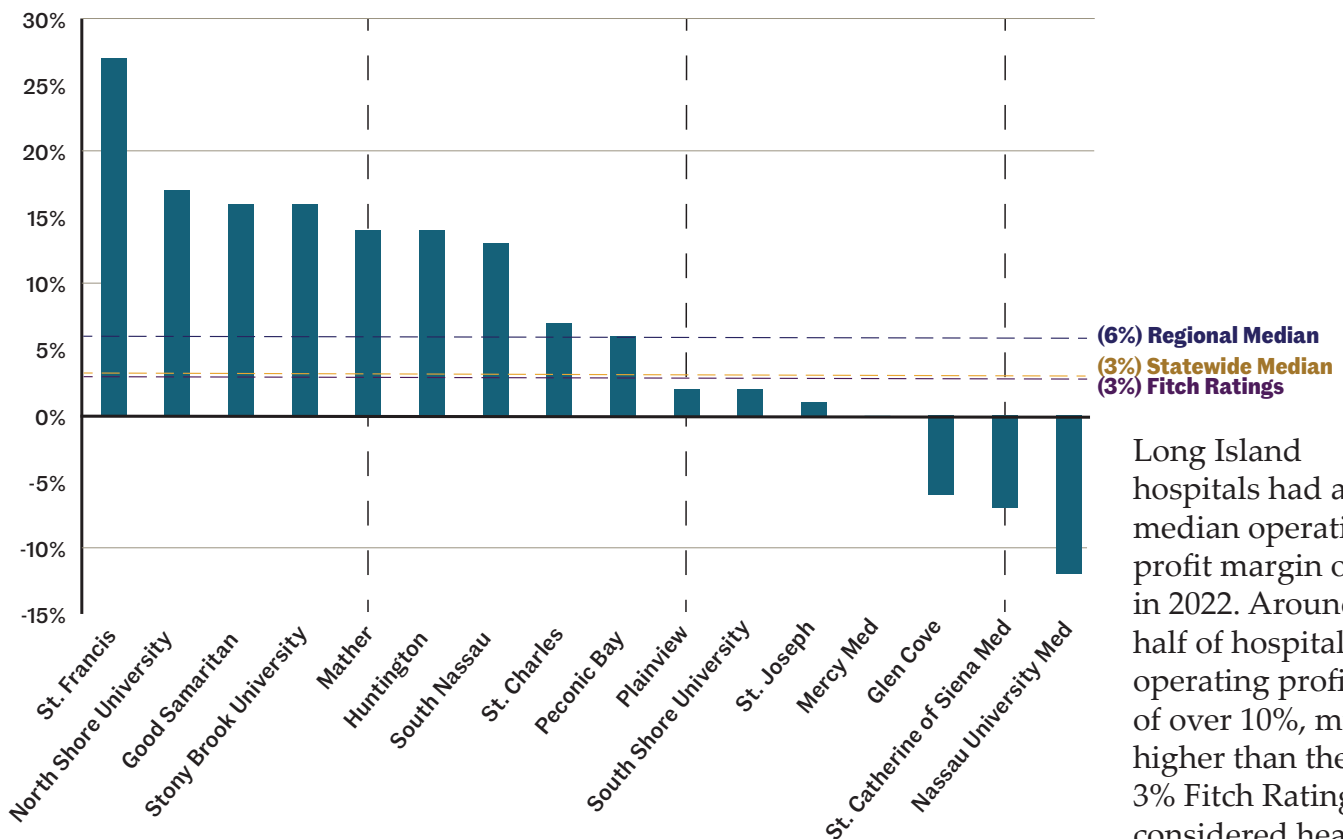
Hospital Commercial Prices on Long Island



On the relatively high-income region of Long Island, 15 out of 16 hospitals belong to the State's six largest private health systems.

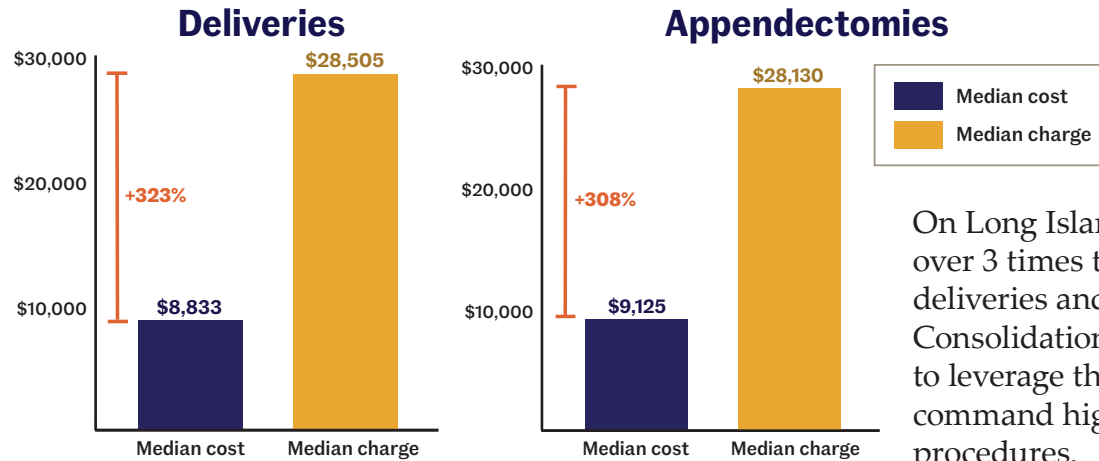
Long Island's hospital market is highly concentrated and charges the highest prices out of all the regions in the State (378% of the Medicare rate).

Hospital Operating Profit Margin on Long Island



Long Island hospitals had a median operating profit margin of 6% in 2022. Around half of hospitals had operating profits of over 10%, much higher than the 3% Fitch Ratings considered healthy for nonprofit hospitals to meet their obligations.

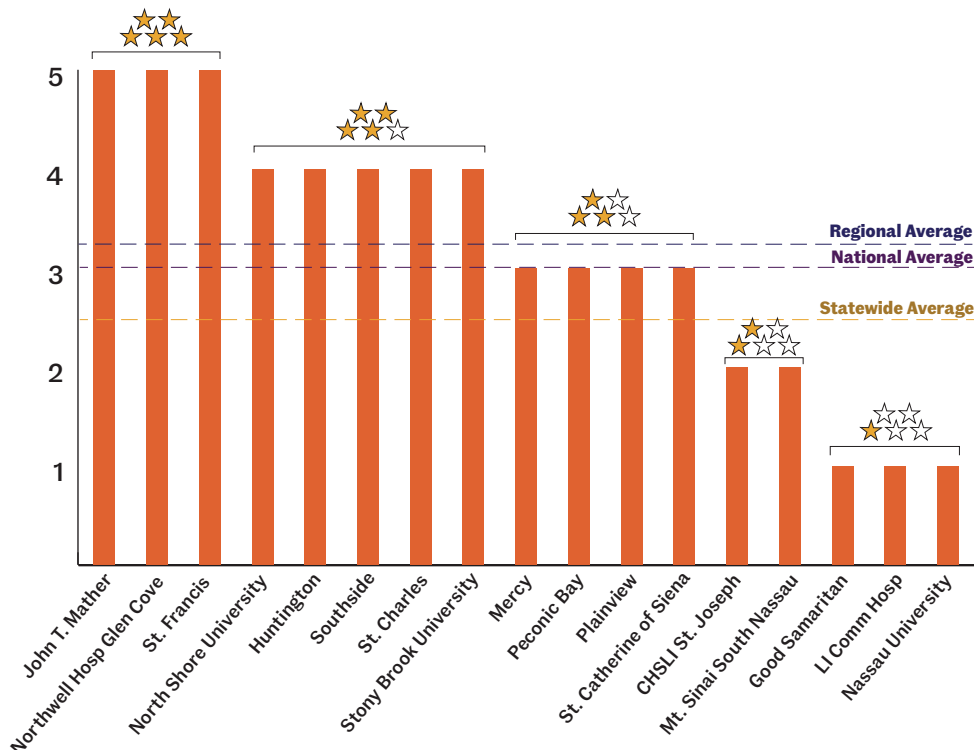
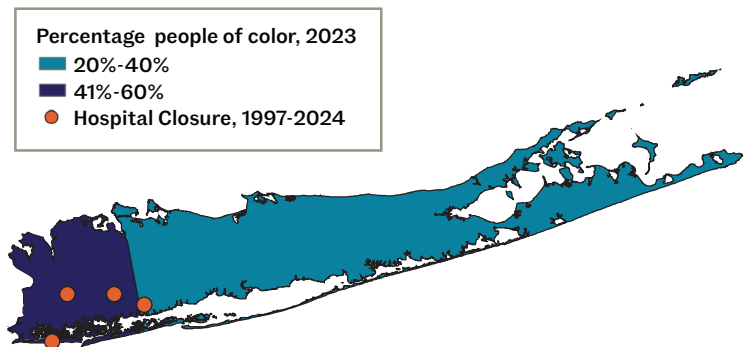
Median Costs and Charges by Procedure



On Long Island, hospitals charge over 3 times their costs for vaginal deliveries and for appendectomies. Consolidation has enabled hospitals to leverage their market power to command high charges for common procedures.

Hospital Closures on Long Island

Since health care deregulation in the 1990s, the region has experienced a low rate of closures (4). These closures were concentrated in the county with a higher share of people of color (Nassau with 45% vs. Suffolk with 37%). Closures, consolidation, and restructuring have led Long Island to lose over a tenth (13.5%) of its hospital beds since 2000.



CMS Quality Ratings for Hospitals on Long Island

On overall quality, Long Island hospitals score higher than the statewide average and, by a small margin, the national average.

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.