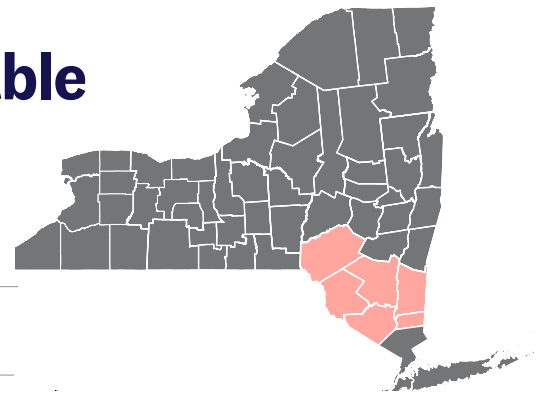
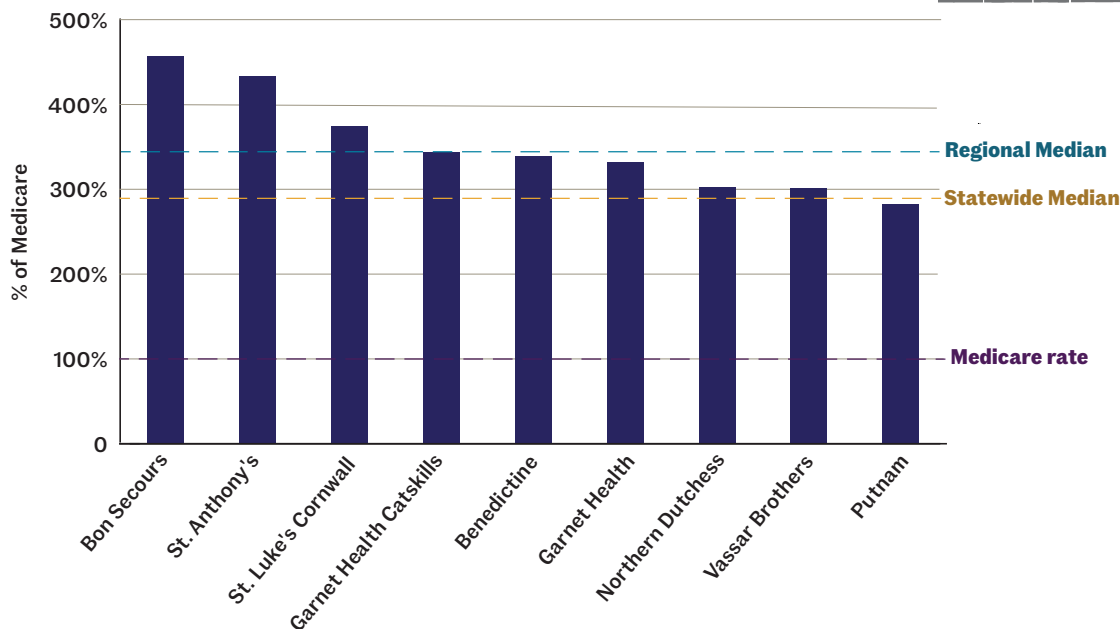


Why is Health Care So Unaffordable In the Mid-Hudson Region?



Hospital Commercial Prices in the Mid-Hudson Region

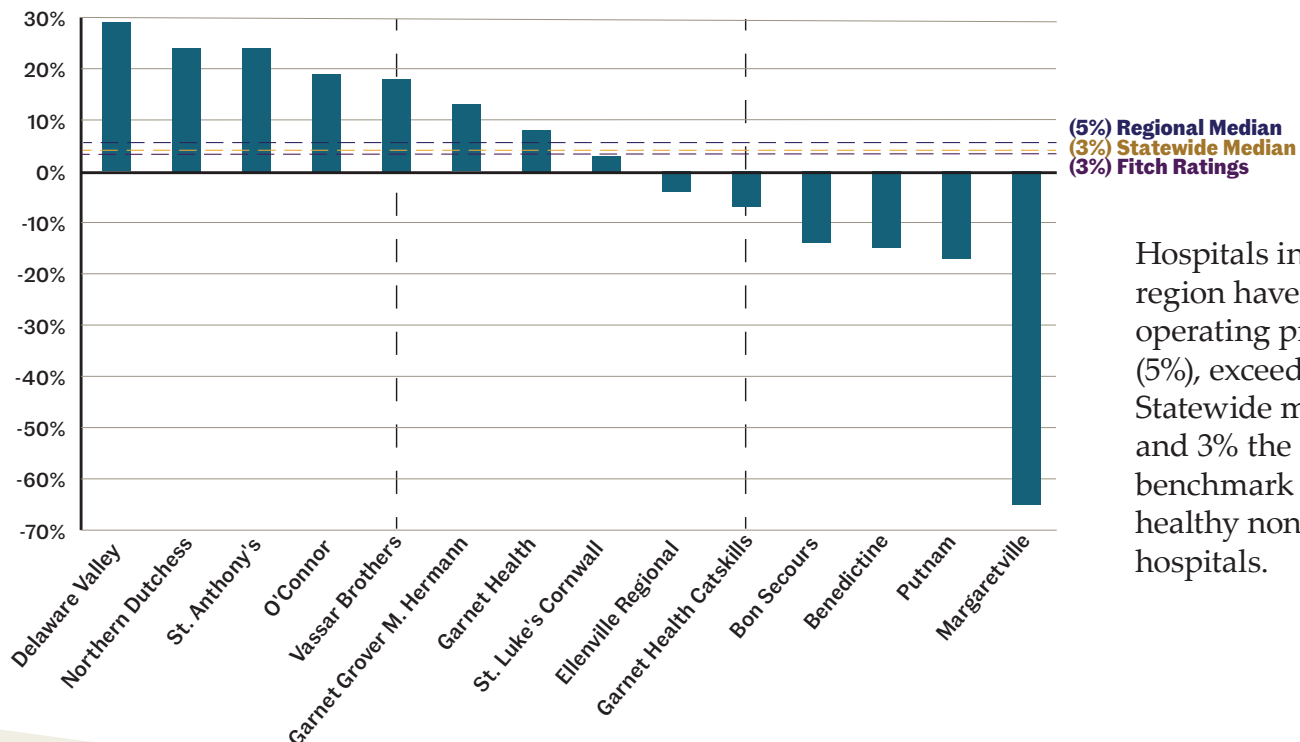


Mid-Hudson has the second highest hospital commercial prices of all regions in the state after Long Island.

Almost all Mid-Hudson hospitals have prices of over 3 times the Medicare rate, and the regional market is highly concentrated.

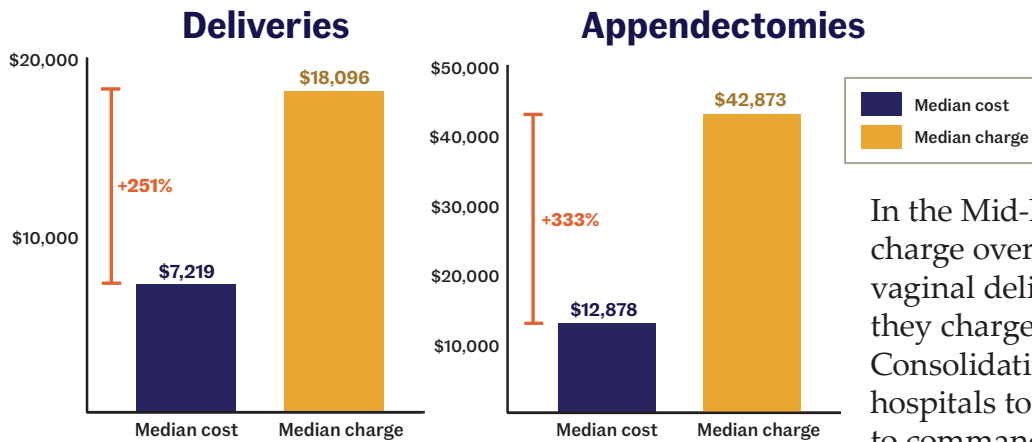
Prices will likely climb in this region in the wake of the State Public Health and Health Planning Council 2024 approval of the Northwell Health acquisition of the region's three lowest-priced hospitals without any conditions to curb ensuing price hikes.

Hospital Operating Profit Margin in the Mid-Hudson Region



Hospitals in this region have high operating profits (5%), exceeding the Statewide median and 3% the Fitch benchmark for healthy non-profit hospitals.

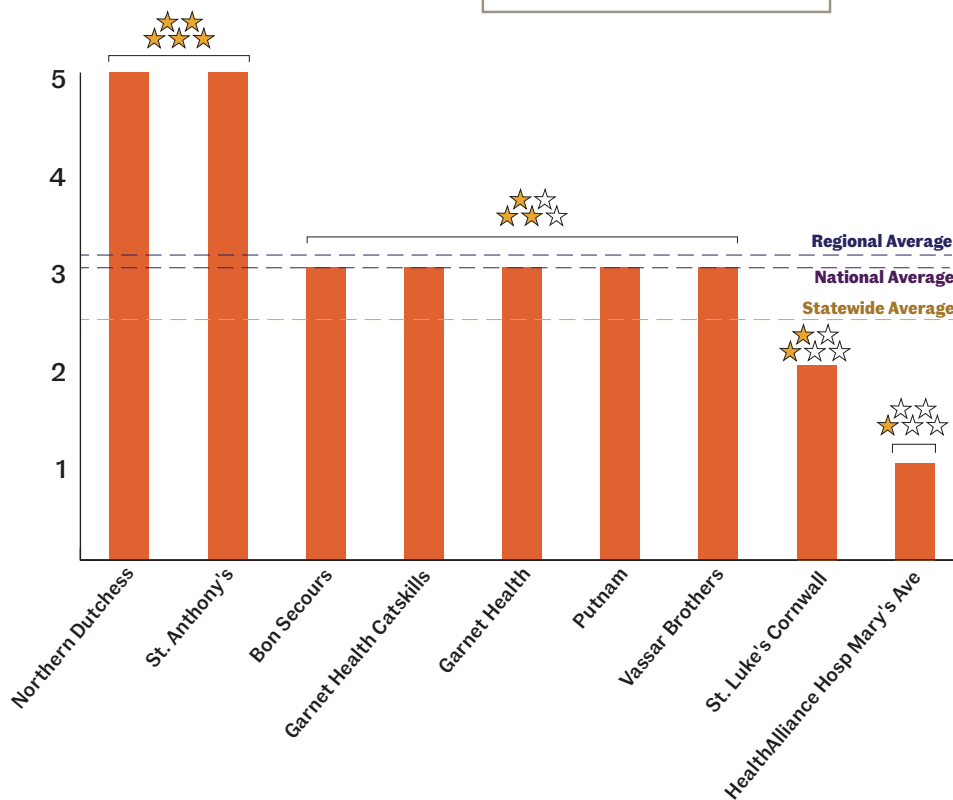
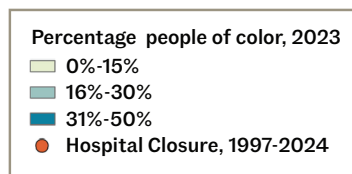
Median Costs and Charges by Procedure



In the Mid-Hudson region, hospitals charge over **2.5 times** their costs for vaginal deliveries. For appendectomies, they charge over **3 times** their costs. Consolidation in the market enabled its hospitals to leverage their market power to command high charges for common procedures.

Hospital Closures in the Mid-Hudson Region

Three regional hospitals have closed since 1997, mostly in Orange County, where more people of color live.



CMS Quality Ratings for Hospitals in the Mid-Hudson Region

On overall quality, Mid-Hudson hospitals scored 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.