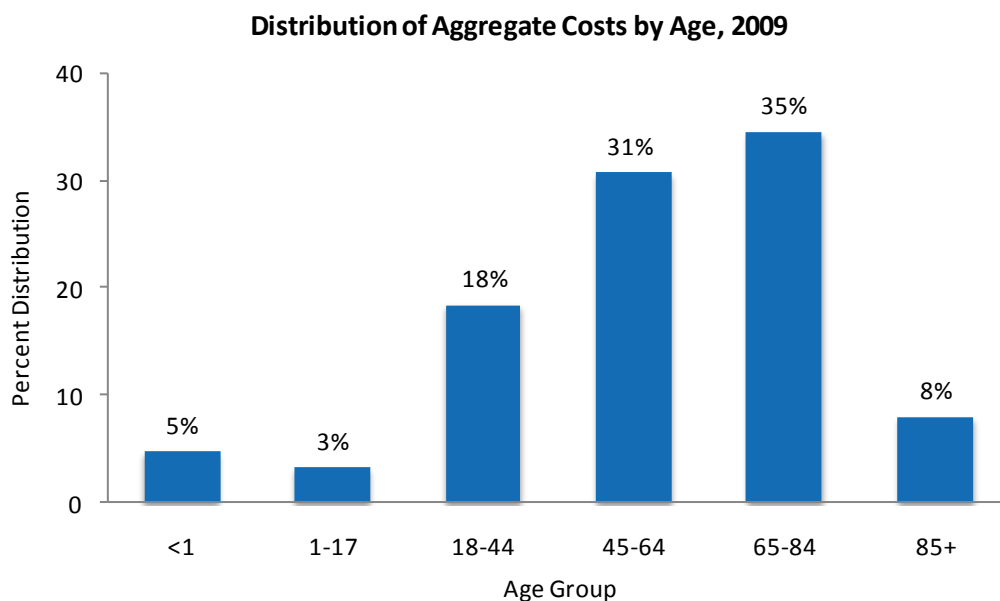


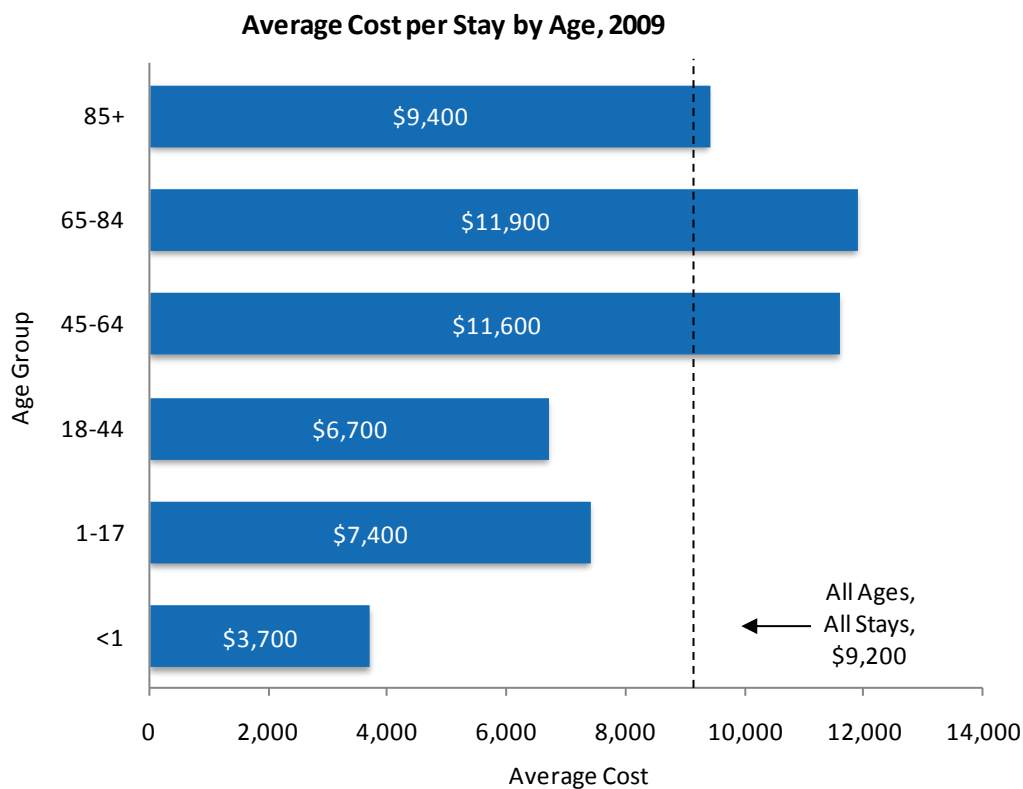
### EXHIBIT 4.3 Cost by Age



Source: AHRQ, Center for Delivery, Organization, and Markets, Healthcare Cost and Utilization Project, Nationwide Inpatient Sample, 2009.

In 2009, the aggregate cost for all hospital stays was \$361.5 billion.

- Non-elderly adult stays accounted for 49 percent of the aggregate cost of all inpatient stays and stays for patients 65 and older accounted for 43 percent of all inpatient costs.
- Stays among patients 45-64 and 65-84 years accounted for larger shares of aggregate costs (31 and 35 percent, respectively) relative to other age groups.



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- Stays for patients under one year of age cost \$3,700 on average. The overwhelming majority of these stays were for liveborn infants.
- On average, the costs per stay for all patients 1-17 years (\$7,400) was less than the average cost per stay across all age groups (\$9,200).
- The average cost of a stay for patients 18-44 years was \$6,700.
- The average cost per stay for patients 45-64 years and 65-84 years was similar—\$11,600 and \$11,900, respectively—and was greater than the cost per stay across all age groups (\$9,200).
- The average cost per stay for patients 85 years and over was \$9,400.