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Using up to 22[1] evidence-based measures of patient safety, including the CMS Medicare PSI 90 Patient Safety and Adverse Events composite which includes 10 component measures, The Leapfrog Group calculated a numerical score for all eligible hospitals in the U.S. The numerical score was then converted into one of five letter grades for hospitals that participated in the 2025 or 2026 Leapfrog Hospital Survey. "A" represents the best Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade, followed in order by "B," "C," "D," and "F." Hospital Safety Grades were not assigned to 447 hospitals that did not participate in the 2025 or 2026 Leapfrog Hospital Survey (reported as “GNA” = Grade Not Assigned).

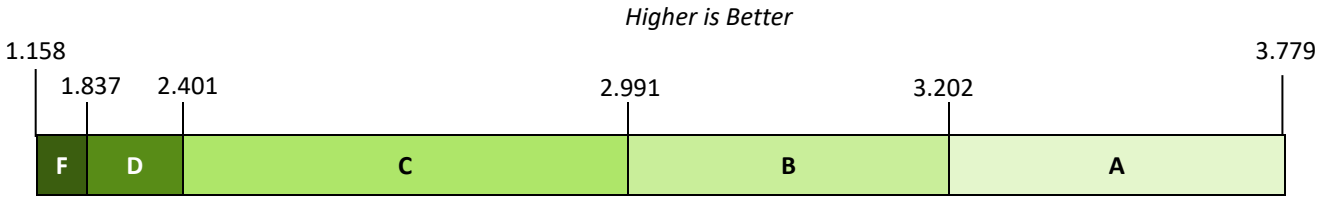
The grade cut-points used in the spring 2026 Safety Grade have been maintained for the fall 2026 Safety Grade. Numerical scores range between approximately 1.2 and 3.8, with an average score of approximately 3.0.

For more information about the Hospital Safety Grade and a detailed explanation of the scoring methodology, please visit www.HospitalSafetyGrade.org.

Please note: Numerical scores are displayed for hospitals on the Safety Grade Review Website to four decimal places (i.e. n.nnnn). For the purposes of assigning a letter grade, the numerical score is not rounded. For example, a numerical score displayed as 3.2019 would be assigned a B.

In implementing this letter grade methodology, the distribution of letter grades is detailed below:

Grade	Safety Grade Criteria *(at or above cut point)*	Count of Hospitals	Percentage of Hospitals
A	≥ 3.202	900	32%
B	≥ 2.991	774	28%
C	≥ 2.401	655	23%
D	≥ 1.837	35	1%
F	< 1.837	3	<1%
Total Graded		2,366	
GNA		447	16%
Grand Total		2,813	



[1] CMS paused the public reporting of Staff Responsiveness (H-COMP-3) on Care Compare. In response to the pause, Leapfrog temporarily removed Staff Responsiveness (H-COMP-3) and increased the weight of Nurse Communication (H-COMP-1) in fall 2026. The measure is expected to be available for the spring 2027 Safety Grade.