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This [Joint Commission](#) report summarizes the performance of hospitals across 47 [accountability measures](#)—evidence-based metrics that are directly linked to patient outcomes. This year's calculation for identifying *Top Performers* included a new accountability measure for immunization. Top Performers are recognized by meeting three 95% performance thresholds; 1099 hospitals were identified. This represents 33% of all Joint Commission-accredited hospitals that report core measure performance data, a 77% increase compared to the [previous](#) year. Hospitals have measurably improved the quality of care over the past year for heart attacks, pneumonia, surgical care, children's asthma care, inpatient psychiatric services, venous thromboembolism, and stroke patients.