

Across Washington hospitals, costs for both vaginal and Cesarean deliveries differ by a factor of two, 2016

For most pregnancies, Cesarean deliveries (C-sections) are not necessary. The frequency of this type of delivery varies widely by hospital. Nationally, about one-third of deliveries are by C-section. The rate of C-section in Washington is almost 24 per 100 deliveries (23.7%). Cesarean deliveries in general cost more than vaginal deliveries. The average difference in cost between a vaginal and C-section delivery also varies widely by hospital.

