



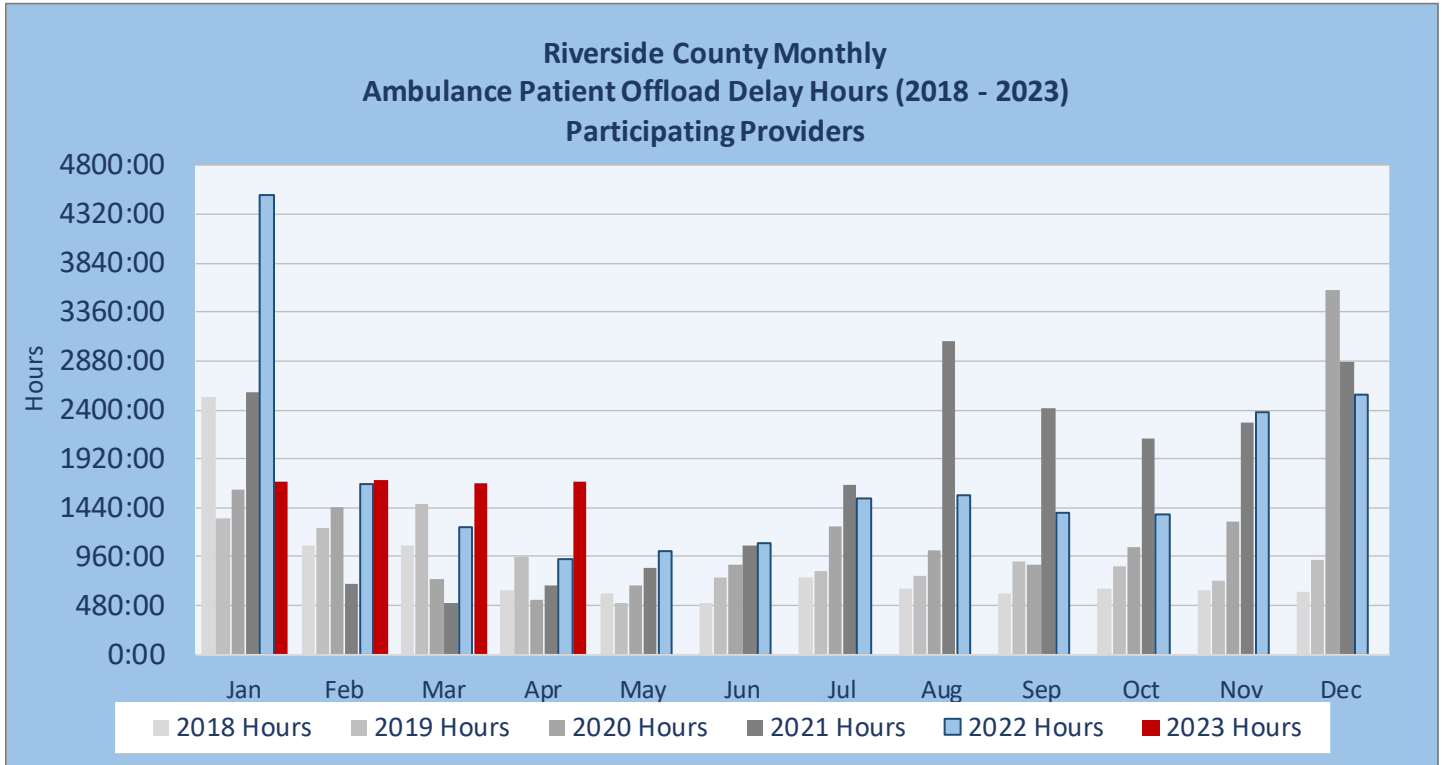
# Ambulance Patient Offload Time

April 2023

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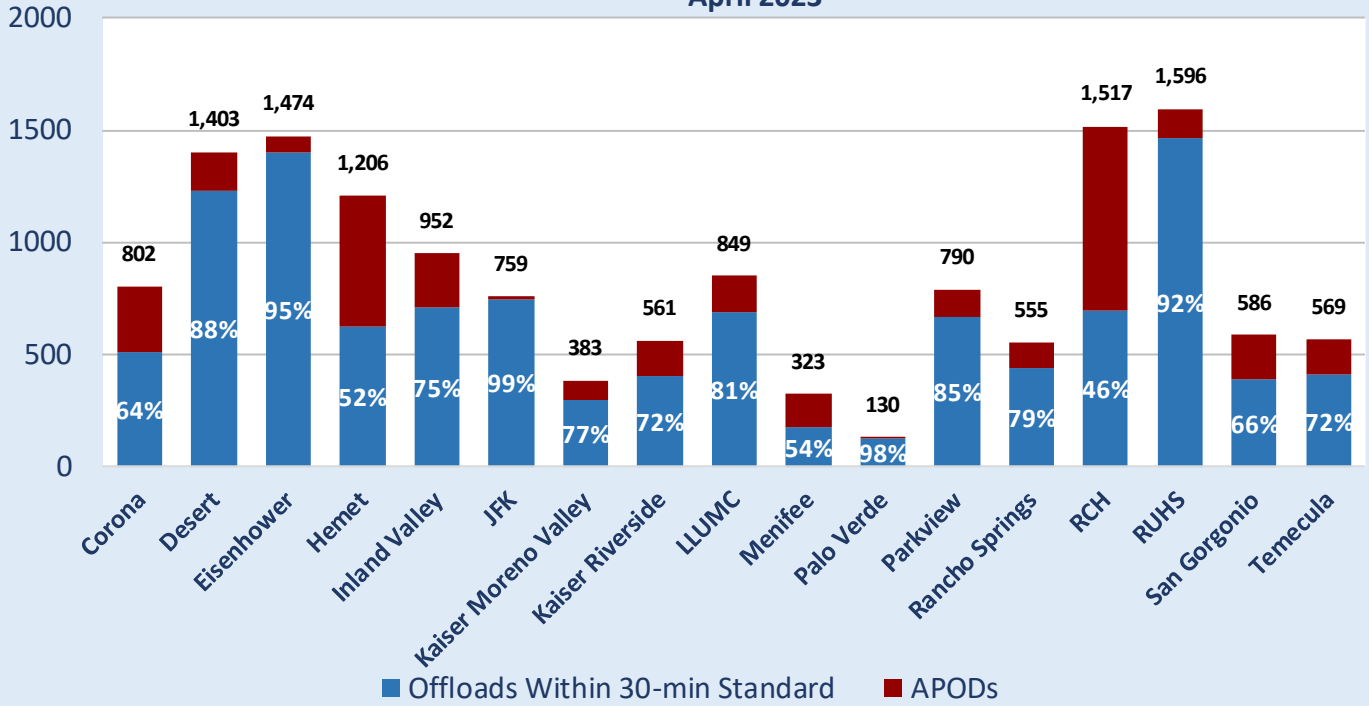
# RIVERSIDE COUNTY AMBULANCE PATIENT OFFLOAD TIME

These charts represent total ambulance patient offload times (APOT) and delays (APOD) from hospitals within Riverside County. APOD includes delays greater than 30 minutes and only the time after the first 30 minutes have passed.

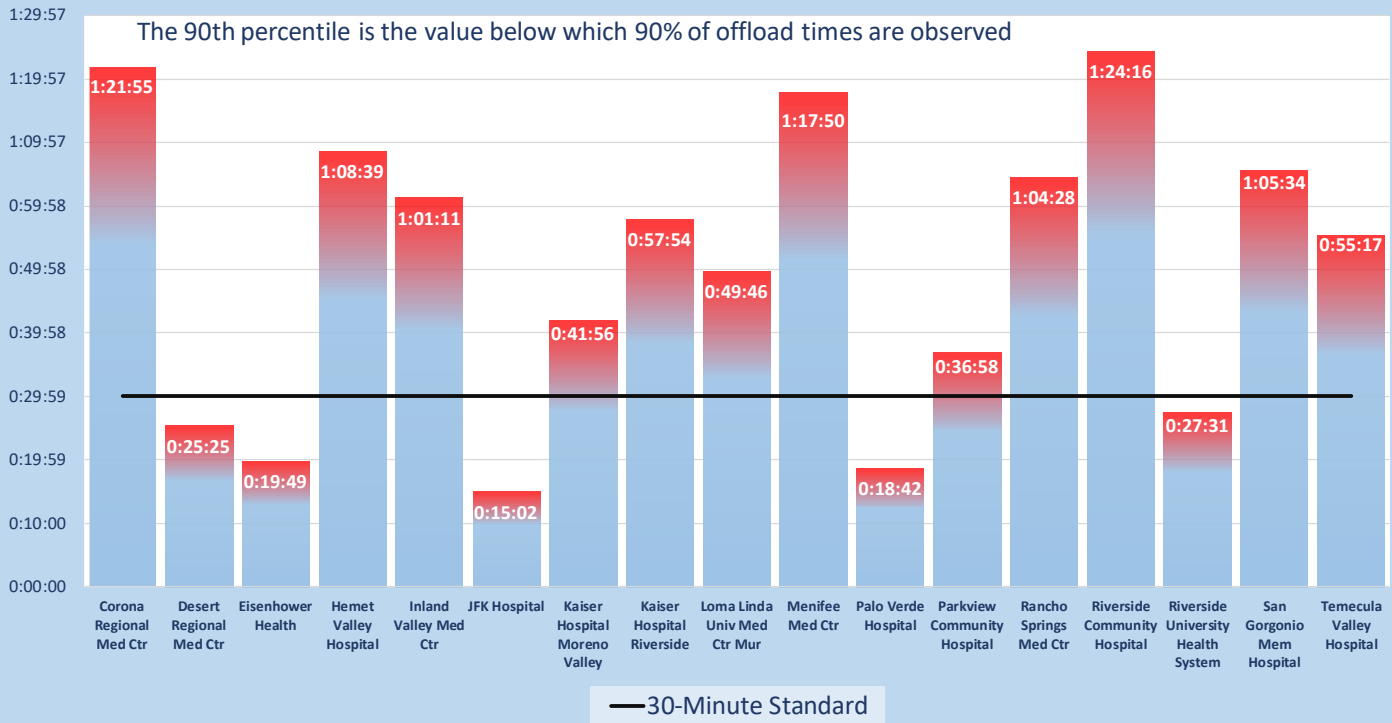


April 2023						
	ALS Transports	APOT	APOD Hours	APODs	APOD Compliance	APOT - 1
Corona Regional Med Ctr	802	460:13:40	172:40:38	290	63.8%	1:21:55
Desert Regional Med Ctr	1,403	449:43:24	102:12:09	171	87.8%	0:25:25
Eisenhower Health	1,474	329:47:52	11:04:36	75	94.9%	0:19:49
Hemet Valley Hospital	1,206	819:54:41	316:04:09	581	51.8%	1:08:39
Inland Valley Med Ctr	952	422:11:48	115:00:28	241	74.7%	1:01:11
JFK Hospital	759	103:10:50	3:32:03	10	98.7%	0:15:02
Kaiser Hospital Moreno Valley	383	149:52:30	27:36:59	89	76.8%	0:41:56
Kaiser Hospital Riverside	561	265:05:27	79:27:04	156	72.2%	0:57:54
Loma Linda Univ Med Ctr Mur	849	327:56:53	47:51:52	159	81.3%	0:49:46
Menifee Med Ctr	323	206:24:57	72:53:21	147	54.5%	1:17:50
Palo Verde Hospital	130	22:51:31	2:42:45	3	97.7%	0:18:42
Parkview Community Hospital	790	281:19:14	38:45:56	119	84.9%	0:36:58
Rancho Springs Med Ctr	555	235:54:54	54:45:52	114	79.5%	1:04:28
Riverside Community Hospital	1,517	1090:21:06	475:17:55	820	45.9%	1:24:16
Riverside University Health System	1,596	492:25:48	20:07:29	132	91.7%	0:27:31
San Geronio Mem Hospital	586	300:32:49	83:50:26	197	66.4%	1:05:34
Temecula Valley Hospital	569	250:27:14	51:15:20	160	71.9%	0:55:17
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>14,455</b>	<b>6208:14:38</b>	<b>1675:09:02</b>	<b>3464</b>	<b>76.0%</b>	<b>0:52:10</b>

### Riverside County Hospitals Transports, APODs and % Compliance April 2023



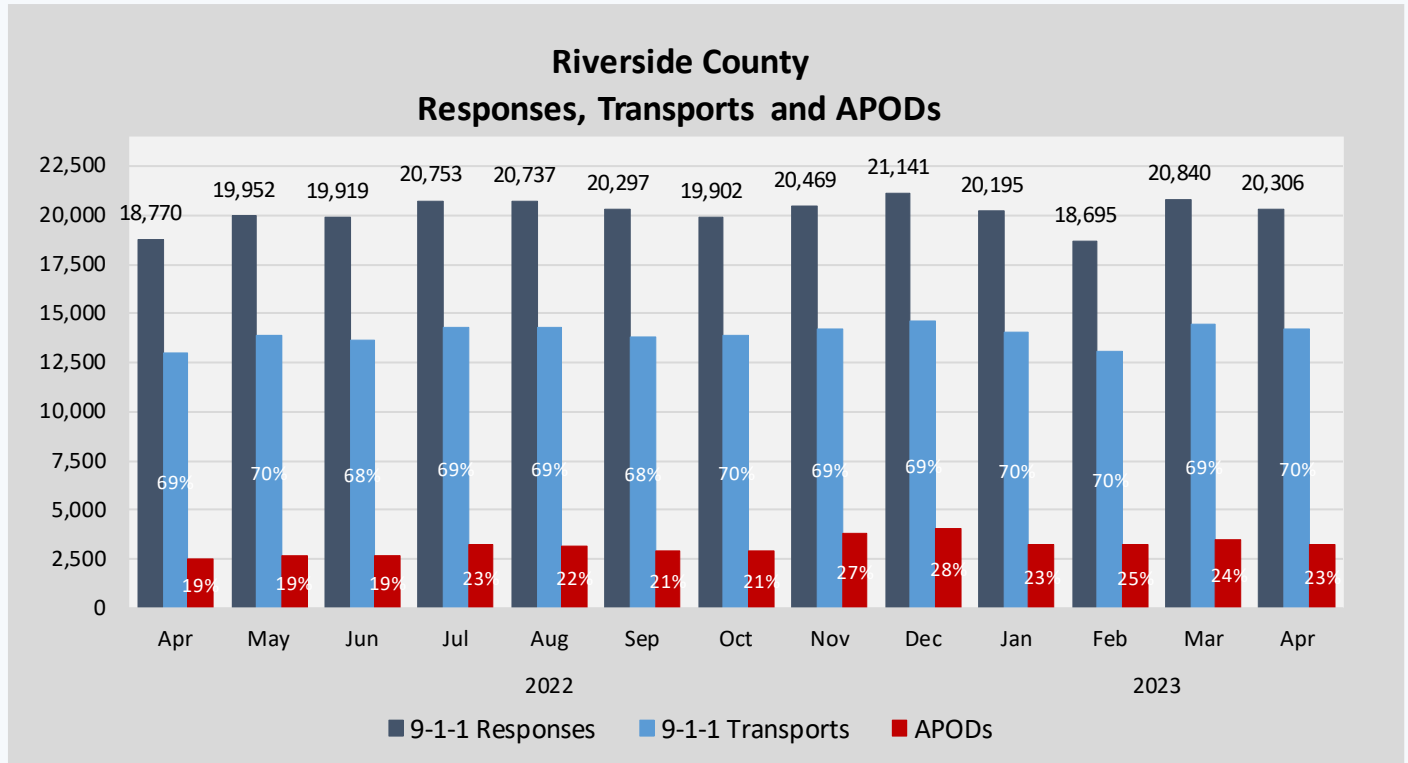
### Riverside County Hospitals APOT-1, 90th Percentile April 2023



Data for this report has been collected from ePCRs (electronic patient care records) via FirstWatch® and are available after they have been completed by the provider. There is, therefore, an inherent latency to the availability of these records. Due to this latency, subsequent reports may feature higher aggregate numbers than earlier reports for the same reporting period. The difference is insignificant (averaging less than .07%) and does not impact overall compliance.

## APOT AND APOD TRENDS: *ROLLING ANNUAL REVIEW*

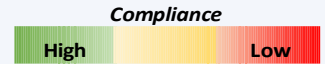
The first chart represents a summary of Riverside County’s total 9-1-1 ambulance (ALS) responses, transports, and total transports resulting in patient offload delay (APOD) for a rolling 12 months compared to the current month.



**TRANSPORT VOLUME.** Transport volume for each hospital over a 12 month period compared to the current month is described below. Each hospital can be categorized as a low to high volume facility relative to all facilities in the county. Hospitals are color coded ranging from low to high based on an average transports of the last 12 months.

Hospital	Transport Volume												2023 Apr	Monthly Avg
	2022 Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar		
Corona Regional Med Ctr	720	709	757	770	803	767	779	778	829	804	733	802	783	772
Desert Regional Med Ctr	1288	1314	1365	1437	1381	1357	1399	1298	1402	1378	1308	1403	1360	1,361
Eisenhower Health	1350	1385	1268	1387	1338	1234	1294	1415	1455	1381	1288	1474	1371	1,357
Hemet Valley Hospital	1201	1326	1276	1219	1258	1135	1162	1146	879	1072	998	1206	1206	1,160
Inland Valley Med Ctr	823	951	892	979	950	897	1041	972	1069	986	877	952	995	953
JFK Hospital	773	756	679	695	750	700	668	734	765	752	690	759	837	735
Kaiser Hospital Moreno Valley	304	321	346	353	387	375	323	364	380	366	374	383	348	356
Kaiser Hospital Riverside	513	570	521	568	568	539	549	529	595	582	491	561	567	550
Loma Linda Univ Med Ctr Mur	675	812	752	807	867	825	825	809	901	828	782	849	852	814
Menifee Med Ctr	237	234	264	328	291	285	293	276	390	320	288	323	307	295
Palo Verde Hospital	142	178	151	161	169	142	143	152	167	137	142	130	136	150
Parkview Community Hospital	523	637	659	714	682	745	726	768	760	696	695	790	704	700
Rancho Springs Med Ctr	430	483	499	465	499	521	475	557	597	488	497	555	513	506
Riverside Comm Hospital	1552	1614	1537	1602	1601	1528	1456	1506	1468	1501	1347	1517	1515	1,519
Riverside Univ Health System	1369	1534	1477	1632	1586	1581	1570	1711	1676	1590	1494	1596	1642	1,574
San Gorgonio Mem Hospital	524	547	651	617	636	604	566	622	673	642	597	586	594	605
Temecula Valley Hospital	549	531	549	596	559	545	582	556	628	514	515	569	514	554
<b>Riverside County Total</b>	<b>12973</b>	<b>13902</b>	<b>13643</b>	<b>14330</b>	<b>14325</b>	<b>13780</b>	<b>13851</b>	<b>14193</b>	<b>14634</b>	<b>14037</b>	<b>13116</b>	<b>14455</b>	<b>14244</b>	<b>13960</b>

**COMPLIANCE.** Compliance is a frequency comparison between the total number of transports and those resulting in APOD. The table below shows compliance by hospital for the last 12 months compared to the current month.



APOT % Compliance by Hospital for the last 12 months															
	2022												2023		Average
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr		
Corona Regional Med Ctr	65%	71%	68%	63%	68%	64%	67%	58%	58%	69%	68%	64%	63%	65%	
Desert Regional Med Ctr	94%	94%	98%	95%	98%	97%	96%	92%	90%	91%	92%	88%	94%	94%	
Eisenhower Health	97%	99%	99%	98%	97%	96%	98%	96%	95%	96%	96%	95%	97%	97%	
Hemet Valley Hospital	69%	68%	57%	52%	62%	55%	58%	50%	42%	43%	44%	52%	60%	55%	
Inland Valley Med Ctr	75%	70%	73%	74%	71%	81%	76%	78%	72%	81%	69%	75%	72%	74%	
JFK Hospital	99%	100%	99%	98%	99%	100%	100%	98%	99%	99%	98%	99%	98%	99%	
Kaiser Hospital Moreno Valley	62%	72%	79%	71%	73%	81%	75%	65%	78%	74%	70%	77%	79%	74%	
Kaiser Hospital Riverside	60%	66%	64%	58%	58%	62%	57%	52%	62%	75%	68%	72%	72%	63%	
Loma Linda Univ Med Ctr Mur	83%	80%	84%	79%	75%	82%	75%	71%	63%	76%	69%	81%	76%	76%	
Menifee Med Ctr	72%	78%	76%	73%	62%	69%	73%	40%	40%	49%	48%	54%	58%	61%	
Palo Verde Hospital	97%	98%	100%	100%	96%	99%	98%	97%	96%	95%	99%	98%	98%	98%	
Parkview Community Hospital	85%	85%	89%	92%	94%	88%	90%	77%	75%	88%	90%	85%	84%	86%	
Rancho Springs Med Ctr	79%	76%	76%	70%	69%	77%	79%	73%	80%	88%	72%	79%	76%	76%	
Riverside Community Hospital	61%	60%	62%	52%	50%	51%	54%	46%	48%	51%	50%	46%	45%	52%	
Riverside University Health System	93%	92%	93%	92%	91%	88%	91%	89%	88%	91%	93%	92%	95%	91%	
San Gorgonio Mem Hospital	84%	91%	79%	81%	77%	81%	82%	65%	61%	66%	71%	66%	70%	75%	
Temecula Valley Hospital	87%	79%	82%	69%	79%	76%	72%	66%	56%	68%	68%	72%	65%	72%	
<b>Riverside County Compliance</b>	<b>81%</b>	<b>81%</b>	<b>81%</b>	<b>77%</b>	<b>78%</b>	<b>79%</b>	<b>79%</b>	<b>73%</b>	<b>72%</b>	<b>77%</b>	<b>75%</b>	<b>76%</b>	<b>77%</b>	<b>77%</b>	

**APOT-1.** APOT-1 is an Ambulance Patient Offload Time interval measure of the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile. This metric is a continuous variable measured in hours and minutes then aggregated and reported at the 90th percentile. The table below illustrates APOT-1 by hospital for the last 12 months compared to the current month

APOT-1 (90th Percentile) for the last 12 Months															
Hospital	2022												2023		Avg APOT-1
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr		
Corona Regional Med Ctr	1:01	0:58	1:05	1:20	1:05	1:15	1:09	1:35	1:50	1:06	1:16	1:18	1:22	1:15	
Desert Regional Med Ctr	0:25	0:23	0:20	0:24	0:21	0:21	0:21	0:28	0:32	0:29	0:28	0:37	0:25	0:25	
Eisenhower Health	0:19	0:18	0:18	0:20	0:19	0:21	0:18	0:21	0:24	0:22	0:23	0:24	0:20	0:20	
Hemet Valley Hospital	0:52	0:54	1:08	1:28	1:06	1:34	1:11	1:33	2:28	1:36	1:38	1:18	1:09	1:22	
Inland Valley Med Ctr	0:54	0:57	0:54	0:55	1:01	0:46	0:56	0:52	0:54	0:43	1:11	0:57	1:01	0:55	
JFK Hospital	0:16	0:18	0:16	0:19	0:18	0:14	0:14	0:15	0:15	0:15	0:16	0:14	0:15	0:15	
Kaiser Hospital Moreno Valley	1:14	1:00	0:45	0:57	0:52	0:44	1:00	1:14	0:50	0:54	0:59	0:46	0:42	0:55	
Kaiser Hospital Riverside	1:20	1:08	1:13	1:26	1:26	1:17	1:25	1:51	1:24	0:55	1:06	1:02	0:58	1:16	
Loma Linda Univ Med Ctr Mur	0:37	0:39	0:37	0:44	0:50	0:38	0:45	1:08	1:07	0:49	1:03	0:38	0:50	0:48	
Menifee Med Ctr	0:55	0:42	0:44	0:52	1:13	0:57	0:51	2:14	2:07	1:37	1:30	1:10	1:18	1:14	
Palo Verde Hospital	0:21	0:18	0:12	0:16	0:14	0:13	0:19	0:16	0:19	0:22	0:15	0:21	0:19	0:17	
Parkview Community Hospital	0:37	0:35	0:31	0:29	0:27	0:33	0:31	0:55	0:50	0:34	0:30	0:36	0:37	0:35	
Rancho Springs Med Ctr	0:43	1:03	0:49	0:59	1:11	0:53	0:53	1:04	0:47	0:35	1:02	0:48	1:04	0:54	
Riverside Comm Hospital	1:02	1:01	1:03	1:15	1:28	1:14	1:10	1:30	1:23	1:25	1:21	1:27	1:24	1:17	
Riverside Univ Health System	0:28	0:30	0:29	0:29	0:30	0:32	0:30	0:32	0:33	0:30	0:28	0:29	0:28	0:29	
San Gorgonio Mem Hospital	0:40	0:31	0:46	0:43	0:53	0:42	0:44	1:22	1:22	1:10	1:02	1:00	1:06	0:55	
Temecula Valley Hospital	0:34	0:41	0:40	0:50	0:42	0:45	0:49	0:56	1:21	0:53	0:53	0:49	0:55	0:49	
<b>Riverside County Compliance</b>	<b>0:43</b>	<b>0:43</b>	<b>0:44</b>	<b>0:49</b>	<b>0:50</b>	<b>0:48</b>	<b>0:48</b>	<b>1:02</b>	<b>1:03</b>	<b>0:52</b>	<b>0:56</b>	<b>0:53</b>	<b>0:52</b>	<b>0:51</b>	

## AMBULANCE DIVERSIONS

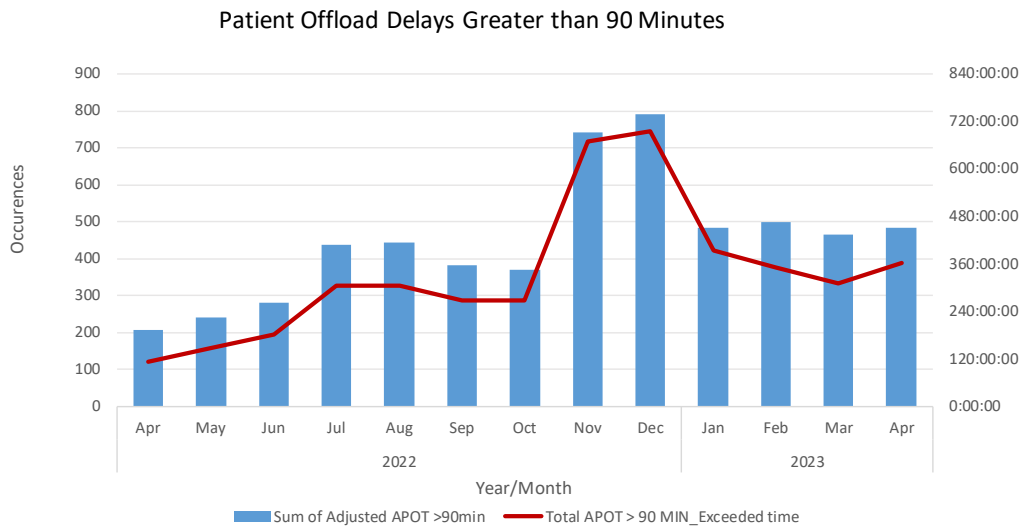
REMSA Policy 6103 (<https://www.remsa.us/policy/6103.pdf>) describes ground and air ambulance diversions to facilitate safe transport of patients to the closest alternate facility. Ambulance Diversions described here are those activated as a result of unusual circumstances at a facility limiting access to emergency care (*Internal Disaster - INT*) or a temporary outage in Specialty Care services (*STEMI, Stroke, Trauma*). The following tables provide diversion history by count of occurrences and total hours/minutes by facility for a rolling 12 months compared to the current month. *Hospitals not listed had no diversions during this evaluation period.*

Diversions by Count	2022												2023			Total
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr			
<b>INT</b>	1	3	1	1								1	2	1	10	
John F. Kennedy Memorial Hospital		1													1	
Menifee Valley Medical Center	1											1			2	
Temecula Valley Hospital													1		1	
Inland Valley Medical Center				1											1	
Kaiser Permanente Moreno Valley Medical Center		1													1	
Kaiser Permanente Riverside Medical Center		1	1												2	
Riverside University Health System												1			1	
<b>Parkview Community Hospital</b>												1			1	
STEMI	1	1								1					3	
John F. Kennedy Memorial Hospital	1	1													2	
<b>Riverside Community Hospital</b>										1					1	
Stroke								1		1	1	1			4	
Riverside Community Hospital											1				1	
Kaiser Permanente Moreno Valley Medical Center										1					1	
Rancho Springs Medical Center								1							1	
<b>Parkview Community Hospital</b>												1			1	
Trauma	3	1	4	2	1	1	1	1	2	1		4			20	
Riverside Community Hospital	1		3		1		1		2			3			11	
Inland Valley Medical Center	2	1		2		1				1		1			8	
Riverside University Health System			1												1	

Diversions by HH:MM	2022												2023			Total
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr			
<b>INT</b>	1:09	5:31	0:56	1:39								0:23	3:40	21:56		
John F. Kennedy Memorial Hospital		3:33														
Menifee Valley Medical Center	1:09												0:00			
Temecula Valley Hospital														21:56		
Inland Valley Medical Center				1:39												
Kaiser Permanente Moreno Valley Medical Center		0:37														
Kaiser Permanente Riverside Medical Center		1:21	0:56													
Riverside University Health System													3:39			
<b>Parkview Community Hospital</b>												0:23				
STEMI	10:16	15:51							0:28							
John F. Kennedy Memorial Hospital	10:16	15:51														
<b>Riverside Community Hospital</b>									0:28							
Stroke							7:57		0:27	3:34	1:09					
Riverside Community Hospital									0:27							
Kaiser Permanente Moreno Valley Medical Center										3:34						
Rancho Springs Medical Center							7:57									
<b>Parkview Community Hospital</b>												1:09				
Trauma	6:44	1:04	3:12	3:21	0:49	2:38	0:24		3:41	1:11		7:07				
Riverside Community Hospital	2:44		1:51		0:49		0:24		3:41			6:57				
Inland Valley Medical Center	4:00	1:04		3:21		2:38				1:11		0:09				
Riverside University Health System			1:21													

## AMBULANCE REDIRECTION

REMSA [Policy 6104](#) allows redirection of ambulances away from hospitals experiencing significant Ambulance Patient Offload Delays (APOD) to the next most appropriate facility. *Significant* APOD is defined as a patient remaining on an ambulance gurney for **90 minutes or greater after arrival at the hospital** (APOT < 90 min). Standard transfer of care is 30 minutes or less (APOT<30 min). Until the transfer of care is complete (patient is removed from the gurney and hospital staff assume care of the patient), ambulance crews must remain at the hospital and continue care. While patients held on excessive APODs are generally those classified as lower acuity, approximately one-third of the County's ~600 daily 9-1-1 medical responses are determined by dispatch as critical, requiring immediate medical attention (e.g. cardiac arrest, stroke, traumatic injury). As a result, excessive, or multiple APODs within the same service area impact ambulance timeliness and availability in the field posing a direct risk to 9-1-1 patient safety. Ambulance redirection is one strategy to reduce the consequential backlog of EMS services which occurs when there are excessive ambulance delays at hospital emergency departments. Below is the countywide breakdown of APOD occurrences where ambulances were documented as held for greater than 90 minutes before the transfer of care for the last 12 months compared to the current month.



The table below shows the count of ambulances that held for greater than 90 minutes and total hours accumulated after 90 minute threshold by facility for the reporting month.

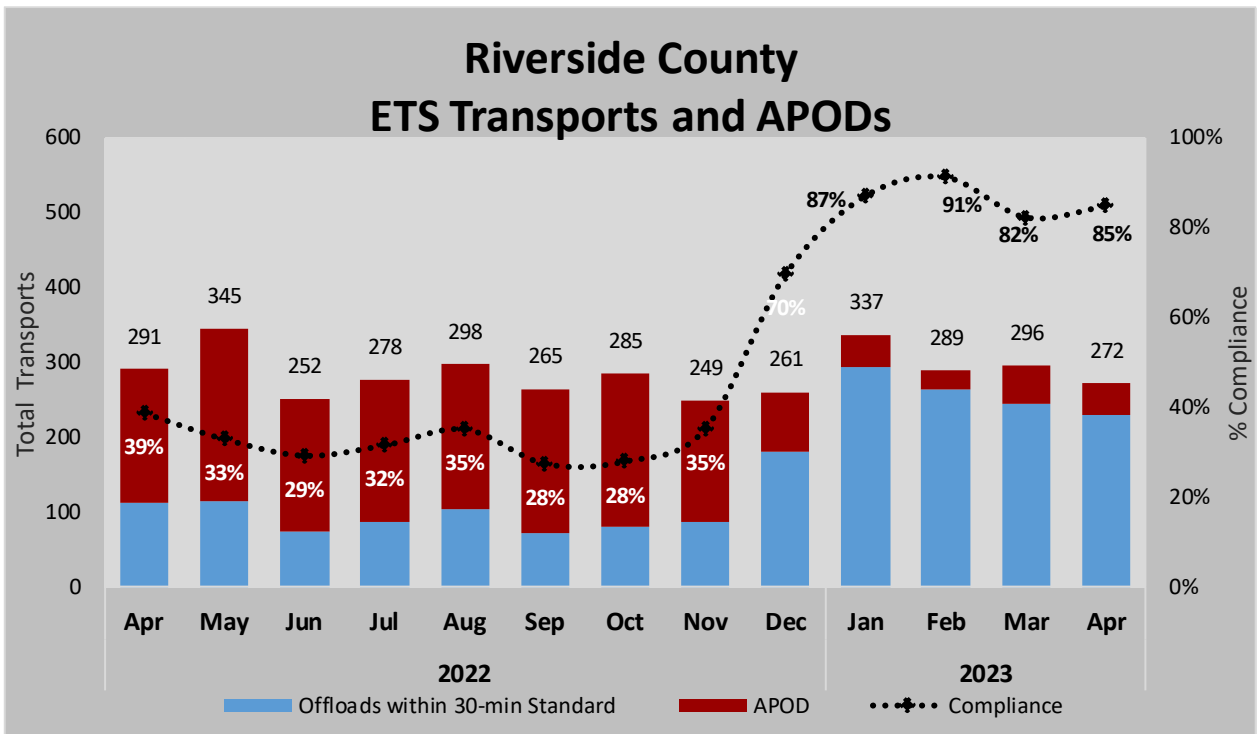
Facility	Total Time APOT>90 min (HR: MM: S)	Total Incidents APOT>90 min
Corona Regional Med Ctr	63:36:28	68
Desert Regional Med Ctr	2:37:47	3
Eisenhower Health	0:00:00	0
Hemet Valley Hospital	61:35:53	64
Inland Valley Med Ctr	25:07:31	43
JFK Hospital	0:00:00	0
Kaiser Hospital Moreno Valley	2:53:23	4
Kaiser Hospital Riverside	14:41:55	25
Loma Linda Univ Med Ctr Mur	29:25:50	30
Menifee Med Ctr	24:44:02	27
Palo Verde Hospital	0:00:00	0
Parkview Community Hospital	11:51:40	15
Rancho Springs Med Ctr	24:25:24	28
Riverside Community Hospital	62:42:41	125
Riverside University Health System	0:22:01	1
San Geronio Mem Hospital	28:04:38	34
Temecula Valley Hospital	11:17:06	16
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>363:26:19</b>	<b>483</b>

# EMERGENCY TREATMENT SERVICES

Transports to Emergency Treatment Services (ETS) comprise over 3% of overall transports. This is significant enough to impact the EMS system and, therefore, warrants reporting. However, transports to ETS do not meet the EMSA definitions for APOT (see page 6); therefore, they are not included with the previous APOT aggregates.

April 2023 - Emergency Treatment Services						
	Transports to ETS	Total Offload		APODs	APOD Compliance	APOT-1
		Time	APOD Hours			
Emergency Treatment Services	272	95:30:28	7:34:21	41	84.9%	0:34:00

The chart below represents Riverside County’s total number of *ETS ambulance transports, patient offload delay (APOD), and percent compliance* for the current month and a rolling 12 months prior.





# APOT AND APOD DEFINITIONS

## *9-1-1 Ambulance Response*

For the purpose of reporting patient offload time and delays, only ground transport units responding to 9-1-1 incidents are included in this report. To avoid duplicate response counts, this excludes all records from First Responder Fire agencies also arriving on scene as part of Riverside County's dual 9-1-1 medical response system. With the exception of ETS transports which are predominantly from local hospitals, it also excludes interfacility transports and other call types such as air ambulances.

## *APOT -1 Specifications*

Criteria: All 911 transports to a hospital emergency department for which the patient arrival and transfer dates and times are "logical and present."<sup>1</sup>

Method: Aggregate of all transfer times and reported at the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile (the value for which 90% of the times are shorter).

## *Ambulance Patient Offload Time (APOT)*

The Time interval between the arrival of an 9-1-1 patient at an Emergency Department (ED) and the time that patient is transferred from the ambulance gurney to a bed, chair, or other acceptable location, and the ED assumes responsibility of care.<sup>2</sup> The Clock Start (eTimes.11) is the time of patient arrival at the destination (hospital), and the Clock Stop (eTimes.12) is the time patient care is transferred.<sup>3</sup> REMSA obtains both times from the ePCR.

## *Ambulance Patient Offload Delay (APOD)*

Any delay in ambulance patient offload time (APOT) that exceeds the local ambulance patient offload time standard of 25/30 minutes (Riverside County EMS Agency applies a 30-minute standard). This shall also be synonymous with "non-standard patient offload time" as referenced in the Health and Safety Code.<sup>4</sup> If the transfer of care and patient offload from the ambulance gurney exceeds the 30-minute standard, it will be documented and tracked as APOD.<sup>5</sup> *The Riverside County ePCR system requires medics to enter an "APOD Reason" when APOT exceeds the 30-minute standard. While the number of APODs documented as non-ED-related is nominal, beginning in Week-1 of 2022, only delays identified as having an ED origin are counted against APOD compliance for a more precise metric.*

## *APOD Compliance*

Frequency comparison between the total number of transports and those resulting in APODs with an ED-related origin.

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<sup>1</sup> Ibid., APOT-1 Specifications.

<sup>2</sup> Health and Safety Code Division 2.5, Chapter 3, Article 1, Section 1797.120(b)

<sup>3</sup> Ambulance Patient Offload Time (APOT) Standardized Methods for Data Collection and Reporting, approved by EMS Commission 12/14/2016. [https://emsa.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/71/2017/09/APOT-Methodology\\_Guidance-2016.pdf](https://emsa.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/71/2017/09/APOT-Methodology_Guidance-2016.pdf)

<sup>3</sup> Ibid., APOT-1 Specifications

<sup>5</sup> REMSA Policy 4109, Transfer of Patient Care. <https://www.remsa.us/policy/4109.pdf>

<sup>7</sup> Calkins MM, Isaksen TB, Stubbs BA, Yost MG, Fenske RA (2016). Impacts of extreme heat on emergency medical service calls in King County, Washington, 2007-2012: relative risk and time series analyses of basic and advanced life support. *Environ Health*. doi: 10.1186/s12940-016-0109-0

<sup>8</sup> Sheridan SC, Kalkstein AM, Kalkstein LS (2009). Trends in heat-related mortality in the United States, 1975–2004. *Natural Hazards* 50:1, 145-160

<sup>9</sup> Guo Y, Gasparrini A, Armstrong BG (2017). Heat Wave and Mortality: A Multicountry, Multicommunity Study. *Environ Health Perspect*. 2017;125(8):087006. doi:10.1289/EHP1026