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CLAIMS INSIGHT

Where Medicare Hospice Is Growing Fastest

Q1 2026 vs. Q1 2025 | Medicare FFS hospice patients | Minimum Q1 2025 baseline: 250 periods

SimiTree analyzed Medicare fee-for-service Hospice claims to identify county-level markets with the fastest year-over-year growth in hospice patients. The rankings show both emerging markets and larger counties where absolute volume is also moving meaningfully.

#	County	Q1 2025	Q1 2026	YoY
1	**Flagler, FL**	530	690	**+30.2%**
2	**Mercer, PA**	265	345	**+30.2%**
3	**Union, NJ**	658	798	**+21.3%**
4	**Yolo, CA**	328	391	**+19.2%**
5	**Chesapeake City, VA**	412	490	**+18.9%**
6	**Wood, WI**	291	346	**+18.9%**
7	**Pasco, FL**	1,811	2,138	**+18.1%**
8	**Marion, FL**	1,627	1,922	**+18.1%**
9	**Henry, GA**	510	602	**+18.0%**
10	**Dauphin, PA**	563	661	**+17.4%**

WHAT STANDS OUT

- Florida is the clearest geographic cluster: 3 of the Top 10 growth counties are in Florida.
- Flagler County, FL and Mercer County, PA each grew 30.2%, the fastest rate in the qualifying cohort.
- Absolute growth identifies scale: Pasco County, FL added 327 hospice patients; Marion County, FL added 295.

WHY IT MATTERS

Growth rate and absolute volume answer different strategic questions. Rapid percentage growth can reveal emerging hospice markets, while large absolute gains may signal markets with more immediate scale. SimiTree MAP helps organizations evaluate both.

Source: SimiTree analysis of Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Medicare fee-for-service Hospice claims data, Q1 2025-Q1 2026. Analysis conducted using SimiTree proprietary methodologies. Rankings include counties with at least 250 Q1 2025 hospice patients. Medicare FFS claims do not represent total market volume.