Average Facility Labor and Birth Charge By Site and Method of Birth, United States, 2008-2010
Proportion of Total Hospital Birth Discharges vs. Proportion of Total Hospital Birth Charges by Method of Birth, US, 2010

- **vaginal no complications**, 61%
- **vaginal complications**, 11%
- **c-section no complications**, 21%
- **c-section complications**, 8%
- **c-section no complications**, 47%

- **vaginal complications**, 13%
- **c-section complications**, 30%
Notes: Figures in graphs do not include the following:
  • additional anesthesia services charge for all cesarean and most vaginal births in hospitals
  • additional newborn care charge for all births in hospitals
  • additional maternity provider charge for all births.
Payments of third-party payers typically reflect a discounting of charges.
Birth center figure is average charge reported by 61 out-of-hospital birth centers.
Average birth center charge not available for 2008 and 2009.