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Medical Director's Update for Base Station Physicians' Committee November, 2013

Doctors Bill Linnik from Grossmont Hospital and Mark Kramer from Sharp are leaving BSPC as members after many years of service. EMS and BSPC would like to thank them for all their efforts to improve the system. Both are critical observers and able to explain their viewpoint and recommendations clearly. They have been valuable members. Thanks to both of you for all your efforts.

The new Base Physicians for Sharp and Grossmont bases are Saul Levine M.D. and David Neison, M.D.

Remember, still time for a flu shot.

Drug Shortages continue to occur sporadically. Let us know if you have an issue. Currently we are looking at dopamine, and our alternatives.

Please remember both morphine and midazolam may be in vials, and make the correct medication is identified and administered.

The Capacity Task Force met and revised the Capacity Plan for this year's flu season. The Plan addresses actions for system participants, including Health and Human Services, hospitals, ambulance agencies, field providers, and other providers.

The two aeromedical services are in place. The aeromedical coordinating dispatch center is assigning calls and monitoring responses.

Two Community Paramedicine projects from San Diego were named by the state EMSA as part of the statewide program. Carlsbad Fire's project will be a trial of patient transport to specified Kaiser clinics with physician and ancillary resources to evaluate patients who otherwise would go to the ED. San Diego Fire's project is an expansion of their Resource Access Program to be called E-RAP or Enhanced Resource Access Program. This will include modifications to the paramedic scope of practice and novel health information technology to address frequent 911 callers.

Across the state Community Paramedicine projects include alternate destinations, post hospital discharge follow up, hospice support, directly observed TB therapy, frequent 911 users, and alternate destination for mental health patients.

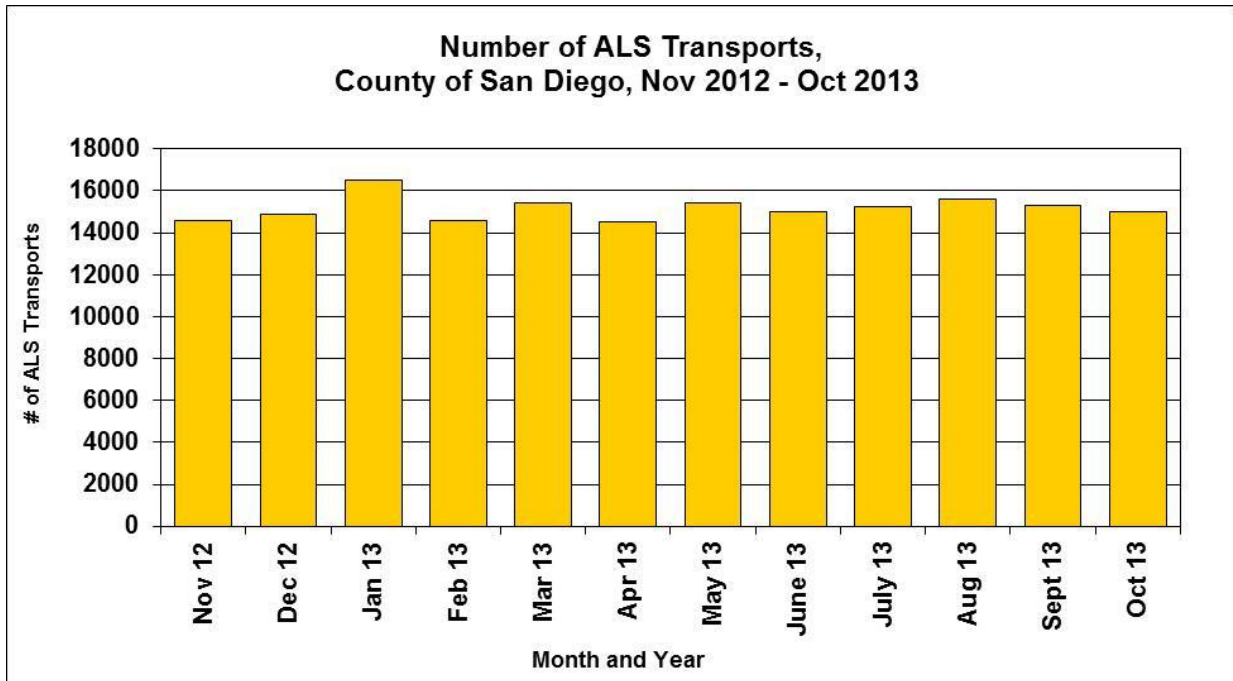
The ambulance provider for County Service Area 17 will be AMR following a recent bid process. They are working toward a January 1, 2014 start date. CSA 17 covers Del Mar, Solana Beach, Encinitas, and Rancho Santa Fe.

Service areas out for bid now include Julian/Cuyamaca and Borrego/Ocotillo Wells.

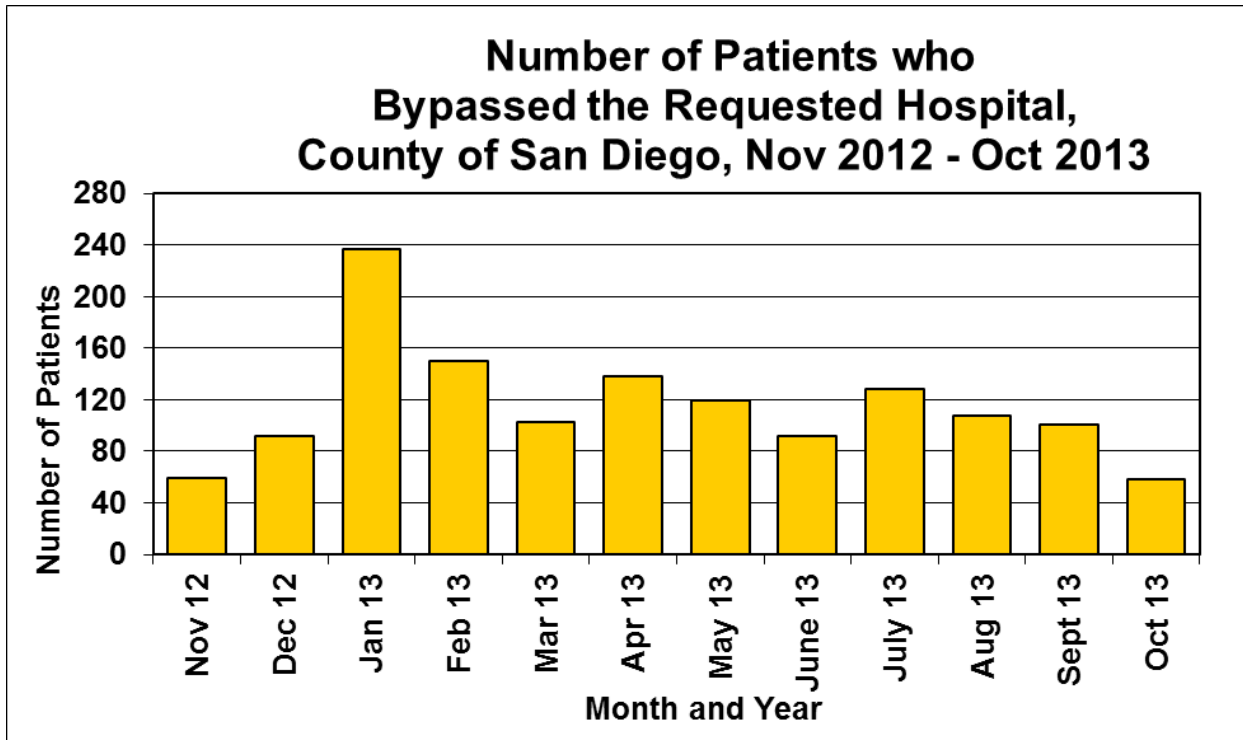
The EMOC Emergency Medicine Summit was again a great meeting. Dr. Lev's 2013 ED survey gave a clear picture of our emergency departments. Dr. Richard Wolfe spoke about the Boston bombing and medical care. Other topics included the history of emergency medicine, statewide EMS issues, public health update especially on infectious diseases, and the ED panels. One panel looked at the role of the base hospitals, the Beacon project, and new Navy treatment guidelines.

The statewide disaster drill is this Thursday November 21. The scenario will be a food borne pathogen and infectious disease emergency. The recent San Onofre drill went well.

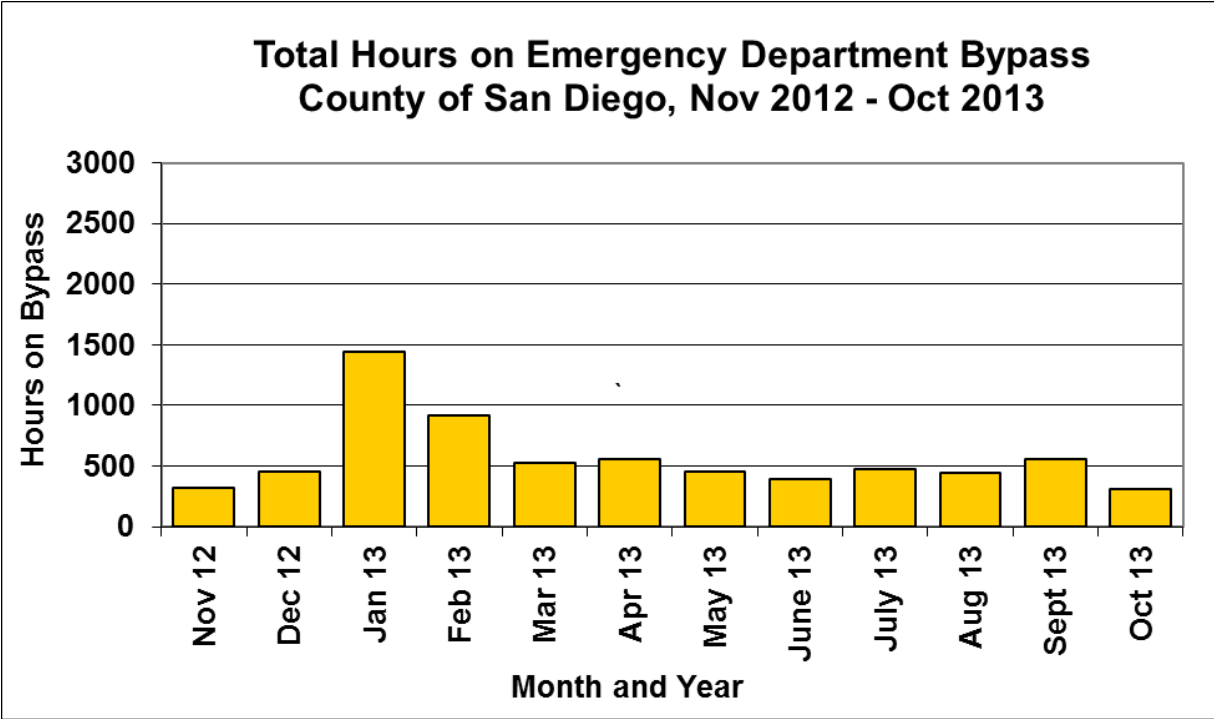
New legislation taking effect in January allows purchase of epinephrine auto-injectors by lay rescuers with training and a prescription, without the prescription for a specified individual (SB 669). A requirement for evaluation of student athletes who suffer a concussion was expanded to charter and private schools (AB 588). Employers may not prohibit a trained employee from performing CPR (AB 633).



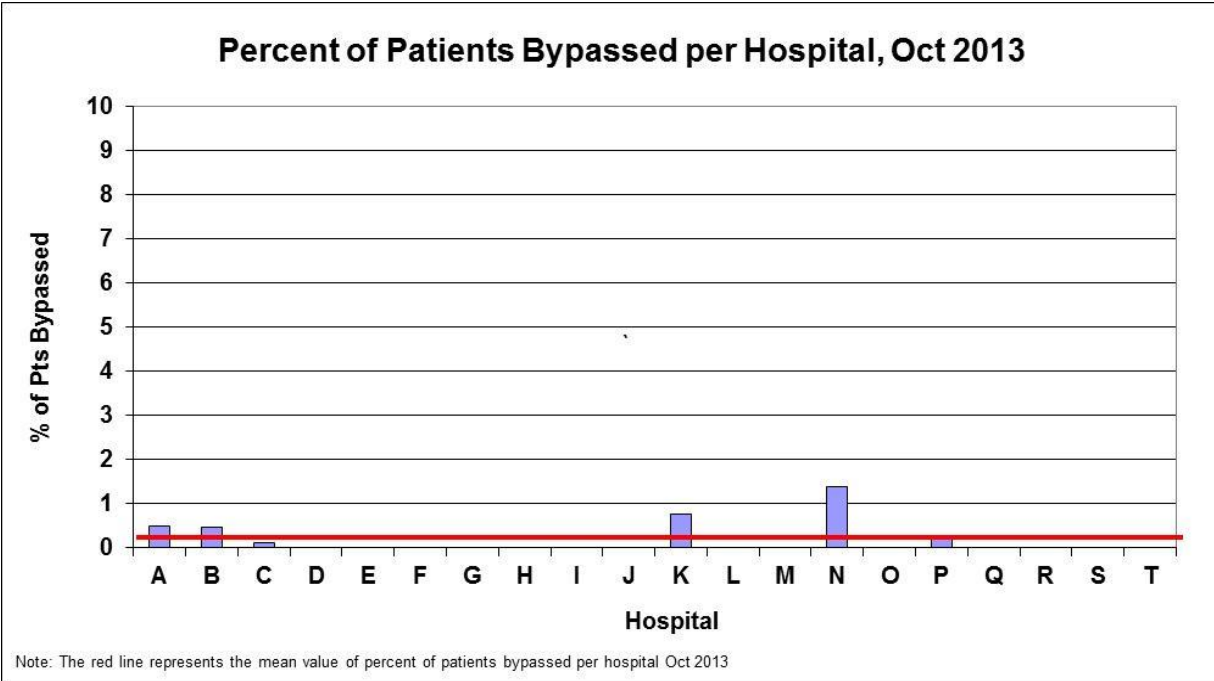
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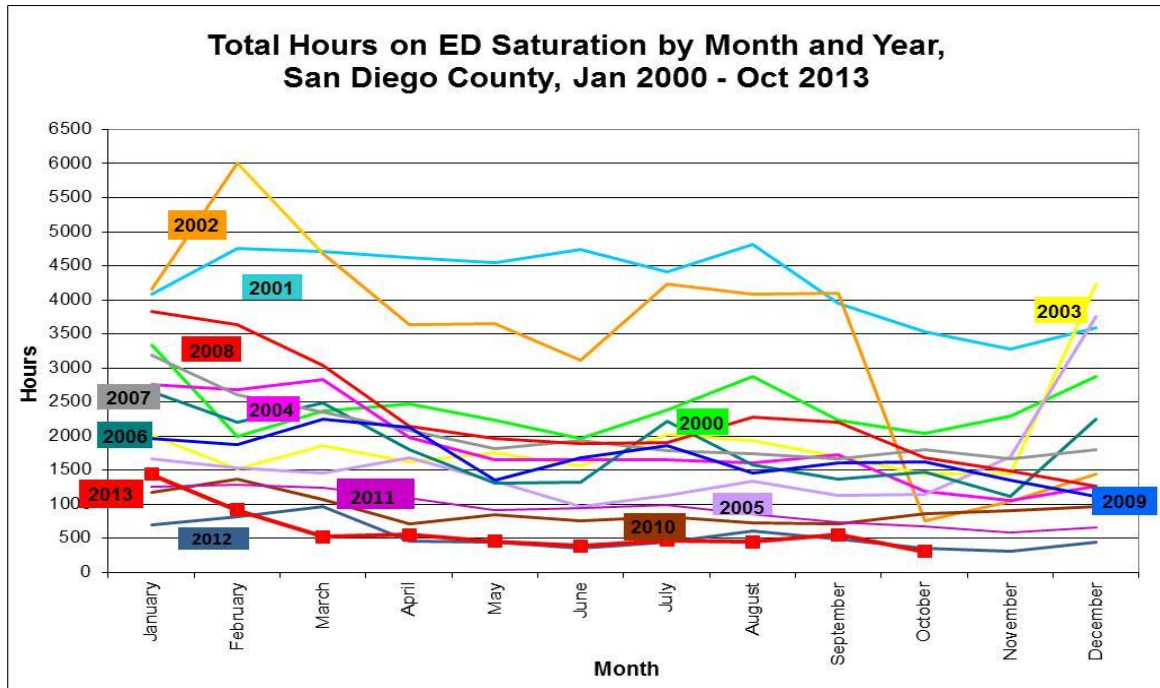
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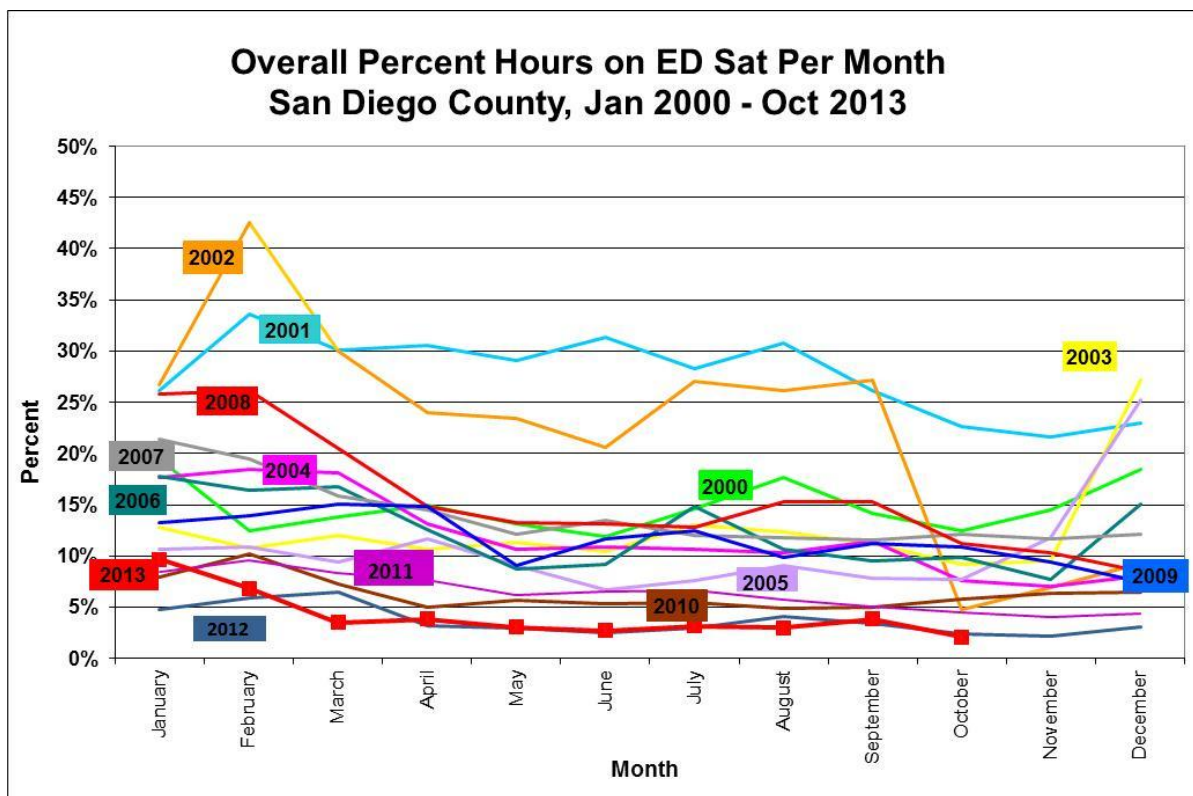
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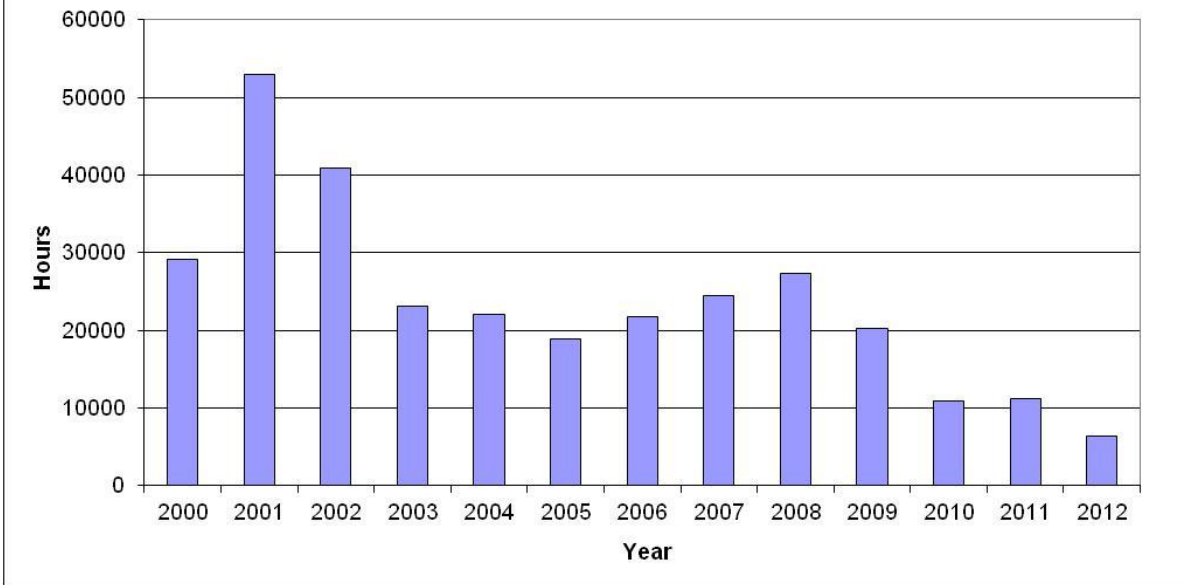


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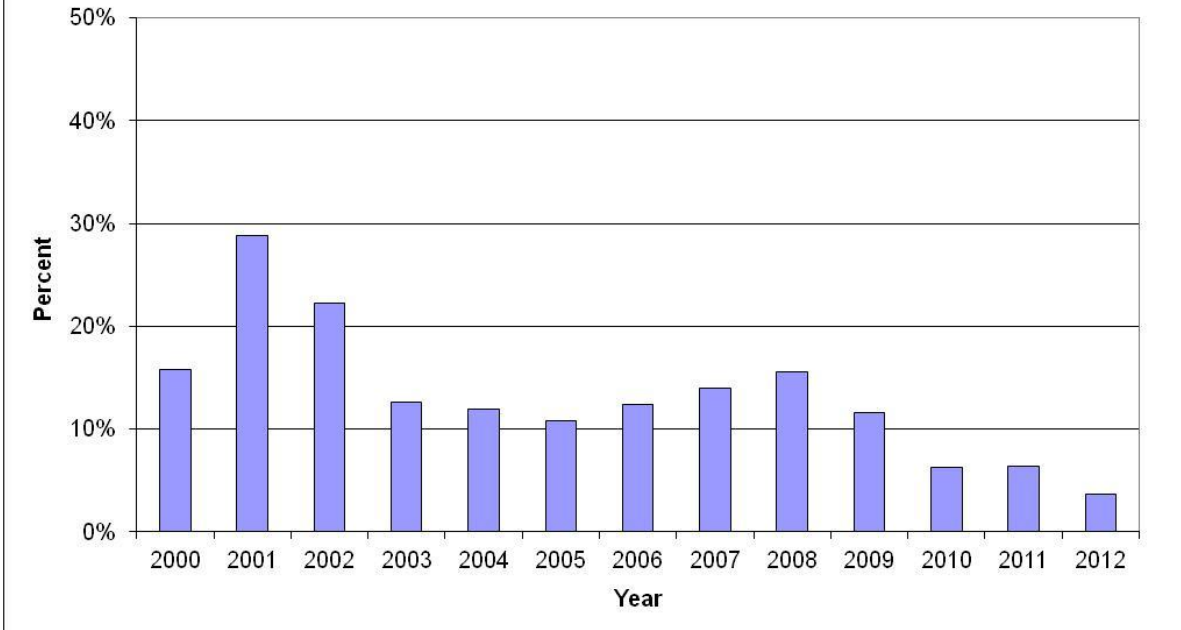
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Total Hours on ED Saturation by Year, San Diego County, 2000-2012



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Overall Percent Hours on ED Saturation by Year, San Diego County, 2000-2012



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