

Covid-19 India: State-level Estimates of Hospitalization Needs

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Overview

Purpose: The purpose of this analysis was to determine hospitalization needs in each state for different assumed levels of infection of COVID-19. **At this time, given insufficient testing data, we have not been able to assess the impact of the lockdown on transmission.** We will be able to offer better guidance on the projected number of cases in coming days. Hospitalization needs projected here are conservative and do not reflect peak needs. Peak projections will be available once we are able to project the shape of the epidemic curve with further testing data.

Disclaimer: This analysis does not account for the impact of the nationwide lockdown issued on 25 March 2020. As with all responsive research, this work has not been peer-reviewed. If you find any errors, or have clarifications, please email us immediately at communications@cddep.org.

Assumptions

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- **India's population age structure**
 - This was adapted from the NFHS4 2015-2016 [1]. The majority (92.1%) of India's population is in the age group 0-64 years.
- **COVID-19 infection rate**
 - We develop 3 possible scenarios assuming 0.5%, 1%, and 5% of the population is infected with COVID-19.
- **Proportion of COVID-19 patients who are asymptomatic/mild symptoms**
 - 16.39% of infections in age group 0-64 years are assumed to be asymptomatic or mildly symptomatic while only 9.86% of infections in >64 years are assumed to be asymptomatic or mildly symptomatic.
 - These values are estimated from Liu *et al.* (2020) [3], and reflect similar rates found in a study by Mizumoto *et al.* (2020) [4], which reported 320 asymptomatic cases out of a total of 634 COVID-19 positive cases during a two week quarantine period (5-20 February 2020) aboard the Diamond Princess cruise ship. Based on statistical modelling, the authors estimated a delay-adjusted asymptomatic rate of 17.9% for COVID-19 infections.
- **Proportion of COVID-19 patients who are symptomatic**
 - 83.61% of infections in age group 0-65 years are assumed to be symptomatic while 90.14% of infections in age group >65 years are assumed to be symptomatic. These values are estimated from Liu *et al.* (2020) [3] and exclude individuals who are mildly symptomatic.
- **Proportion of COVID-19 patients who require hospitalization**
 - We assume that COVID-19 patients who require hospitalization are those that are severely or critically ill, as defined by Liu *et al.* (2020) [3], and have estimated that 6.04% of infected cases in persons aged 0-64 years will require hospitalization while 28.17% of infected cases in persons 65 years and over will require hospitalization.

Assumptions (tabulated)

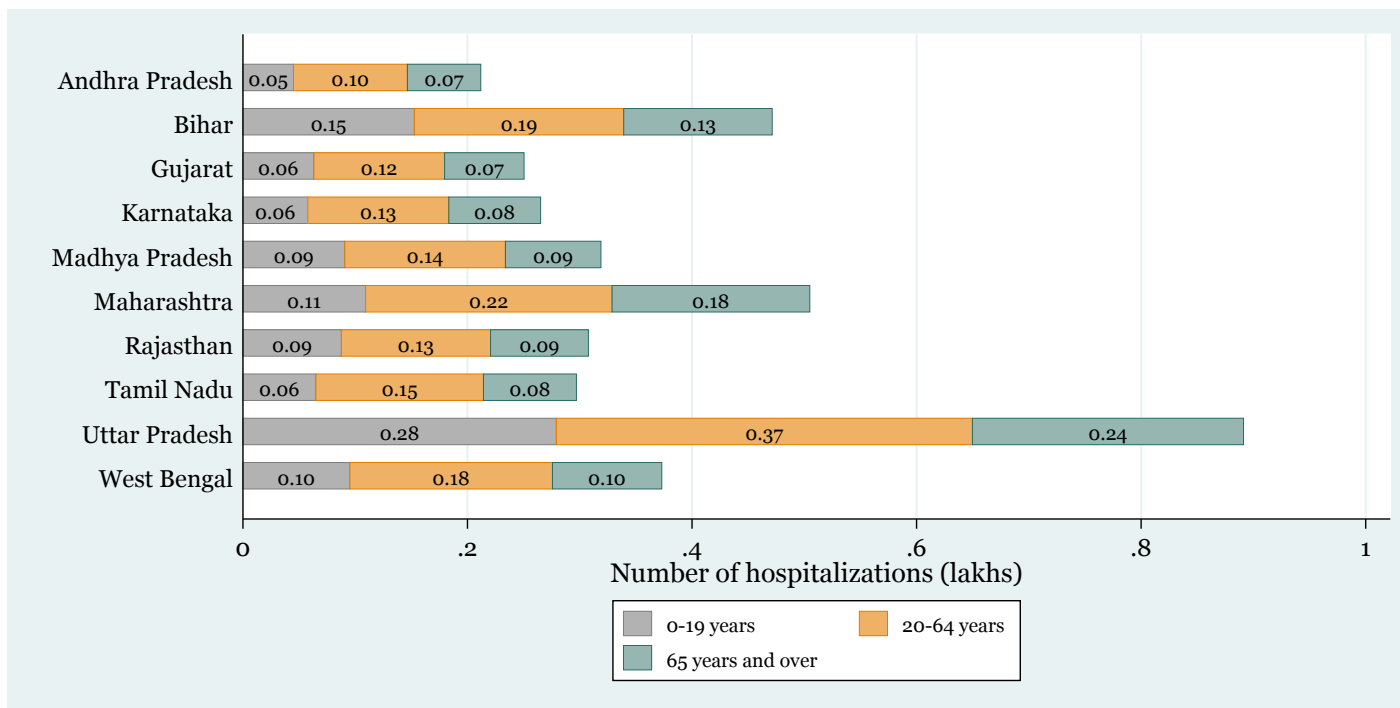
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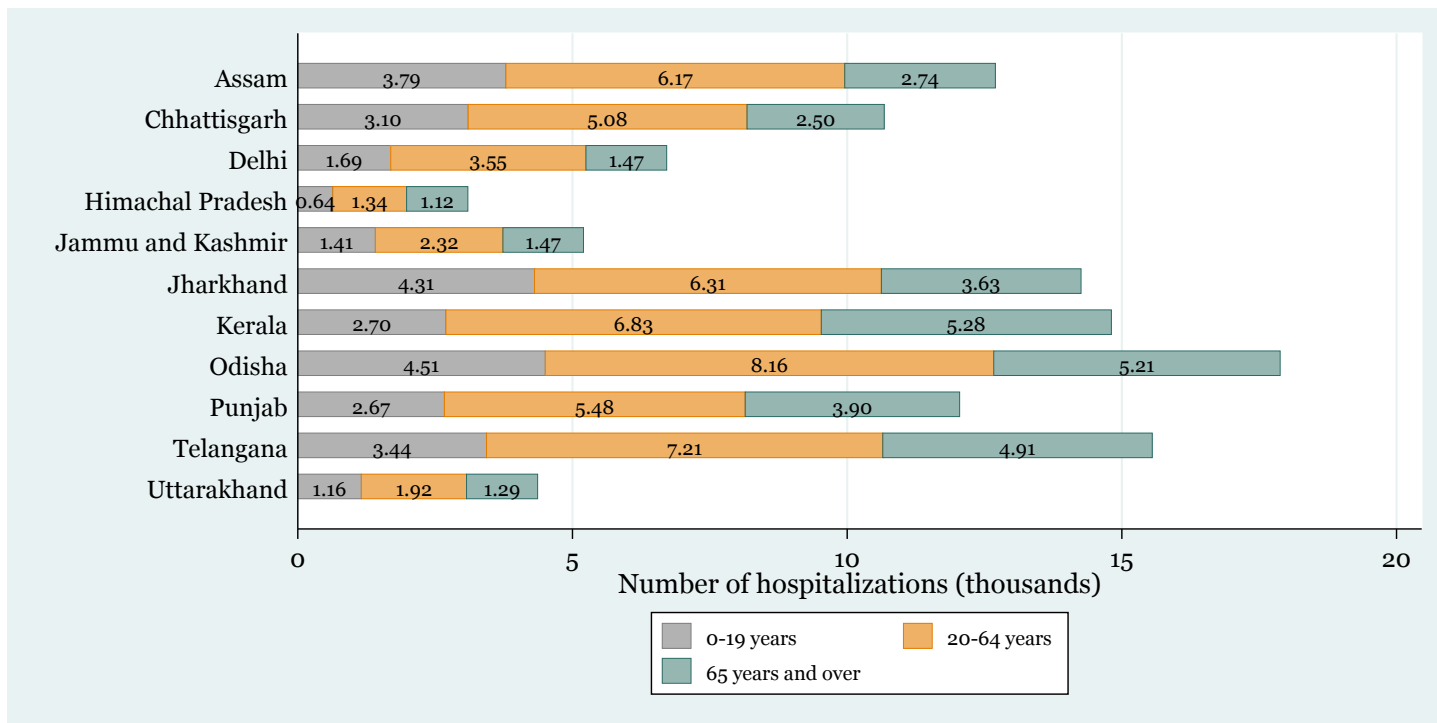
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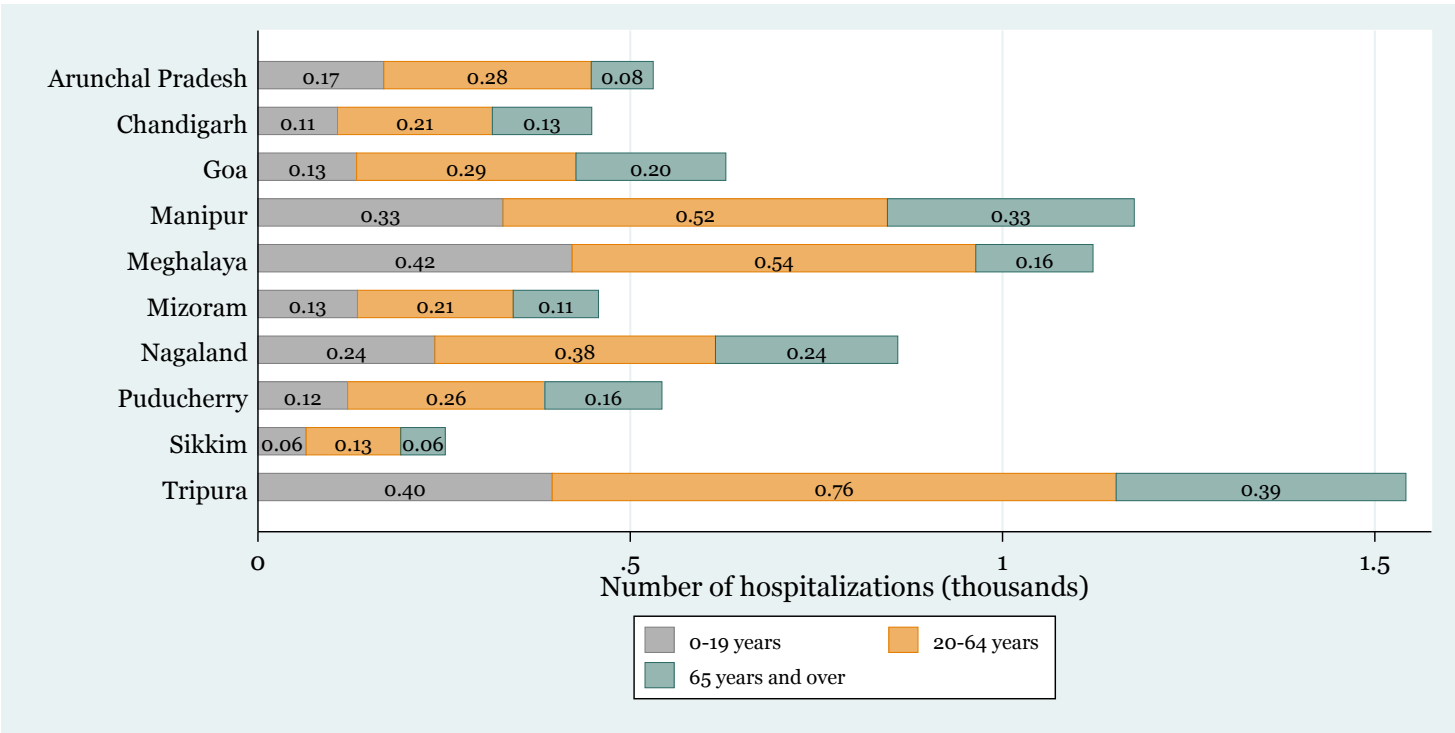
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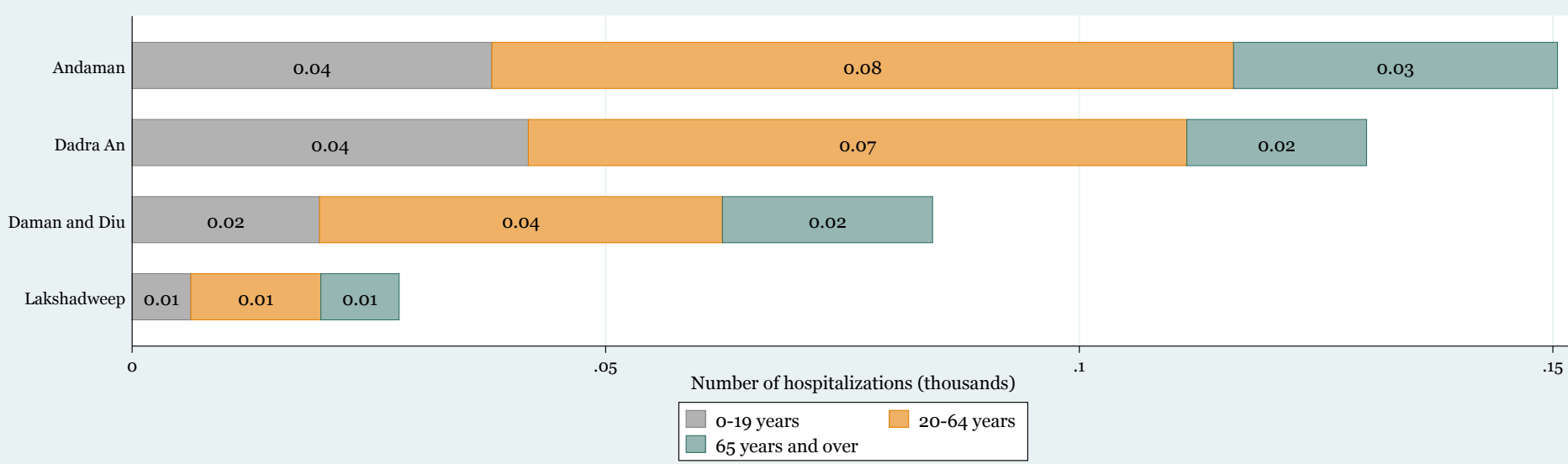
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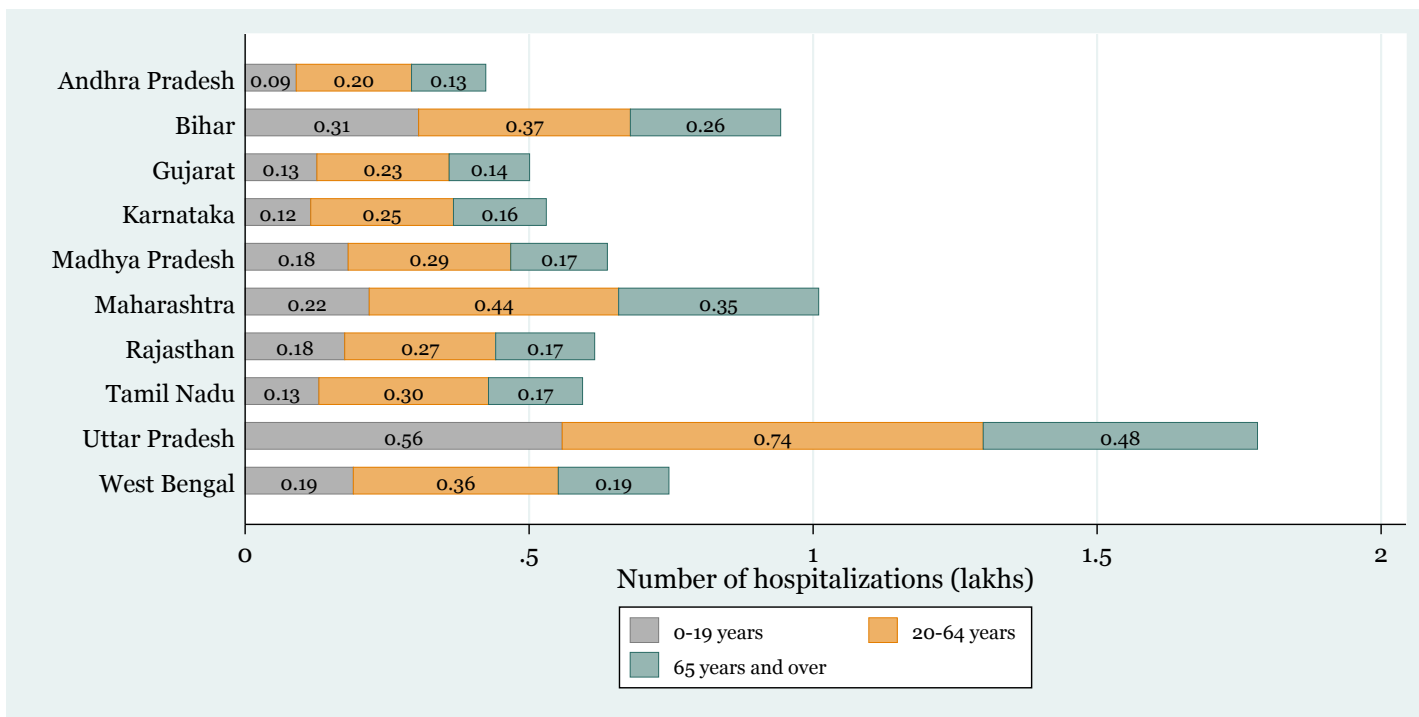
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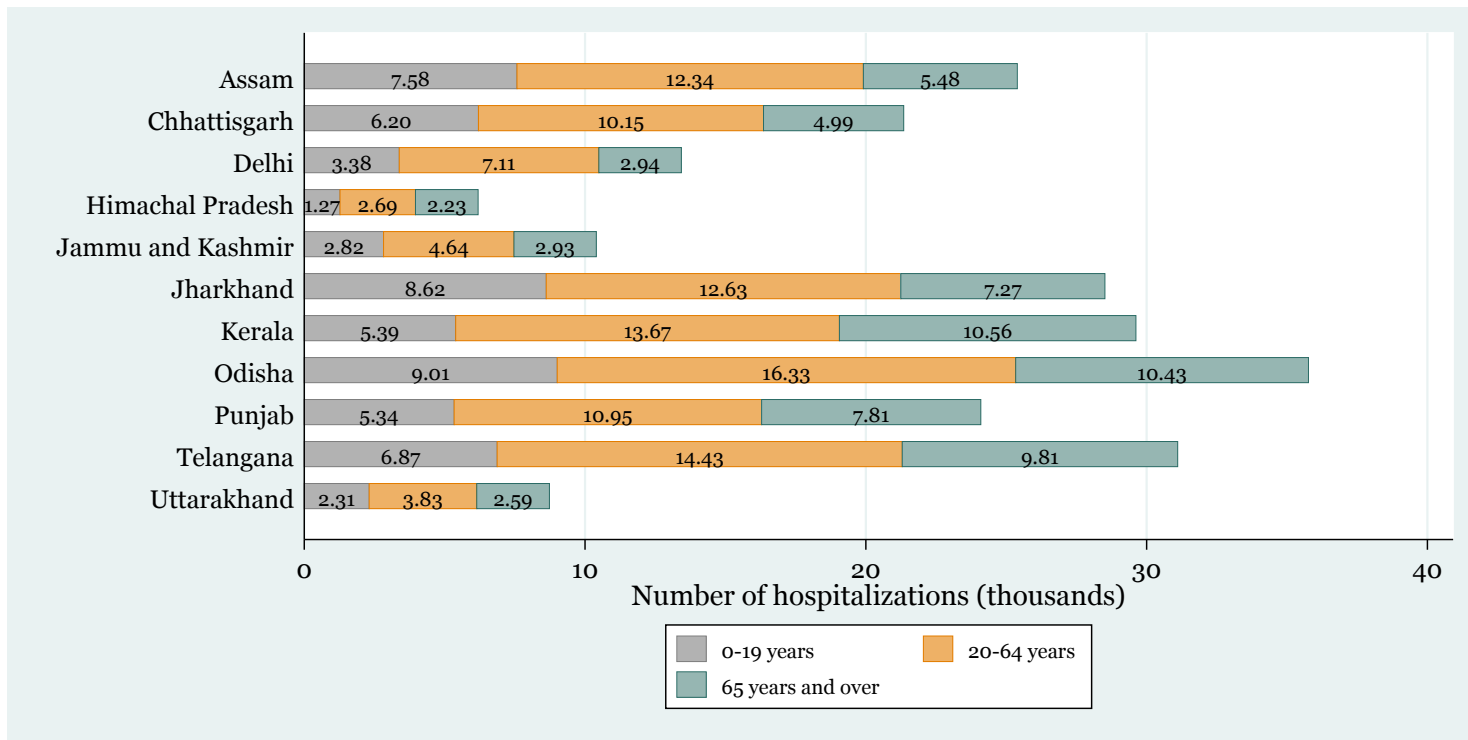
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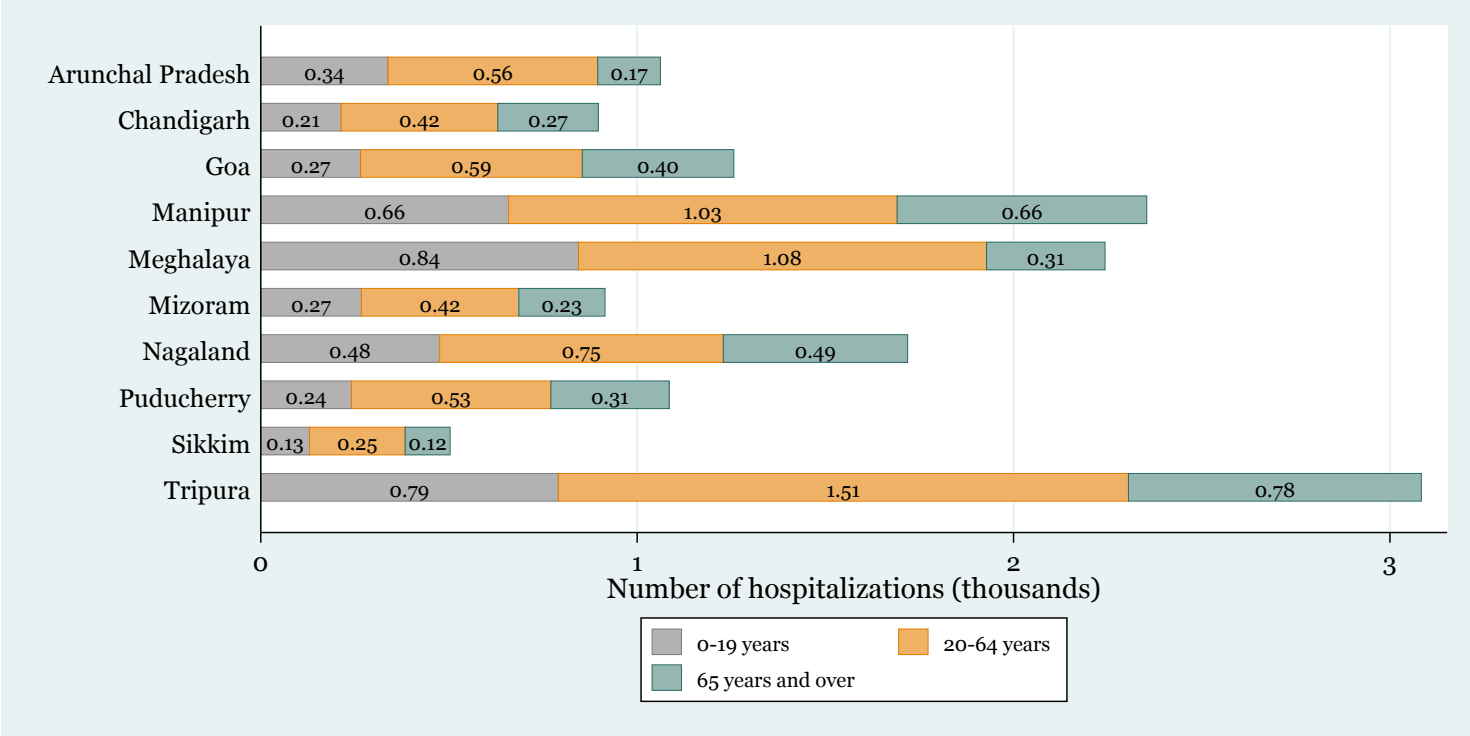
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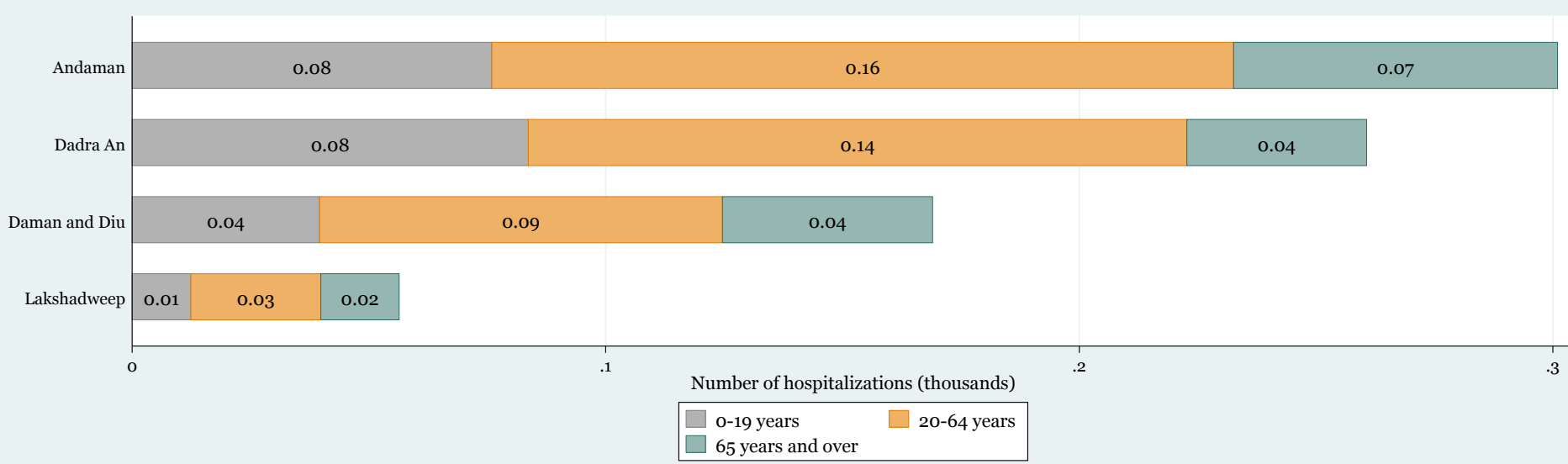
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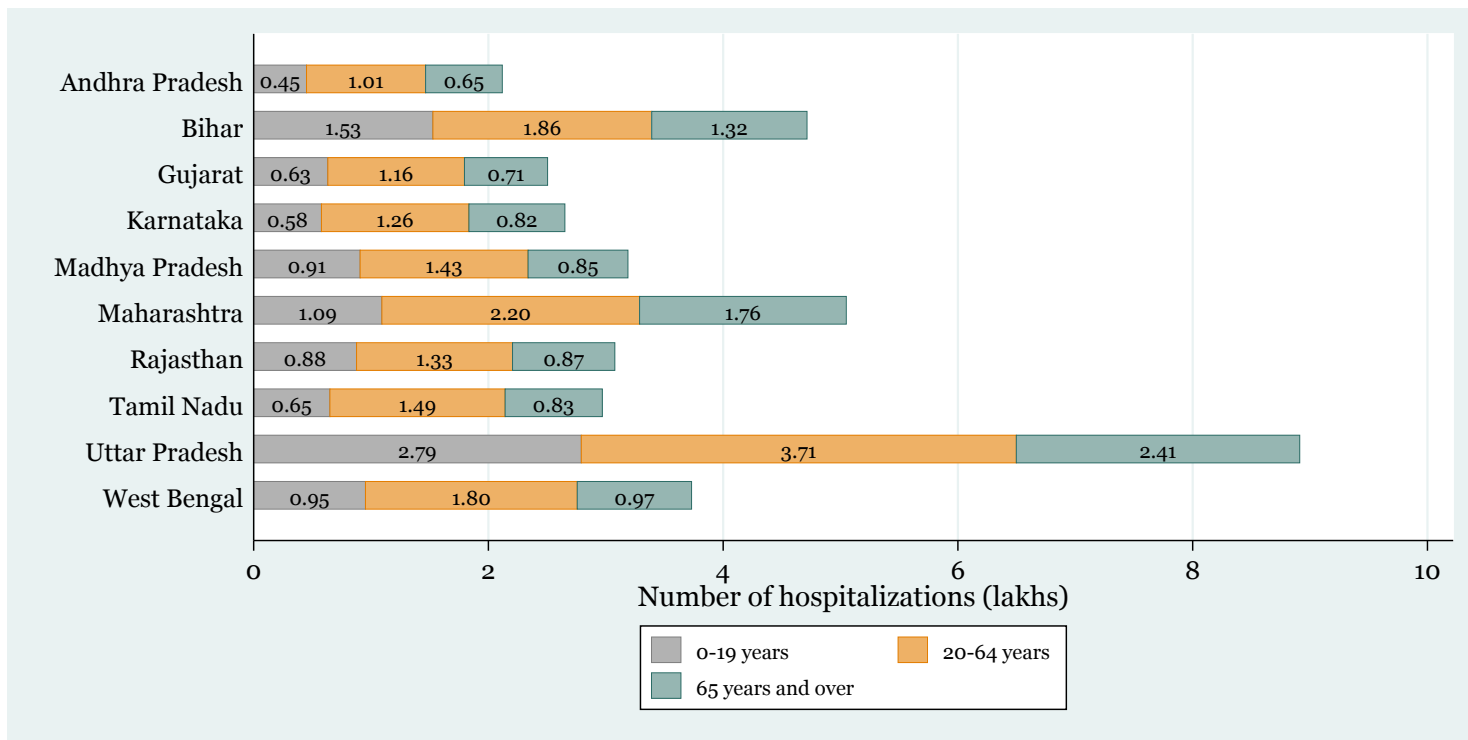
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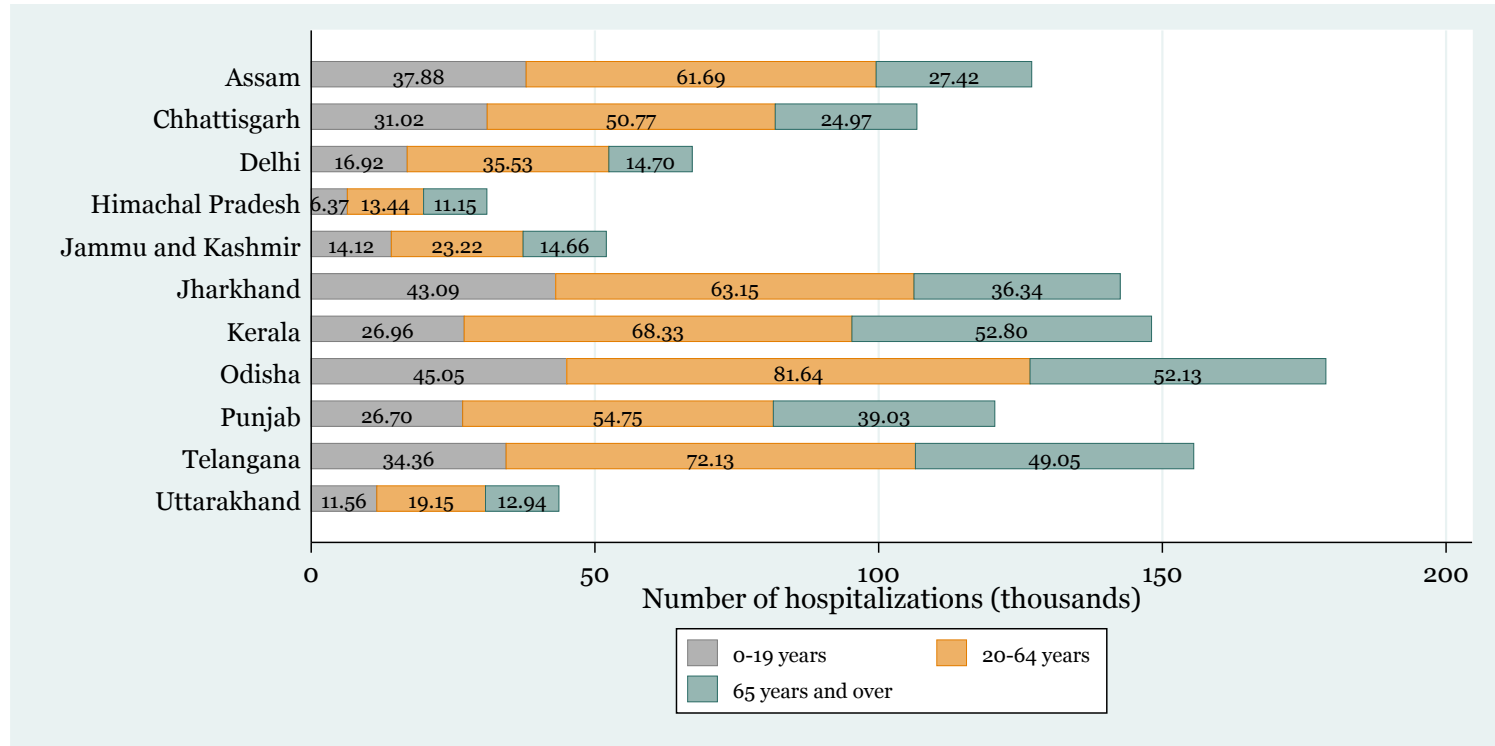
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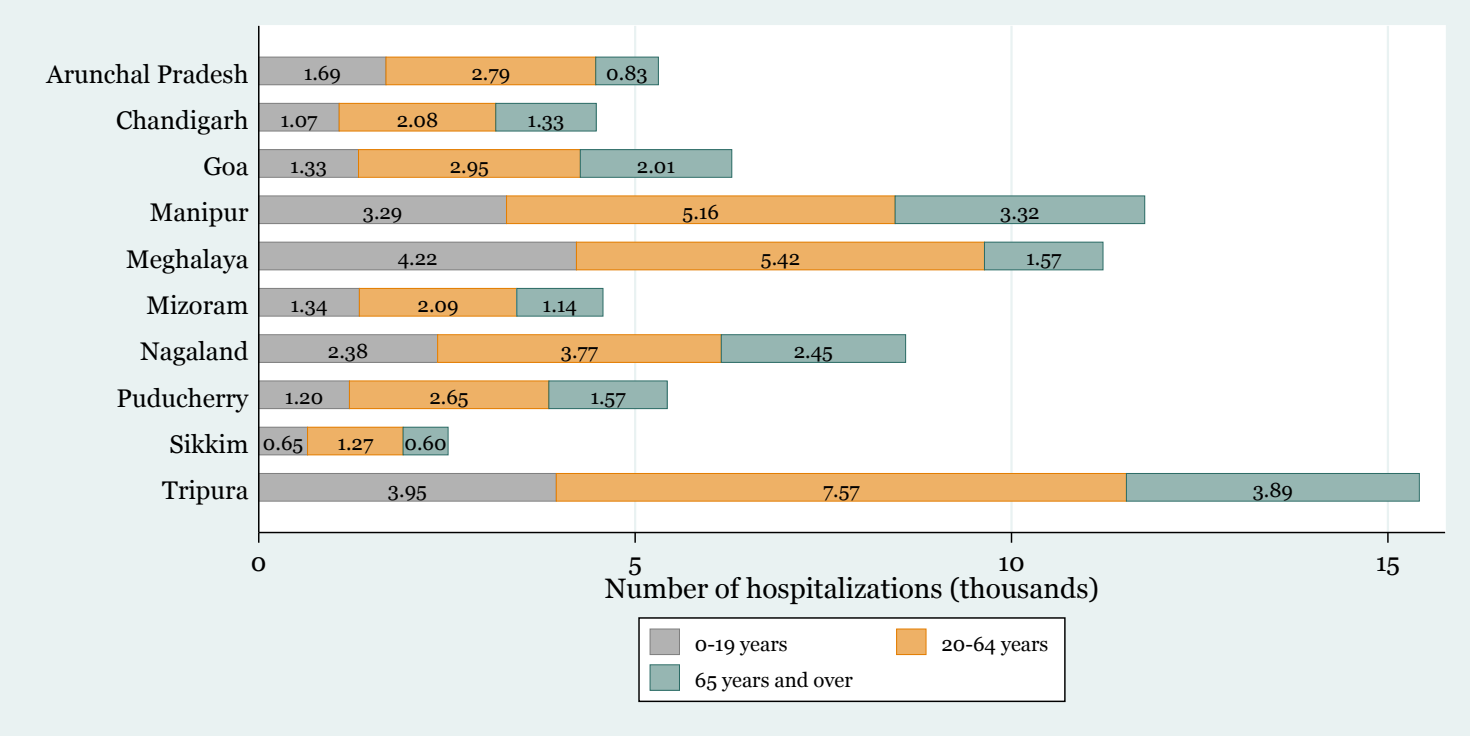
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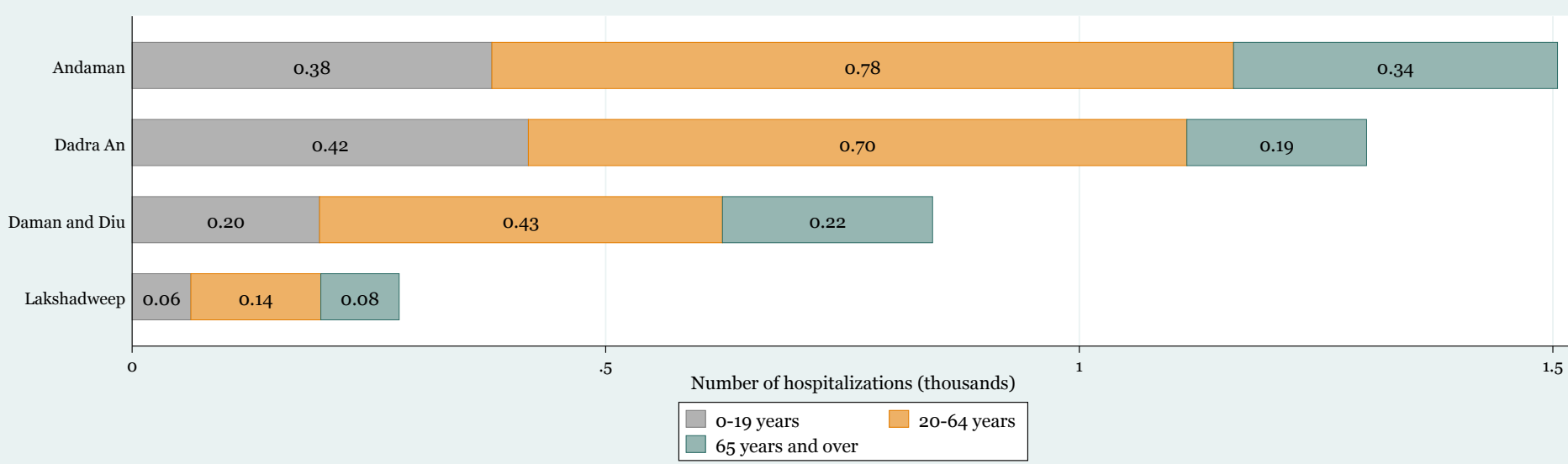
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