

**Table 15. Emergency Department (ED) Visits Triage Semi-Urgent/Not Urgent at which Patient Waited to See a Physician for Two Hours or More [by Payment Source and Age Group and Selected Characteristics], United States, 2007-2008**

<b>Patient Characteristics</b>	<b>Unweighted Sample Size</b>	<b>Number Visits (in thousands)</b>	<b>Standard Error (in thousands)</b>	<b>Percent Waited Two Hours or More</b>	<b>Standard Error Of Percent</b>
<b>All Payment Sources and Age Groups</b>	15,370	52,740	3,308	17.1	1.1
<b>..Age</b>					
....0-17 years	3,964	13,718	1,222	14.9	1.7
....18-44 years	6,864	23,878	1,570	18.5	1.2
....45-64 years	3,008	9,796	614	18.2	1.3
....65 years and over	1,534	5,348	420	14.2	1.3
<b>..Sex</b>					
....Female	8,177	28,193	1,817	18.8	1.2
....Male	7,193	24,547	1,537	15.1	1.1
<b>..Race</b>					
....White	10,612	36,890	2,630	14.9	1.2
....Black or African-American	4,115	14,117	1,529	23.0	1.8
....Asian	330	944	131	13.5	3.2
....Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	*	*	*	*	*
....American Indian or Alaskan Native	*	*	*	*	*
....Multiple races	*	*	*	*	*
<b>..Location</b>					
....Within Metropolitan Statistical Area	13,064	43,667	3,112	18.9	1.2
....Outside Metropolitan Statistical Area	2,306	9,073	1,445	8.1	2.0

**Table 15. Emergency Department (ED) Visits Triaged Semi-Urgent/Not Urgent at which Patient Waited to See a Physician for Two Hours or More [by Payment Source and Age Group and Selected Characteristics], United States, 2007-2008**

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<b>Private, Age less than 65</b>	5,440	19,224	1,207	15.5	1.1
<b>..Age</b>					
....0-17 years	1,476	5,347	481	13.3	1.9
....18-44 years	2,575	9,280	649	16.6	1.4
....45-64 years	1,389	4,596	311	16.0	1.6
<b>..Sex</b>					
....Female	2,831	10,095	639	17.5	1.3
....Male	2,609	9,129	618	13.4	1.2
<b>..Race</b>					
....White	4,159	14,510	1,051	13.8	1.3
....Black or African-American	1,029	3,983	477	22.1	2.2
....Asian	*	*	*	*	*
....Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	*	*	*	*	*
....American Indian or Alaskan Native	*	*	*	*	*
....Multiple races	*	*	*	*	*
<b>..Location</b>					
....Within Metropolitan Statistical Area	4,693	16,448	1,271	16.2	1.3
....Outside Metropolitan Statistical Area	747	* 2,775	* 464	*11.3	* 3.6

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<b>Public, Age less than 65</b>	4,548	14,249	1,136	17.4	1.5
<b>..Age</b>					
....0-17 years	1,928	6,105	748	15.6	2.3
....18-44 years	1,754	5,525	399	18.7	1.7
....45-64 years	866	2,619	201	18.5	2.0
<b>..Sex</b>					
....Female	2,610	8,164	669	18.5	1.5
....Male	1,938	6,085	501	15.8	1.8
<b>..Race</b>					
....White	2,737	8,856	854	15.0	1.7
....Black or African-American	1,615	4,943	604	22.0	2.3
....Asian	*	*	*	*	*
....Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	*	*	*	*	*
....American Indian or Alaskan Native	*	*	*	*	*
....Multiple races	*	*	*	*	*
<b>..Location</b>					
....Within Metropolitan Statistical Area	3,743	11,349	1,156	20.4	1.7
....Outside Metropolitan Statistical Area	*	*	*	*	*

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<b>No Insurance, Age less than 65</b>	2,645	9,242	857	20.4	1.8
<b>..Age</b>					
....0-17 years	310	1,176	132	15.0	2.5
....18-44 years	1,830	6,351	586	21.0	1.8
....45-64 years	505	1,715	226	21.8	3.3
<b>..Sex</b>					
....Female	1,264	4,552	477	23.0	2.1
....Male	1,381	4,691	420	17.9	1.8
<b>..Race</b>					
....White	1,659	5,896	608	17.6	1.8
....Black or African-American	898	3,096	431	26.6	3.4
....Asian	*	*	*	*	*
....Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	*	*	*	*	*
....American Indian or Alaskan Native	*	*	*	*	*
....Multiple races	*	*	*	*	*
<b>..Location</b>					
....Within Metropolitan Statistical Area	2,322	7,618	890	22.6	2.2
....Outside Metropolitan Statistical Area	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Medicare and Private, Age 65 and over</b>	711	2,406	211	13.0	1.9
<b>..Age</b>					
....65 years and over	711	2,406	211	13.0	1.9
<b>..Sex</b>					
....Female	405	1,412	138	14.4	2.3
....Male	306	995	102	11.0	2.4
<b>Medicare and Medicaid, Age 65 and over</b>	188	569	63	15.7	3.6

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Patient Characteristics	Unweighted Sample Size	Number Visits (in thousands)	Standard Error (in thousands)	Percent Waited Two Hours or More	Standard Error Of Percent
<b>Medicare only, age 65 and over</b>	568	2,064	217	16.2	1.8
<b>..Sex</b>					
....Female	330	1,203	148	17.0	2.6
....Male	238	861	92	15.0	3.0
<b>Other/unknown</b>	1,270	4,986	682	18.5	2.1
<b>..Age</b>					
....0-17 years	250	1,091	169	18.7	3.1
....18-44 years	705	2,722	415	18.9	2.6
....45-64 years	248	* 865	* 120	21.2	5.3
....65 years and over	*	*	*	*	*
<b>..Sex</b>					
....Female	625	2,429	361	20.9	2.4
....Male	645	2,557	347	16.3	2.4
<b>..Race</b>					
....White	852	3,512	502	17.4	2.8
....Black or African-American	364	1,321	284	22.2	3.0
....Asian	*	*	*	*	*
....Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	*	*	*	*	*
....American Indian or Alaskan Native	*	*	*	*	*
....Multiple races	*	*	*	*	*

\*Figure does not meet standards of reliability or precision.

Patient wait defined as time from arrival to time seen by a physician. Excludes patients not seen by a physician, who leave before being seen, or are dead on arrival. Also excluded 10.0% of those triaged semi-urgent/not urgent because wait time was missing.

Payment source classified based on all expected payment sources. Public insurance includes Medicare, Medicaid, and State Children's Health Insurance Program. No insurance is defined as having only 'self-pay' or 'no charge/charity' as payment sources.

Race data were missing for 14.5% of total visits included in this table. Missing race data were imputed. Standard errors were inflated as described at '2007 NAMCS Microdata File Documentation' [ftp://ftp.cdc.gov/pub/Health\\_Statistics/NCHS/Dataset\\_Documentation](ftp://ftp.cdc.gov/pub/Health_Statistics/NCHS/Dataset_Documentation)

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics, National Hospital Ambulatory Medical Care Survey.

Note: For general information about survey methodology, reliability of estimates, and other technical information, readers can refer to the National Hospital Ambulatory Medical Care Survey: 2006 Emergency Department Summary (<http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nhsr/nhsr007.pdf>).

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