

Table 12. Emergency Department (ED) Visits Triaged as Urgent at which Patient Waited to See a Physician for One Hour or More [by Patient Race and Selected Characteristics], United States, 2007-2008

Patient Characteristics	Unweighted Sample Size	Number Visits (in thousands)	Standard Error (in thousands)	Percent Waited One Hour or More	Standard Error Of Percent
All Races	23,064	78,518	3,571	29.3	1.2
..Age					
....0-17 years	4,845	16,391	1,138	27.9	1.8
....18-44 years	9,420	31,771	1,696	30.4	1.4
....45-64 years	5,078	17,221	772	30.9	1.5
....65 years and over	3,721	13,134	630	26.7	1.5
..Sex					
....Female	12,715	44,055	2,123	30.0	1.3
....Male	10,349	34,462	1,526	28.5	1.3
..Expected Payment Source By Age Group					
....Private, age less than 65	7,986	28,498	1,665	27.1	1.4
....Public, age less than 65	6,615	20,042	1,105	31.3	1.7
....Uninsured, age less than 65	3,098	10,795	743	32.3	1.8
....Medicare and Private, age 65 and over	1,643	5,870	372	25.1	1.7
....Medicare and Medicaid, age 65 and over	471	1,472	136	25.4	3.3
....Medicare only, age 65 and over	1,438	5,151	379	27.6	2.3
....Other/unknown	1,813	6,691	923	34.2	2.7
..Location					
....Within Metropolitan Statistical Area	20,127	65,331	3,434	31.3	1.4
....Outside Metropolitan Statistical Area	2,937	13,187	1,501	19.8	3.4

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White	15,917	56,682	3,016	27.6	1.3
..Age					
....0-17 years	3,116	11,085	863	27.1	1.9
....18-44 years	6,225	22,180	1,378	28.3	1.5
....45-64 years	3,579	12,525	678	28.7	1.6
....65 years and over	2,997	10,892	627	25.2	1.6
..Sex					
....Female	8,651	31,488	1,789	28.4	1.4
....Male	7,266	25,194	1,304	26.6	1.3
..Expected Payment Source By Age Group					
....Private, age less than 65	6,057	21,775	1,421	25.7	1.4
....Public, age less than 65	3,743	12,263	816	29.5	2.0
....Uninsured, age less than 65	2,050	7,454	593	30.1	2.0
....Medicare and Private, age 65 and over	1,427	5,239	400	24.6	2.0
....Medicare and Medicaid, age 65 and over	293	931	96	22.3	3.4
....Medicare only, age 65 and over	1,147	4,186	351	24.7	2.5
....Other/unknown	1,200	4,835	675	34.0	3.4
..Location					
....Within Metropolitan Statistical Area	13,435	46,365	2,857	29.5	1.4
....Outside Metropolitan Statistical Area	2,482	10,317	1,427	18.9	3.4

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Black or African-American	5,781	18,346	1,465	34.9	2.3
..Age					
....0-17 years	1,364	4,358	524	30.1	3.7
....18-44 years	2,671	8,238	700	35.5	2.7
....45-64 years	1,221	3,981	345	38.0	3.3
....65 years and over	525	1,770	183	36.8	4.4
..Sex					
....Female	3,297	10,595	917	35.0	2.4
....Male	2,484	7,751	590	34.7	2.6
..Expected Payment Source By Age Group					
....Private, age less than 65	1,516	5,583	601	32.3	3.0
....Public, age less than 65	2,340	6,469	569	34.8	2.6
....Uninsured, age less than 65	946	3,042	310	38.4	3.4
....Medicare and Private, age 65 and over	150	488	66	32.8	5.9
....Medicare and Medicaid, age 65 and over	114	359	55	32.2	7.3
....Medicare only, age 65 and over	234	856	135	41.8	5.6
....Other/unknown	481	1,549	311	34.9	3.8
..Location					
....Within Metropolitan Statistical Area	5,361	15,667	1,356	36.7	2.5
....Outside Metropolitan Statistical Area	420	* 2,679	* 561	24.3	6.1
Asian	651	1,568	216	25.5	2.6
..Sex					
....Female	350	819	127	26.0	3.7
....Male	301	749	107	24.9	3.5
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	159	* 377	* 103	23.2	5.3
American Indian or Alaskan Native	177	* 713	* 220	28.7	4.9

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Multiple Races	379	* 831	* 347	38.7	9.7
..Sex					
....Female	217	* 516	* 225	42.6	11.8
....Male	162	* 316	* 125	32.4	8.0

*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 9.4% of those triaged 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 13.3% 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

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>).

Contact the Ambulatory and Hospital Care Statistics Branch, 301-458-4600, for more information.