

Data Brief 292. Characteristics of Office-based Physician Visits, 2014

Data table for Figure 1. Office-based physician visit rates, by selected demographics: United States, 2014

Selected demographic	Rate	Standard error
Total	282	6
Age group (years)		
Under 1	536	46
1–17	169	12
18–44	185	8
45–64	330	9
65 and over	589	20
Sex		
Female	317	7
Male	245	6

NOTES: Visit rates are based on the July 1, 2014, set of estimates of the civilian noninstitutionalized population of the United States as developed by the U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division. For more information, see the 2014 National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey documentation at:

https://ftp.cdc.gov/pub/Health_Statistics/NCHS/Dataset_Documentation/NAMCS/doc2014.pdf.

SOURCE: NCHS, National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey, 2014.

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Data table for Figure 2. Expected primary source of payment at office-based physician visits, by age group: United States, 2014

Expected primary source of payment	Age group (years)	Percent	Standard error
Private	Overall	53	1
	Under 18	63	3
	18–64	70	1
	65 and over	16	1
Medicaid	Overall	12	1
	Under 18	33	3
	18–64	10	1
	65 and over	2	Less than 1
Medicare	Overall	28	1
	Under 18	*	*
	18–64	8	Less than 1
	65 and over	79	1
No insurance	Overall	5	Less than 1
	Under 18	3	Less than 1
	18–64	8	Less than 1
	65 and over	2	Less than 1

* Figure does not meet standards of reliability or precision.

NOTES: All sources of payment were combined into one mutually exclusive primary source of payment, using the following hierarchy: Medicare, Medicaid or Children’s Health Insurance Program, private insurance, no insurance. No insurance is defined as having only self-pay, no charge, or charity as payment sources. Other sources of payment and missing and blank data are not included in this figure and represent 7.2% (weighted) of visits. Excludes 4.9% (weighted) of visits for which data were missing or blank. For more information, see the 2014 National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey Summary Web Tables at: https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/ahcd/namcs_summary/2014_namcs_web_tables.pdf.

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Data table for Figure 3. Major reason for office-based physician visit, by age group: United States, 2014

Major reason for office visit	Age group (years)	Percent	Standard error
Injury	Overall	9	Less than 1
	Under 18	8	1
	18–64	10	1
	65 and over	8	1
Preventive care	Overall	19	1
	Under 18	32	1
	18–64	18	1
	65 and over	14	1
Chronic problem	Overall	40	1
	Under 18	18	2
	18–64	40	1
	65 and over	51	1
New problem	Overall	26	1
	Under 18	41	1
	18–64	25	1
	65 and over	20	1
Pre- or post-surgery care	Overall	6	Less than 1
	Under 18	2	Less than 1
	18–64	6	Less than 1
	65 and over	7	1

NOTES: Major reason for visit was combined with injury visits to create a combined mutually exclusive reason for visit, with an injury visit having precedence over all other reasons. Numbers may not add to 100% because of rounding. Based on provider-assessed primary purpose for the visit. Excludes 3.2% (weighted) of visits for which data were missing either injury or reason for visit. For more information, see the 2014 National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey documentation at: https://ftp.cdc.gov/pub/Health_Statistics/NCHS/Dataset_Documentation/NAMCS/doc2014.pdf.

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Data table for Figure 4. Selected services ordered or provided at office-based physician visits, by age group: United States, 2014

Selected services ordered or provided	Age group (years)	Percent	Standard error
Examinations or screenings	Overall	52	1
	Under 18	55	3
	18–64	51	1
	65 and over	52	2
Laboratory tests	Overall	26	1
	Under 18	14	1
	18–64	28	1
	65 and over	28	1
Health education or counseling	Overall	18	1
	Under 18	22	2
	18–64	18	1
	65 and over	16	1
Imaging services	Overall	14	1
	Under 18	6	1
	18–64	15	1
	65 and over	16	1
Procedures	Overall	11	1
	Under 18	5	1
	18–64	11	1
	65 and over	13	1

NOTES: More than one service may be reported per visit. See the definitions section in the report for the specific services included in each category. The "examinations or screenings" category was not statistically significantly associated with age, so statistical testing was not performed for this category. For the complete list of services, see the 2014 National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey Summary Web Tables at: https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/ahcd/namcs_summary/2014_namcs_web_tables.pdf.

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