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Statistics on the incidence of acute conditions and the associated days of restricted activity and bed disability by residence and region. Based on data collected in household interviews during the period July 1958 -June 1959.

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## ACUTE CONDITIONS

## INTRODUCTION

In December 1958, the U. S. National Survey issued its first report on acute conditions (Series B, No. 6). This report presented estimates of the incidence of acute conditions and the amount of associated disability for the year June 1957-June 1958. These estimates, however, were so inflated by the abnormally high number of cases of Asian influenza, a disease which reached epidemic proportions during the year, that they were not representative of a typical nonêpidemic year. Accordingly, a second report (Series B, No. 18) was issued in June 1960. This report presented estimates of the incidence of acute conditions and associated disability for the year July 1958-June 1959. The present report, which is designed to supplement B-18, presents data for the same year, but the emphasis is on the geographic variation of the conditions rather than on the rype of condition. Readers who are interested in the specific condition groups, the medical attention accorded acute conditions, or the days lost from work or school because of acute conditions should consult B-18.

The data presented in this report are derived from a continuous probability sample of the civilian noninstitutional population residing in the United States. The method of collection is by household interviews, and the sample is designed so that interviews are conducted every week of the year and in every State. During the period July 1958-June 1959, approximately 37,000 households containing 120,000 persons were interviewed.

A description of the design of the survey, the methods used in estimation, and the general qualifications of the data is presented in Appendix I. Particular attention is called to the section "Reliability of Estimates." Since the data are derived from a sample survey, all of the estimates presented in this report are subject to errors of sampling. The sampling errors for most of the estimates are relatively low. However, when the estimated number is small, the

[^0]sampling error may be high and such estimates must be interpreted with caution.

Certain terms used in this report are defined in Appendix II. Since many of these terms have specialized meanings in the survey, familiarity with the definitions is necessary for proper interpretation of the statistics. Most important is the definition of an acute condition, which, with certain exceptions, is defined as a condition which has lasted less than 3 months and which has involved either medical attention or restricted activity. The exceptions, which are listed in Appendix II, are certain conditions such as heart trouble and diabetes which are always considered to be chronic.

Appendix III is a facsimile of the questionnaire used by the U. S. National Health Survey from July 1958-June 1959. The data in this report are based on the responses to questions 11-17 and table I.

Questions 11-17 are designed to elicit information as to the presence or absence of illnesses and injuries in the household. Each condition which is reported as being present is entered on a separate line of table 1 , and further questions are asked about this specific condition to obtain a better description of it and also to obtain information about resultant effects on the person.

It is extremely important to remember that the only acute conditions included in this report are those which involved either activity restriction or medical attention. This survey procedure may/influence the pattern of estimates of the incidence of acute conditions because of the relationship between utilization of medical facilities and socioeconomic status. In an area where the utilization of medical facilities is high, a large proportion of the conditions are seen by a physician and few conditions are excluded by the above rule. Conversely, in an area where medical utilization is low, a smaller proportion of the conditions are seen by a physician and for this reason more of the minor acute conditions involving no activity restriction are excluded.

While the number of disability days associated with acute conditions may be dependent upon socioeconomic factors which govern the individual's likelihood of restricting his activity
or remaining in bed for the day, all days are tabulated regardless of medical attention. Therefore, the pattern of the estimated number of disability days should not be affected by survey procedures.

## RESIDENCE

Residence, which is the term used to differentiate areas of varying population density, is defined for the U.S. National Health Survey as it was for the 1950 Census of Population. In general, the urban population includes residents of places with. 2,500 or more inhabitants as well as residents of cities and their urbanfringes. The ruralfarm population includes all rural residents who say that they live on a farm, and the rural-nonfarm populationincludes all of the rest of the population. More precise definitions are given in Appendix II.

## Sex and Age

The distribution of acute conditions by sex and age and the associated days of disability was similar in the urban and the rural-nonfarm populations (fig. 1). For both of these populations there was a steady decline in the incidence of acute conditions with increasing age. The disability days associated with the conditions also declined from the high rates which were characteristic of the early years of life, but after


Figure 1. Incidence of acute conditions per 100 persons per year by residence and age.
middle age the rates again rose. For all males and for females living in urban areas this rise in the number of disability days per 100 persons was not enough to bring the rates to the levels found among children. For females in the nonfarm population, the rise was more marked and the rates for disability days associated with acute conditions were higher in old age than at any other time. A final point worth noting is that in childhood, the average boy had more acute conditions and more days of disability than the average girl, although throughout the rest of life the rates for females were higher than those for males. None of the comments made above apply to the rural-farm population. Although there were similarities, there was much wider fluctuation in the rates for this group. Part of the fluctuation was due to the small population and the consequent increase in sampling variability, but even when this is taken into account there were differences. Perhaps most striking was the high rate of bed disability among females 15-24 years of age. Since the rate of incidence of acute conditions for females 15-24 was of approximately the same magnitude in the three populations, it is difficult to account for the high rate of disability in these young women living on farms. For females aged 65 and over who live on farms, the disability rates were higher than they were in the urban or nonfarm populations, but the incidence of acute conditions was also higher.

For males living on farms, the incidence of acute conditions was lower and the disability rates were higher than they were in the other two populations. However, when the age specific rates are examined, it is obvious that the disa-bility-day rates were lower before 25 years of age than the corresponding rates in the other two populations, and that the higher over-all rates were due to the increased rates of disability days per 100 males aged 25 and over living on farms.

## Sex and Condition Group

Tables 1-3 show the data for the incidence of acute conditions and the associated days of disability by sex and condition group for each of the residence areas. Table A is a summary showing the five major condition groups for both sexes.

The incidence of illness conditions was generally somewhat higher in the urban and nonfarm populations while the incidence of injuries was highest in the farm population. However, except for infectious and parasitic diseases and digestive system conditions, the number of days of disability associated with acute conditions was as high or higher for each condition group in the ruralfarm population $? s$ it was in the other two groups.

Infectious and parasitic diseases had a somewhat higher incidence in the urban and nonfarm populations than they did in the farm population. The difference was mainly due to the

Table A. Incidence of acute conditions and associated days of disability by condition group and residence: United States, July 1958-June 1959

| Residence | Condition group |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | A11 acute conditions | Infectious and parasitic diseases | Respiratory conditions | Digestive system conditions | Injuries | Other |
| Incidence of acute conditions | Per 100 persons per year |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban--------------- | 215.6 | 25.6 | 127.4 | 12.3 | 28.0 | 22.4 |
| Rural nonfarm------ | 219.4 | 28.0 | 127.5 | 11.7 | 29.3 | 22.9 |
| Rural farm--------*- | 198.5 | 21.4 | 112.0 | 10.4 | 32.6 | 22.0 |
| $\frac{\text { Days of restricted }}{\text { activity }}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban-------------- | 815.6 | 118.2 | 407.7 | 37.0 | 142.0 | 110.7 |
| Rural nonfarm------- | 888.8 | 129.2 | 412.8 | 41.7 | 171.5 | 133.6 |
| Rural farm---------- | 883.9 | 96.5 | 403.1 | 31.0 | 208.7 | 144.6 |
| $\frac{\text { Days of bed }}{\text { disability }}$ |  | * |  |  |  |  |
| Urban--------------- | 351.8 | 52.1 | 191.3 | 15.8 | 45.9 | 46.7 |
| Rural nonfarm------ | 366.4 | 59.3 | 188.1 | 19.4 | 45.5 | 54.1 |
| Rural farm--------- | 382.8 | 41.4 | 190.8 | 15.6 | 73.4 | 61.8 |

very low rate of the "virus" in the farm population. While it is possible that this was a real difference among the three groups, it is also possible that what urban persons reported as a "virus" was reported as a respiratory condition by persons in other areas.

Acute respiratory conditions had the highest incidence and accounted for more disability than any other acute condition group. Over half of the acute conditions reported in the year July 1958-June 1959 were respiratory conditions and these conditions accounted for approximately half of the disability days reported. The incidence of these conditions was somewhat higher in urban and nonfarm areas than it was in farm areas, although the number of days of disability per 100 persons was approximately the same in all three residence areas. In-all three areas rates were higher for females than for males although the difference was much less marked for the farm residents than for the other two populations. Females living in urban areas had higher rates of disability due to acute respiratory conditions than females living in either of the rural areas; males living on farms had more disability due to respiratory conditions than males living elsewhere.

The least common acute condition group was the group affecting the digestive system.

The number of conditions and associated days reported was so small that the differences were all within the range of sampling variability.

The incidence of injuries was higher than the incidence of any illness group except the respiratory conditions. The incidence of injuries was particularly high in the rural-farm population where there were 32.6 injuries per 100 persons. Actually, the incidence of injuries for males was about the same in rural-farm and nonfarm areas; the difference in the rates for the two rural areas was due to the difference in the rates among females as there were approximately 7 more injuries per 100 women living on farms than per 100 women in the nonfarm population. Interestingly enough, the difference in the rates of days of restricted activity in the two rural areas was reversed-the females had approximately the same rates and the males had a higher rate in farm than in nonfarm areas. The number of days of bed disability due to injuries was higher on farms than it was in rural-nonfarm areas for both males and females.

For females, the genitourinary conditions and conditions associated with pregnancy are shown separately. The rates for these conditions and for their associated days of disability were highest in the rural-nonfarm population.

## REGION

## Sex and Age

Approximately 367.9 million acute conditions involving either activity restriction or medical attention occurred during the year July 1958-June 1959. The highest incidence was among children under the age of 5 and the rate decreased progressively in each older age group. Although this decrease in incidence with increasing age was characteristic of all regions, it was most noticeable in the West where children under 5 averaged approximately 4 times as many acute conditions during the year as adults 65 years of age and over.


Figure 2. Incidence of acute conditions per 100 persons per year by region and age.

The Western region had the highest incidence or acute conditions for every age group except the oldest (fig. 2). The number of disability days due to acute conditions was also higher in this region than in any other.

The lowest rate of incidence of acute conditions was in the South, but the amount of disability due to acute conditions was in line with national estimates. Since the disability rates were high, it is interesting that the incidence of acute conditions was low. The answer may lie in the criterion that an acute condition must have involved either medical attention or activity restriction. It is possible that in this region many conditions did not receive medical attention and therefore were excluded from the statistics unless they involved restricted activity.

## Sex and Condition Group

lnfectious and parasitic diseases had their highest incidence in the Northeast, largely because "the virus" was so commonly reported in that region. If "the virus" is excluded, there is little regional variation in the incidence of these diseases (table B).

Respiratory conditions-the largest group of acute conditions-had their highest incidence in the West and largely accounted for the high incidence of all acute conditions in that region.

There were 1.6 respiratory conditions per person in the West which caused 5.2 days of restricted activity and 2.4 days of bed disability as compared with the U.S. estimates of 1.3 conditions per person causing 4.1 days of restricted activity and 1.9 days of bed disability.

Injuries were the second most common acute condition group in all regions except in the Northeast. In this region infectious and parasitic diseases were more common than injuries. The incidence of injuries and the associated days of disability per person was somewhat higher in the West than in the other three regions; however the relative low incidence of injuries and the consequent high sampling errors indicate that the differences among the regions were not significant.

Table B. Incidence of acute conditions and associated days of disability by condition group and region: United States, July 1958-June 1959

| Region | Condition group |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { All } \\ \text { acute } \\ \text { conditions } \end{gathered}$ | ```Infectious and parasitic diseases``` | Respiratory conditions | Digestive <br> system conditions | Injuries | Other |
| $\frac{\text { Incidence of acute }}{\text { conditions }}$ | $\therefore$ Per 100 persons per year |  |  |  |  |  |
| Northeast---------- | 219.0 | 41.3 | 122.3 | 11.6 | 24.5 | 19.2 |
| North Central------ | 212.9 | 14.5 | 135.5 | 10.9 | 30.7 | 21.3 |
| South-------------- | : 194.5 | 26.1 | 102.0 | 12.7 | 28.3 | 25.5 |
| West---------------- | 253.7 | 22.7 | 160.1 | 12.7 | 33.7 | 24.5 |
| Days of restricted |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| activity |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Northeast----------- | 869.4 | 179.0 | 404.9 | 32.5 | 150.2 | 102.9 |
| North Central------- | 715.4 | 62.8 | $\because 398.7$ | 29.7 | 118.7 | 105.6 |
| South--------------- | 858.2 | 119.7 | 366.5 | 48.7 | 186.1 | 137.2 |
| West---------------- | 1,047.5 | 133.2 | 524.5 | 41.0 | 196.7 | 151.9 |
| Days of bed disability |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Northeast----------- | 358.4 | 78.5 | 182.5 | 12.3 | 43.9 | 41.2 |
| North Central------- | 316.1 | 27.3 | 187.5 | 13.3 | 41.5 | 46.5 |
| South--------------- | 365.5 | 56.9 | 174.4 | - 22.0 | 52.2 | 60.0 |
| West---------------- | 441.7 | 55.7 | 243.0 | $\therefore \quad 21.2$ | 66.4 | 55.3 |

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Excluded from, these statistics are all conditions involving neither restricted activity nor medical attention.

Table 2. Days of restricted activity associated with acute conditions according to residence by sex and age: United States, July 1958-June 1959
[Data are based on household interviews of the civilian noninstitutional population. The survey deslgn, general qualifications of the data, and tables of sampling errors are given in Appendix l. Definitions of terms are given in Appendix 11 ]

| Sex and age | Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | U. S. total | Urban | Rural nonfarm | Rural <br> farm | U. S. total | Urban | Rural nonfarm | Rural <br> farm |
|  | Days of restricted activity <br> in thousands |  |  |  | Days per 100 persons per year |  |  |  |
| All ages-----.-- | 1,446,313 | 838,555 | 437,584 | 170,174 | 844.3 | 815.6 | 888.8 | 883.9 |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & 197,576 \\ & 366,601 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 114,714 \\ & 208,693 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 68,379 \\ 117,137 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 14,482 \\ & 40,771 \end{aligned}$ | 1,005.7 | 1,051.5 | 1,011.8 | 732.5 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-24 | $\begin{aligned} & 159,416 \\ & 306,156 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 85,160 \\ 179,808 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 52,080 \\ & 97,079 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 22,176 \\ & 29,269 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 726.2 \\ & 672.8 \end{aligned}$ | 651.2 | 855.0 | 796.3 |
| 25-44------------------ |  |  |  |  |  | 653.6: | 692.3 | 737.4 |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & 264,589 \\ & 151,975 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 164,261 \\ 85,919 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 61,371 \\ & 41,536 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 38,957 \\ & 24,519 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 754.8 \\ 1,025.4 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 714.8 \\ & 894.0 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 781.8 \\ 1,246.2 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 921.8 \\ 1,305.6 \end{array}$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 622,572 | 352,337 | 188,542 | 81,694 | 746.8 | 719.9 | 770.3 | 821.8 |
| 0-4- | 106,301185,177 | 61,219101,739 | 36,97963,534 | 8,104 | 1,062.3 | 1,098.3 | 1,089.2 | 780.7 |
| 5-14------------------- |  |  |  | 19,903 | 1,057.2 | 1,073.2 | 1,102.6 | 875.2 |
| 15-24- | 52,575107,425 | $\begin{aligned} & 28,983 \\ & 62,798 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 17,009 \\ & 31,067 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 6,583 \\ 13,561 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 510.3 \\ & 492.2 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 487.4 \\ & 481.8 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 588.8 \\ 453.8 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 448.7 \\ & 698.3 \end{aligned}$ |
| 25-44 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 45-64------------------ | $\begin{array}{r} 113,604 \\ 57,491 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 67,846 \\ & 29,752 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 23,622 \\ & 16,331 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 22,135 \\ & 11,407 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 669.1 \\ & 853.9 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 627.4 \\ & 727.1 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 594.3 \\ 1,015.0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1,011.2 \\ & 1,106.4 \end{aligned}$ |
| $65+$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Female |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| All ages-------- | 823,741 | 486,218 | 249,042 | 88,481 | 936.7 | 902.5 | 1,006.0 | 950.1 |
| 0-4 | 91,275181,424 | $\begin{array}{r} 53,495 \\ 106,954 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 31,401 \\ & 53,603 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 6,379 \\ 20,867 \end{array}$ | 946.9$1,079.5$ | 1,002.5 | $\begin{aligned} & 933.7 \\ & 989.7 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 679.3 \\ & 973.3 \end{aligned}$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | 1,156.6 |  |  |
| 15-24 | $\begin{aligned} & 106,841 \\ & 198,732 \end{aligned}$ | 56,177117,010 | $\begin{aligned} & 35,071 \\ & 66,013 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 15,593 \\ & 15,709 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 917.0 \\ & 839.3 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 787.9 \\ & 808.4 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1,095.3 \\ 919.8 \end{array}$ | $1,182.2$775.0 |
| 25-44------------------ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 45-64 | $\begin{array}{r} 150,986 \\ 94,484 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 96,415 \\ & 56,167 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 37,749 \\ & 25,205 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 16,822 \\ & 13,112 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 835.2 \\ 1,168.2 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 792.6 \\ 1,017.9 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 974.2 \\ 1,462.0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 825.4 \\ 1,549.9 \end{array}$ |
| 65+-------------------- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Table 3. Days of bed disability associated with acute conditions according to residence by sex and age: United States, July 1958-June 1959
[Data are based on household interviews of the civilian noninstitutional population. The survey design, general qualifications of the data, and tables of sampling errors are given in Appendix 1 . Definitions of terms are given in Appendix 11]

| Sex and age | Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | U. S. total | : Urban | Rural nonfarm | Rural <br> farm | U. S. total | Urban | Rural nonfarm | Rural <br> farm |
|  | Days of bed disability <br> in thousands |  |  |  | Days per 100 persons per year |  |  |  |
| Al1 ages------- | $615,847$ | 361,749 | 180,395 | 73,704 | $359.5$ | $351.8$ | $366.4$ | 382.8 |
| 0-4 | 83,218 | 45,309 | 30,686 | 7,223 | 423.6 | 415.3 | 454.1 | 365.4 |
| 5-14---------------------1- | 160,816 | 91,928 | 50,692 | 18,195 | 468.5 | 490.9 | 453.5 | 411.7 |
| 15-24----------------- | 71,288 | 39,241 | 20,541 | 11,506 | 324.7 | 300.1 | 337.2 | 413.1 |
| 25-44----------------- | 132,589 | 77,499 | 41,329 | 13,762 | 291.4 | 281.7 | 294.7 | 346.7 |
| 65+--------------------- <br> Male <br> A11 ages | 106,902 | 69,749 | 23,134 | 14,019 | 305.0 | 303.5 | 294.7 | 331.7479.2 |
|  | 61,035 | 38,023 | 14,013 | 8,999 | 411.8 | 395.6 | 420.4 |  |
|  | 266,528 | 152,746 | 80,391 | 33, 391 | 319.7 | 312.1 | 328.4 | 335.9 |
| 0-4-------------- | 43,978 | 23,607 | 16,252 | 4,119 | 439.5 | 423.5 | 478.7 | 396.8367.1 |
| 5-14 | 78,175 | 42,592 | 27,234 | 8,348 | 446.3 | 449.3 | 472.6 |  |
|  | 23,00650,249 | 12,43628,194 | 7,75315,059 | $\begin{aligned} & 2,818 \\ & 6,996 \end{aligned}$ | 223.3230.2 | 209.1216.3 | 268.4220.0 | 192.1360.2 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 45-64 <br>  <br> Female <br> A11 ages | $\begin{aligned} & 49,146 \\ & 21,975 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 31,623 \\ & 14,294 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 9,545 \\ & 4,548 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 7,978 \\ & 3,133 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 289.5 \\ 326.4 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 292.4 \\ & 349.3 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 240.1 \\ & 282.7 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 364.5 \\ & 303.9 \end{aligned}$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 349,319 | 209,003 | 100,004 | 40,313 | 397.2 | 388.0 | 404.0 | 432.9 |
| 0-4------2--------- | $\begin{aligned} & 39,240 \\ & 82,641 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 21,702 \\ & 49,336 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 14,434 \\ & 23,458 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 3,104 \\ & 9,847 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 407.1 \\ & 491.7 \end{aligned}$ | 406.7 | 429.2 | $\begin{aligned} & 330.6 \\ & 459.3 \end{aligned}$ |
| 5-14------------------ |  |  |  |  |  | 533.5 | 433.1 |  |
| 15-24----------------- | $\begin{aligned} & 48,282 \\ & 82,340 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 26,805 \\ & 49,305 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 12,788 \\ .26,269 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 8,689 \\ & 6,766 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 414.4 \\ & 347.7 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 375.9 \\ & 340.6 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 399.4 \\ & 366.0 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 658.8 \\ & 333.8 \end{aligned}$ |
| 25-44------------------ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 45-64 | $\begin{aligned} & 57,756 \\ & 39,060 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 38,126 \\ & 23,729 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 13,589 \\ 9,465 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 6,041 \\ & 5,866 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 319.5 \\ & 482.9 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 313.4 \\ & 430.0 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 350.7 \\ & 549.0 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 296.4 \\ & 693.4 \end{aligned}$ |
| 65+- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Table 4. Incidence of acute conditions according to residence by sex and condition group: United States, July 1958-June 1959
[Data are based on household interviews of the civilian noninstitutional population. The survey design, general qualifications of the data, and tables of sampling errors are given in Appendix l. Definitions of terms are given in Appendix ll]

| Sex and condition group | Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | U. S. total | Urban | Rural nonfarm | Rural <br> farm | U. S. total | Urban | Rural nonfarm | Rural <br> farm |
|  | Incidence of acute conditions in thousands |  |  |  | Conditions per 100 persons per year |  |  |  |
| Both sexes |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| All acute condition | 36;,941 | 221,720 | 108,013 | 38,209 | 214.8 | 215.6 | 219.4 | 198.5 |
| Infectious and parasitic disease | 44,240 | 26,343 | 13,780 | 4,118 | 25.8 | 25.6 | 28.0 | 21.4 |
| The "virus" (NOS)------------------- | 20,381 | 14,036 | 5,779 | 566 | 11.9 | 13.7 | 11.7 | 2.9 |
| Other infectious and parasitic diseases | 23,858 | 12,307 | 8,000 | 3,552 | 13.9 | 12.0 | 16:2 | 18.4 |
| Respiratory conditi | 215,347 | 131,019 | 62,761 | 21,567 | 125.7 | 127.4 | 127.5 | 112.0 |
| Common cold- | 115,292 | 73,901 | 30,710 | 10,681 | 67.3 | 71.9 | 62.4 | 55.5 |
| Other upper respirato | 27,089 | 16,559 | 8,435 | 2,096 | 15.8 | 16.1 | 17.1 | 10.9 |
| A11 other respiratory | 72,966 | 40,559 | 23,616 | 8,791 | 42.6 | 39.4 | 48.0 | 45.7 |
| Digestive system condi | 20,362 | 12,597 | 5,761 | 2,004 | 11.9 | 12.3 | 11.7 | 10.4 |
| Injuries-- | 49,468 | 28,765 | 14,418 | 6,285 | 28.9 | 28.0 | 29.3 | 32.6 |
| Fractures, dislocations, sprains, and strains | 14,177 | 8,585 | 3,944 | 1,648 | 8.3 | 8.3 | 8.0 | 8.6 |
| Open wounds, lacerations, contusions, and superficial injuries--- | 23,424 | 13,587 | 7,069 | 2,769 | 13.7 | 13.2 | 14.4 | 14.4 |
| Other injuries--------------------- | 11,867 | 6,594 | 3,405 | 1,868 | 6.9 | 6.4 | 6.9 | 9.7 |
| Other condition | 38,524 | 22,996 | 11,293 | 4,235 | 22.5 | 22.4 | 22.9 | 22.0 |
| Male |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| A11 acute condit | 170,579 | 100,193 | 51,779 | 18,608 | 204.6 | 204.7 | 211.6 | 187.2 |
| Infectious and parasitic diseases---- | 22,407 | 13,284 | 6,997 | 2,127 | 26.9 | 27.1 | 28.6 | 21.4 |
| The "virus" (NOS)- | 9,720 | 6,587 | 2,933 | 199 | 11.7 | 13.5 | 12.0 | 2.0 |
| Other infectious and parasitic diseases | 12,687 | 6,696 | 4,063 | 1,928 | 15.2 | 13.7 | 16.6 | 19.4 |
| Respiratory condit | 95,796 | 56,558 | 28,900 | 10,338 | 114.9 | 115.6 | 118.1 | 104.0 |
| Common cold- | 51,911 | 32,768 | 14,104 | 5,038 | 62.3 | 67.0 | 57.6 | 50.7 |
| Other upper respirator | 11,106 | 6,467 | 3,836 | 803 | 13.3 | 13.2 | 15.7 | 8.1 |
| All other respiratory | 32,780 | 17,323 | 10,960 | 4,497 | 39.3 | 35.4 | 44.8 | 45.2 |
| Digestive system conditio | 9,005 | 5,442 | 2,640 | 923 | 10.8 | 11.1 | 10.8 | 9.3 |
| Injuries | 28,917 | 16,150 | 9,109 | 3,658 | 34.7 | 33.0 | 37.2 | 36.8 |
| Fractures, dislocations, sprains, and strains- | 7,921 | 4,521 | 2,345 | 1,055 | 9.5 | 9.2 | 9.6 | 10.6 |
| Open wounds, lacerations, contusions, and superficial injuries--- | 14,105 | 7,997 | 4,451 | 1,657 | 16.9 | 16.3 | 18.2 | 16.7 |
| Other injuries------ | 6,891 | 3,633 | 2,312 | 946 | 8.3 | 7.4 | 9.4 | 9.5 |
| Other conditions | 14,454 | 8,758 | 4,134 | 1,562 | 17.3 | 17.9 | 16.9 | 15.7 |
| Female |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| All acute conditio | 197,362 | 121,527 | 56,234 | 19,601 | 224.4 | 225.6 | 227.2 | 210.5 |
| Infectious and parasitic disease | 21,833 | 13,059 | 6,783 | 1,991 | 24.8 | 24.2 | 27.4 | 21.4 |
| The "virus" (NOS) | 10,661 | 7,449 | 2,846 | 367 | 12.1 | 13.8 | 11.5 | 3.9 |
| Other infectious and parasitic diseases | 11,171 | 5,610 | 3,937 | 1,624 | 12.7 | 10.4 | 15.9 | 17.4 |
| Respiratory condi | 119,551 | 74,461 | 33,861 | 11,229 | 135.9 | 138.2 | 136.8 | 120.6 |
| Common cold | 63,382 | 41,133 | 16,606 | 5,642 | 72.1 | 76.4 | 67.1 | 60.6 |
| Other upper respiratory | 15,983 | 10,091 | 4,599 | 1,293 | 18.2 | 18.7 | 18.6 | 13.9 |
| All other respiratory | 40,186 | 23,236 | 12,656 | 4,294 | 45.7 | 43.1 | 51.1 | 46.1 |
| Digestive system conditio | 11,357 | 7,155 | 3,121 | 1,081 | 12.9 | 13.3 | 12.6 | 11.6 |
|  | 20,551 | 12,614 | 5,310 | 2,627 | 23.4 | 23.4 | 21.4 | 28.2 |
| Fractures, dislocations, sprains, and strains- | 6,256 | 4,064 | 1,599 | 593 | 7.1 | 7.5 | 6.5 | 6.4 |
| Open wounds, lacerations, contusions, and superficial injuries--- | 9,319 | 5,590 | 2,618 | 1,112 | 10.6 | 10.4 | 10.6 | 11.9 |
| Other injuries | 4,976 | 2,961 | 1,093 | 922 | 5.7 | 5.5 | 4.4 | 9.9 |
| Other conditions------------------------ | 24,070 | 14,238 | 7,159 | 2,673 | 27.4 | 26.4 | 28.9 | 28.7 |

[^1]Table 5. Days of restricted activity associated with acute conditions according to residence by sex and condition group: United States, July 1958-June 1959
[Data are based on household interviews of the civilian noninstitutional population. The survey design, general qualifications of the data, and tables of sampling errors are given in Appendix l. Definitions of terms are given in Appendix ll]

| Sex and condition group | Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | U. S. total | Urban | Rural nonfarm | Rural <br> farm | U. S. total | Urban | Rural nonfarm | Rural <br> farm |
| Both sexes | Days of restricted activity <br> in thousands |  |  |  | Days per 100 persons per year |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| All acute conditio | 1,446,313 | 838,555 | 437,584 | 170,174 | 844.3 | 815.6 | 888.8 | 883.9 |
| Infectious and parasitic d | 203,719 | 121,541 | 63,605 | 18,572 | 118.9 | 118.2 | 129.2 | 96.5 |
| The "virus" (NOS) -----.....-.-. Other infectious and parasitic diseases | 67,707 | 47,818 | 18,133 | 1,756 | 39.5 | 46.5 | 36.8 | 9.1 |
|  | 136,012 | 73,723 | 45,473 | 16,816 | 79.4 | 71.7 | 92.4 | 87.3 |
| Respiratory condition | 700,072 | 419,218 | 203,253 | 77,601 | 408.7 | 407.7 | 412.8 | 403.1 |
| Common cold- | 304,525 | 190,895 | 84,172 | 29,458 | 177.8 | 185.7 | 171.0 | 153.0 |
| Other upper respirato | 89,198 | 52,171 | 27,433 | 9,593 | 52.1 | 50.7 | 55.7 | 49.8 |
| All other respiratory | 306,349 | 176,152 | 91,648 | 38,550 | 178.8 | 171.3 | 186.2 | 200.2 |
| Digestive system condit | 64,566 | 38,061 | 20,527 | 5,978 | 37.7 | 37.0 | 41.7 | 31.0 |
| Injuries---------------------------- | 270,562 | 145,954 | 84,418 | 40,190 | 157.9 | 142.0 | 171.5 | 208.7 |
| Fractures, dislocations, sprains, and strains | $142,651$ | 80,095 | 43,518 | 19,038 | 83.3 | 77.9 | 88.4 | 98.9 |
| Open wounds, lacerations, contusions, and superficial injuries- | 87,716 | 45,605 | 28,951 | 13,160 | 51.2 | 44.4 | 58.8 | 68.4 |
| Other injuries | 40,195 | 20,254 | 11,949 | 7,992 | 23.5 | 19.7 | 24.3 | 41.5 |
| Other conditions <br> Male <br> All acute conditions | 207,395 | 113,780 | 65,781 | 27,834 | 121.1 | 110.7 | 133.6 | 144.6 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 622,572 | 352,337 | 188,542 | 81,694 | 746.8 | 719.9 | 770.3 | 821.8 |
| Infectious and parasitic diseases | 104, 235 | 61,149 | 33,983 | 9,103 | 125.0 | 124.9 | 138.8 | 91.6 |
| The "virus" (NOS)-- | 30,335 | 20,834 | 8,888 | 613 | 36.4 | - 42.6 | 36.3 | 6.2 |
| Other infectious and parasitic diseases | $73,900$ | 40,315 | 25,095 | 8,490 | 88.7 | 82.4 |  |  |
| Respiratory condition | 292,033 | $\begin{array}{r} 165,507 \\ 76,268 \end{array}$ | 88,114 | $\begin{aligned} & 38,413 \\ & 14,634 \end{aligned}$ | 350.3 | 338.2 | 360.0 | 386.4 |
| Common cold--- | 129,142 |  | 38,240 |  | 154.9 | 155.8 | 156.2 |  |
| Other upper respirator | 34,003 | $\begin{aligned} & 76,268 \\ & 19,955 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 11,083 \\ & 38,791 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 14,634 \\ 2,965 \end{array}$ | 40.8 | 40.8 | 45.3 | 147.2 29.8 |
| All other respiratory | 128,888 | 69,284 |  | 20,8132,594 | $\begin{array}{r} 154.6 \\ 30.5 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 141.6 \\ 28.6 \end{array}$ | 158.5 | $\begin{array}{r} 29.8 \\ 209.4 \end{array}$ |
| Digestive system condition | 25,442135,099 | 13,984 | 8,863 |  |  |  | 36.2 | 26.1 |
| Injuries----------------------------- |  |  | 37,973 | 22,344 | 162.1 | 152.8 | 155.1 | 224.8 |
| Fractures, dislocations, sprains, and strains | 73,393 | 42,794 | 19,155 | 11,444 | 88.0 | 87.4 | 78.3 | 115.1 |
| Open wounds, lacerations, contusions, and superficial injuries- | 41,471 | 22,361 | 13,177 | 5,934 | 49.7 | 45.7 | 53.8 | 59.7 |
| Other injuries- ------------------ | 20,234 | 9,627 | 5,641 | 4,966 | 24.3 | 19.7 | 23.0 | 50.0 |
| Other conditions | 65,763 | 36,914 | 19,609 | 9,240 | 78.9 | 75.4 | 80.1 | 92.9 |
| Female |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| A11 acute condition | 823,741 | 486,218 | 249,042 | 88,481 | 936.7 | 902.5 | 1,006.0 | 950.1 |
| Infectious and parasitic diseases--The "virus" (NOS) | $\begin{aligned} & 99,484 \\ & 37,372 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 60,393 \\ & 26,984 \end{aligned}$ | 29,622 | 9,470 | 113.1 | 112.1 | 119.7 | 101.7 |
|  |  |  | 9,245 | $\begin{aligned} & 1,143 \\ & 8,326 \end{aligned}$ | 42.5 | 50.1 | 37.3 | 12.3 |
| Other infectious and parasitic diseases | 62,113 | 33,409 | 20,378 |  | 70.6 | 62.0 | 82.3 | 89.4 |
| Respiratory conditio | 408,038 | 253,712 | 115,139 | $\begin{array}{r} 8,326 \\ 39,188 \end{array}$ | 464.0 | $\begin{array}{r} 471.0 \\ 212.8 \end{array}$ | 465.1 | 420.8 |
| Common cold- | $\begin{array}{r} 175,383 \\ 55,194 \end{array}$ | 114,627 | $\begin{aligned} & 45,932 \\ & 16,350 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 14,823 \\ 6,628 \end{array}$ | 199.4 |  | 185.5 | 159.271.2 |
| Other upper respiratory |  | 32,216106,868 |  |  | 62.8 | $\begin{array}{r} 212.8 \\ 59.8 \end{array}$ | 66.0213.5 |  |
| All other respiratory------------- | 177,461 |  | $\begin{aligned} & 16,350 \\ & 52,857 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 6,628 \\ 17,736 \\ 3,384 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 201.8 \\ 44.5 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 198.4 \\ 44.7 \end{array}$ |  | 190.4 |
| Digestive system conditions-------- | 39,124 | $\begin{aligned} & 24,077 \\ & 71,171 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 11,664 \\ & 46,446 \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  | 47.1 | 36.3 |
| Injuries-------------------------- | 135,463 |  |  | 3,384 17,845 | 78.8 | 132.1 | 187.6 | 191.6 |
| Fractures, dislocations, sprains, and strains----------------------- | 69,257 | $37,301$ | $24,363$ | $7,593$ |  | 69.2 | 98.4 | 81.5 |
| Open wounds, lacerations, contusions, and superficial injuries: | 46,245 | 23,24410,627 | $\begin{array}{r} 15,775 \\ 6,308 \\ 46,172 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 7,226 \\ 3,026 \\ 18,594 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 52.6 \\ 22.7 \\ 161.1 \end{array}$ | 43.1 | 63.7 | 77.6 |
| Other injuries- | 19,960 |  |  |  |  | 19.7 | 25.5 | 32.5 |
| Other conditions-------------------- | 141,631 | 76,866 |  |  |  | 142.7 | 186.5 | 199.7 |

Table 6. Days of bed disability associated with acute conditions according to residence by sex and condition group: United States, July 1958-June 1959
[Data are based on household interviews of the civilian noninstitutional population. The survey design, general qualifications of the data, and tables of sampling errors are given in Appendix 1 . Definitions of terms are given in Appendix li]

| Sex and condition group | Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | U. S. total | Urban | Rural nonfarm | Rural <br> farm | U. S. total | Urban | Rural nonfarm | Rural <br> farm |
| Both sexes | Days of bed disability in thousands |  |  |  | Days per 100 persons per year |  |  |  |
| All acute condi | 615,847 | 361,749 | 180,395 | 73,704 | 359.5 | 351.8 | 366.4 | 382.8 |
| Infectious and parasitic diseases | 90,770 | 53,605 | 29,201 | 7,965 | 53.0 | 52.1 | 59.3 | 41.4 |
| The "virus" (NOS)------------Other infectious and parasitic diseases | 34,642 | 23,609 | 10,062 | 970 | 20.2 | 23.0 | 20.4 | 5.0 |
|  | 56,129 | 29,996 | 19,138 | 6,995 | 32.8 | 29.2 | 38.9 | 36.3 |
| Respiratory conditions | 326,024 | 196,692 | 92,602 | 36,731 | 190.3 | 191.3 | 188.1 | 190.8 |
| Common cold- | 113,388 | 71,502 | 30,439 | 11,447 | 66.2 | 69.5 | 61.8 | 59.5 |
| Other upper respirator | 42,721 | 26,488 | 12,447 | 3,787 | 24.9 | 25.8 | 25.3 | 19.7 |
| All other respiratory | 169,915 | 98,702 | 49,716 | 21,497 | 99.2 | 96.0 | 101.0 | 111.7 |
| Digestive system condit | 28,787 | 16,228 | 9,563 | 2,996 | 16.8 | 15.8 | 19.4 | 15.6 |
| Injuries- | 83,762 | 47,240 | 22,398 | 14,124 | 48.9 | 45.9 | 45.5 | 73.4 |
| Fractures, dislocations, sprains, and strains Open wounds, lacerations, contu- | 45,903 | 26,919 | 11,912 | 7,072 | 26.8 | 26.2 | 24.2 | 36.7 |
| sions, and superficial injuries | 25,515 | 13,900 | 6,644 | 4,970 | 14.9 | 13.5 | 13.5 | 25.8 |
| Other injuries------------------ | 12,345 | 6,421 | 3,843 | 2,081 | 7.2 | 6.2 | 7.8 | 10.8 |
| Other condition | 86,504 | 47,985 | 26,631 | 11,889 | 50.5 | 46.7 | 54.1 | 61.8 |
| Male |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| All acute condi | 266; 528 | 152,746 | 80,391 | 33,391 | 319.7 | 312.1 | 328.4 | 335.9 |
| Infectious and parasitic dis | 46,804 | 26,772 | 16,041 | 3,991 | 56.1 | 54.7 | 65.5 | 40.1 |
| The "virus" (NOS) | 15,863 | 10,551 | 4,961 | 352 | 19.0 | 21.6 | 20.3 | 3.5 |
| Other infectious and parasitic | 30,941 | 16,221 | 11,080 | 3,640 | 37.1 | 33.1 | 45.3 | 36.6 |
| Respiratory cond | 138,068 | 78,971 | 40,977 | 18,120 | 165.6 | 161.4 | . 167.4 | 182.3 |
| Common cold | 48,349 | 29,501 | 13,402 | 5,447 | 58.0 | 60.3 | 54.8 | 54.8 |
| Other upper respirat | 17,409 | 9,693 | 6,129 | 1,587 | 20.9 | 19.8 | 25.0 | 16.0 |
| All other respirato | 72,309 | 39,777 | 21,446 | 11,086 | 86.7 | 81.3 | 87.6 | 111.5 |
| Digestive system condit | 10,153 | 6,059 | 3,390 | . 704 | 12.2 | 12.4 | 13.9 | 7.1 |
| Injuries---- | 43,714 | 25,558 | 11,359 | 6,797 | 52.4 | 52.2 | 46.4 | 68.4 |
| Fractures, dislocations, sprains, and strains | 25,273 | 15,734 | 5,449 | 4,091 | 30.3 | 32.1 | 22.3 | 41.2 |
| Open wounds, lacerations, contusions, and superficial injuries--- | 11,664 | 6,562 | 3,388 | 1,714 | 14.0 | 13.4 | 13.8 | 17.2 |
| Other injuries | 6,776 | 3,262 | 2,522 | 993 | 8.1 | 6.7 | 10.3 | 10.0 |
| Other conditions | 27,790 | 15,386 | 8,624 | 3,779 | 33.3 | 31.4 | 35.2 | 38.0 |
| Female |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| All acute condit | 349,319 | 209,003 | 100,004 | 40,313 | 397.2 | 388.0 | 404.0 | 432.9 |
| Infectious and parasitic dise | 43,967 | 26,833 | 13,160 | 3,974 | 50.0 | 49.8 | 53.2 | 42.7 |
| The "virus" (NOS) | 18,779 | 13,059 | 5,102 | 619 | 21.4 | 24.2 | 20.6 | 6.6 |
| Other infectious and parasitic diseases | 25,188 | 13,774 | 8,058 | 3,355 | 28.6 | 25.6 | 32.5 | 36.0 |
| Respiratory condition | 187,956 | 117,721 | 51,625 | 18,611 | 213.7 | 218.5 | 208.5 | 199.8 |
| Common cold--- | 65,039 | 42,001 | 17,038 | 6,000 | 74.0 | 78.0 | 68.8 | 64.4 |
| Other upper respirator | 25,312 | 16,795 | 6,318 | 2,200 | 28.8 | 31.2 | 25.5 | 23.6 |
| All other respiratory | 97,605 | 58,925 | 28,270 | 10,411 | 111.0 | 109.4 | 114.2 | 111.8 |
| Digestive system conditio | 18,634 | 10,169 | 6,173 | 2,292 | 21.2 | 18.9 | 24.9 | 24.6 |
| Injuries------------------------------- | 40,048 | 21,681 | 11,040 | 7,327 | 45.5 | 40.2 | 44.6 | 78.7 |
| Fractures, dislocations, sprains, and strains | 20,629 | 11,185 | 6,463 | 2,981 | 23.5 | 20.8 | 26.1 | 32.0 |
| Open wounds, lacerations, contusions, and superficial injuries--- | 13,850 | 7,338 | 3,256 | 3,257 | 15.7 | 13.6 | 13.2 | 35.0 |
| Other injuries | 5,568 | 3,159 | 1,321 | 1,089 | 6.3 | 5.9 | 5.3 | 11.7 |
| Other conditions | 58,714 | 32,598 | 18,007 | 8,109 | 66.8 | 60.5 | 72.7 | 87.1 |

Table 7. Incidence of acute conditions according to region by sex and age: United States, July $1958-J u n e$ 1959
[Data are based on household interviews of the civilian noninstitutional population. The survey design, general qualifications of the data, and tables of sampling errors are given in Appendix !. Definitions of terms are given in Appendix ll]

| Sex and age | Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | u. s. total | Northeast | $\begin{aligned} & \text { North } \\ & \text { Central } \end{aligned}$ | South | West | $\begin{aligned} & \text { U. S. } \\ & \text { total } \end{aligned}$ | Northeast | North Central | South | West |
| Both seres | Incidence of acute conditions in thousands |  |  |  |  | Conditions per 100 persons per year |  |  |  |  |
| . Al1 ages---- | 367,941. | 93,359 | 112,176 | 99,876 | 62,530 | 214.8 | 219.0 | 212.9 | 194.5 | 253.7 |
| 0-4--------------- | 69,308 | 15,704 | 21,487 | 19,295 | 12,821 | 352.8 | 365.2 | 333.5 | 323.7 | 435.6 |
| 5-14-----.-.------ | 101,319 | 26,458 | 30,858 | 26,117 | 17,886 | 295.2 | 335.8 | 292.0 | 244.1 | 345.2 |
| 15-24------------- | 43,697 | 10,770 | 12,197 | 13,689 | 7,041 | 199.0 | 211.1 | 184.6 | 187.8 | 238.5 |
| 25-44------------- | 83,765 | 22,405 | 26,120 | 20,552 | 14,688 | 184.1 | 192.2 | 184.8 | 157.6 | 220.2 |
| 45-64 | 50,006 | 12,615 | 15,516 | 14,017 | 7,859 | 142.7 | 131.1 | 149.1 | 137.2 | 163.4 |
| 65+--------------- | 19,846 | 5,407 | 5,999 | 6,205 | 2,235 | 133.9 | 132.7 | 132.8 | 150.2 | 106.6 |
| Male |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| All ages---- | 170,579 | 42,736 | 51,900 | 46,108 | 29,835 | 204.6 | 206.5 | 199.3 | 186.9 | 249.6 |
| 0-4- | 37,238 | 8,501 | 11,494 | 10,949 | 6,294 | 372.1 | 381.2 | 350.7 | 364.8 | 419.9 |
| 5-14 | 51,634 | 13,240 | 16,105 | 13,123 | 9,165 | 294.8 | - 334.1 | 295.8 | 240.7 | 344.8 |
| 15-24------------- | 16,902 | 4,359 | 4,255 | 5,500 | 2,787 | 164.1 | 176.5 | 140.1 | 158.4 | 210.7 |
| 25-44------------- | 34,722 | 8,782 | 10,635 | 8,241 | 7,063 | 159.1 | 157.6 | 151.5 | 135.3 | 224.8 |
| 45-64- | 22,999 | 5,738 | 7,162 | 6,527 | -3,573 | 135.5 | 123.6 | 139.3 | 135.2 | 151.1 |
| $65+$ | 7,085 | 2,115 | 2,250 | 1,768 | 952 | 105.2 | 116.6 | 106.1 | 96.5 | 98.6 |
| Female |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| All ages---- | 197,362 | .50,623 | 60,276 | 53,767 | 32,695 | 224.4 | 230.7 | 226.3 | 201.6 | 257.5 |
| 0-4--------------- | 32,070 | 7,203 | 9,993 | 8,346 | 6,527 | 332.7 | 348.0 | 315.7 | 282.1 | 452.0 |
| 5-14-------------- | 49,685 | 13,218 | 14,753 | 12,994 | 8,722 | 295.6 | 337.6 | 288.0 | 247.7 | 345.7 |
| 15-24----------- | 26,795 | 6,411 | 7,942 | 8,189 | 4,253 | 230.0 | 243.6 | 222.3 | 214.4 | 261.2 |
| 25-44---------- | 49,044 | 13,622 | 15,485 | 12,312 | 7,625 | 207.1 | 223.8 | 217.7 | 177.2 | 216.2 |
| 45-64------------- | 27,007 | 6,877 | 8,354 | 7,490 | 4,286 | 149.4 | 138.2 | 158.7 | 138.9 | 175.4 |
| 65+---------------- | 12,761 | 3,292 | 3,749 | 4,437 | 1,283 | 157.8 | 145.7 | 156.3 | 193.0 | 113.5 |

[^2]Table 8. Days of restricted activity associated with acute conditions according to region by sex and age: United States, July 1958-June 1959
 the data, and tables of samping errors are given in Appendix l. Definitions of terms are given in Appendix ll]

| Sex and age | Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | U. S. total | Northeast | $\begin{aligned} & \text { North } \\ & \text { Central } \end{aligned}$ | South | West | U. S. total | Northeast | North | South | West |
| th | Days of restricted activity in thousands |  |  |  |  | Days per 100 persons per year |  |  |  |  |
| All ages---- | 1,446,313 | 370,631 | 376,878 | 440,604 | 258,200 | 844.3 | 869.4 | 715.4 | 858.2 | 1,047.5 |
| 0-4--------------- | 197,576 | 55,338 | 47,797 | 53,108 | 41,332 | 1,005.7 | 1,286.9 | 742.0 | 890.9 | 1,404.4 |
| 5-14 | 366,601 | 98,805 | 98,197 | 98,998 | 70,601 | 1,068.1 | 1,254.2 | 929.4 | 925.4 | 1,362.7 |
| 15-24------------- | 159,416 | 38,880 | 33,959 | 62,441 | 24,136 | 726.2 | 762.2 | 513.8 | 856.4 | 817.6 |
| 25-44 | 306,156 | 78,567 | 80,987 | 87,819 | 58,783 | 672.8 | 673.8 | - 573.0 | 673.5 | 881.4 |
| 45-64------------- | 264,589 | 62,798 | 70,057 | 85,614 | 46,120 | 754.8 | 652.9 | 673.2 | 837.7 | 959.0 |
| $65+$ | 151,975 | 36,243 | 45,880 | 52,624 | 17,228 | 1,025.4 | 889.6 | 1,015.3 | 1,273.6 | 821.9 |
| Male |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| All ages---- | 622,572 | 160,700 | 158,302 | 190,980 | 112,591 | 746.8 | 776.6 | 607.9 | 774.1 | 941.9 |
| 0-4 | 106,301 | 28,421 | 23,398 | 31,024 | 23,459 | 1,062.3 | 1,274.5 | 714.0 | 1,033.8 | 1,565.0 |
| 5-14 | 185,177 | 49,370 | 50,284 | 51,229 | 34,295 | 1,057.2 | 1,245.8 | 923.7 | 939.6 | 1,290.3 |
| 15-24 | 52,575 | 12,007 | 11,804 | 20,454 | 8,310 | 510.3 | 486.3 | 388.5 | 589.1 | 628.1 |
| 25-44 | 107,425 | 29,899 | 27,975 | 29,092 | 20,459 | 492.2 | 536.5 | 398.5 | 477.8 | 651.1 |
| 45-64- | 113,604 | 26,993 | 28,235 | 38,512 | 19,863 | 669.1 | 581.2 | 549.1 | 798.0 | 839.9 |
| $65+$ | 57,491 | 14,011 | 16,605 | 20,669 | 6,205 | 853.9 | 772.4 | 783.3 | 1,128.2 | 642.3 |
| All ages--- | 823,741 | 209,931 | 218,576 | 249,625 | 145,609 | 936.7 | 956.9 | 820.6 | 936.0 | -1,146.9 |
| 0-4--------------- | 91,275 | 26,917 | 24,399 | 22,085 | 17,873 | 946.9 | 1,300.3 | 770.9 | 746.4 | 1,237.7 |
| 5-14------------- | 181,424 | 49,435 | 47,914 | 47,769 | 36,307 | 1,079.5 | 1,262.7 | 935.3 | 910.6 | 1,439.0 |
| 15-24 | 106,841 | 26,873 | 22,155 | 41,987 | 15,825 | 917.0 | 1,021.0 | 620.2 | 1,099.4 | 972.1 |
| 25-44 | 198,732 | 48,668 | 53,012 | 58,728 | 38,325 | 839.3 | 799.7 | 745.2 | 845.0 | 1,086.6 |
| 45-64------------- | 150,986 | 35,805 | 41,822 | 47,102 | 26,256 | 835.2 | 719.7 | 794.5 | 873.2 | 1,074.3 |
| $65+$ | 94,484 | 22,232 | 29,275 | 31,954 | 11,023 | 1,168.2 | 983.7 | 1,220.8 | 1,389.9 | 975.5 |

Table 9. Days of bed disability associated with acute conditions according to region by sex and age: United States, July 1958-June 1959
[Data are based on household interviews of the civilian noninstitutional population. The survey design, general qualifications of the data, and tables of sampling errors are given in Appendix 1 . Definitions of terms are given in Appendix 11]


Table 10. Incidence of acute conditions according to region by sex and condition group: United States, July 1958June 1959
[Data are based on household interviews of the civilian noninstitutional population. The survey design, general qualifications of the data, and tables of sampling errors are given in Appendix I. Definitions of terms are given in Appendix 11]

| Sex and condition group | Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | U. S. total | Northeast | North Central | South | West | U. S. total | Northeast | North Central | South | West |
|  | Incidence of acute conditions in thousands |  |  |  |  | Conditions per 100 persons per year |  |  |  |  |
| All acute conditions---------- | 367,941 | 93,359 | 112,176 | 99,876 | 62,530 | 214.8 | 219.0 | $212.9^{*}$ | 194.5 | 253.7 |
| Infectious and parasitic diseases--- | 44,240 | 17,617 | 7,632 | 13,401 | 5,591 | 25.8 | 41.3 | 14.5 | 26.1 | 22.7 |
| The "virus" (NOS) --.-.-.---------- | 20,381 | 11,565 | 1,788 | 6,195 | 833 | 11.9 | 27.1 | 3.4 | 12.1 | 3.4 |
| Other infectious and parasitic diseases | 23,858 | 6,052 | 5,844 | 7,205 | 4,758 | 13.9 | 14.2 | 11.1 | 14.0 | 19.3 |
| Respiratory conditions--------------- | 215,347 | 52,131 | 71,400 | 52,360 | 39,457 | 125.7 | 122.3 | 135.5 | 102.0 | 160.1 |
| Common cold- | 115,292 | 32,683 | 33,286 | 31,245 | 18,078 | 67.3 | 76.7 | 63.2 | 60.9 | 73.3 |
| Other upper respiratory | 27,089 | 8,849 | 7,414 | 6,698 | 4,128 | 15.8 | 20.8 | 14.1 | 13.0 | 16.7 |
| All other respiratory | 72,966 | 10,600 | 30,699 | 14,416 | 17,250 | 42.6 | 24.9 | 58.3 | 28.1 | 70.0 |
| Digestive system condition | 20,362 | 4,965 | 5,737 | 6,525 | 3,135 | 11.9 | 11.6 | 10.9 | 12.7 | 12.7 |
|  | 49,468 | 10,455 | 16,193 | 14,512 | 8,309 | 28.9 | 24.5 | 30.7 | 28.3 | 33.7 |
| Fractures, dislocations, sprains, and strains Open wounds, lacerations, contu- | 14,177 | 3,218 | 4,479 | 3,812 | 2,668 | 8.3 | 7.5 | 8.5 | 7.4 | 10.8 |
| sions, and superficial injuries- | 23,424 | 4,863 | 7,630 | 7,147 | 3,785 | 13.7 | 11.4 | 14.5 | 13.9 | 15.4 |
| Other injuries | 11,867 | 2,374 | 4,084 | 3,553 | 1,856 | 6.9 | 5.6 | 7.8 | 6.9 | 7.5 |
| Other conditions | 38,524 | 8,192 | 11,215 | 13,079 | 6,039 | 22.5 | 19.2 | 21.3 | 25.5 | 24.5 |
| Male |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| All acute conditions | 170,579 | 42,736 | 51,900 | 46,108 | 29,835 | 204.6 | 206.5 | 199.3 | 186.9 | 249.6 |
| Infectious and parasitic diseases-- | 22,407 | 8,533 | 3,764 | 7,009 | 3,101 | 26.9 | 41.2 | 14.5 | 28.4 | 25.9 |
| The "virus" (NOS)---------------- | 9,720 | 5,484 | 889 | 3,034 | 313 | 11.7 | 26.5 | 3.4 | 12.3 | 2.6 |
| Other infectious and parasitic diseases | 12,687 | 3,049 | 2,875 | 3,975 | 2,788 | 15.2 | 14.7 | 11.0 | 16.1 | 23.3 |
| Respiratory conditions | 95,796 | 22,845 | 31,401 | 23,410 | 18,140 | 114.9 | 110.4 | 120.6 | 94.9 | 151.8 |
| Common cold--.- | 51,911 | 14,251 | 15,064 | 13,956 | 8,640 | 62.3 | 68.9 | 57.8 | 56.6 | 72.3 |
| Other upper respiratory | 11,106 | 3,718 | 2,877 | 2,674 | 1,837 | 13.3 | 18.0 | 11.0 | 10.8 | 15.4 |
| All other respiratory------------- | 32,780 | 4,877 | 13,460 | 6,780 | 7,664 | 39.3 | 23.6 | 51.7 | 27.5 | 64.1 |
| Digestive system conditions--------- | 9,005 | 2,454 | 2,550 | 2,915 | 1,086 | 10.8 | 11.9 | 9.8 | 11.8 | 9.1 |
|  | 28,917 | 5,609 | 10,166 | 8,276 | 4,866 | 34.7 | 27.1 | 39.0 | 33.5 | 40.7 |
| Fractures, dislocations, sprains, and strains | 7,921 | 1,654 | 2,845 | 1,934 | 1,489 | 9.5 | 8.0 | 10.9 | 7.8 | 12.5 |
| Open wounds, lacerations, contusions, and superficial injuries- | 14,105 | 2,874 | 4,687 | 4,264 | 2,280 | 16.9 | 13.9 | 18.0 | 17.3 | 19.1 |
|  | 6,891 | 1,081 | 2,634 | 2,078 | 1,098 | 8.3 | 5.2 | 10.1 | 8.4 | 9.2 |
| Other conditions | 14,454 | 3,294 | 4,019 | 4,498 | 2,642 | 17.3 | 15.9 | 15.4 | 18.2 | 22.1 |
| Female |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| All acute conditions---------- | 197,362 | 50,623 | 60,276 | 53,767 | 32,695 | 224.4 | 230.7 | 226.3 | 201.6 | 257.5 |
| Infectious and parasitic diseases--- | 21,833 | 9,083 | 3,867 | 6,392 | 2,490 | 24.8 | 41.4 | 14.5 | 24.0 | 19.6 |
| The "virus" (NOS)------------------ | 10,661 | 6,081 | 899 | 3,161 | 520 | 12.1 | 27.7 | 3.4 | 11.9 | 4.1 |
| Other infectious and parasitic <br> diseases | 11,171 | 3,003 | 2,968 | 3,230 | 1,970 | 12.7 | 13.7 | 11.1 | 12.1 | 15.5 |
| Respiratory conditions--------------- | 119,551 | 29,286 | 39,999 | 28,950 | 21,317 | 135.9 | 133.5 | 150.2 | 108.6 | 167.9 |
| Common cold- | 63,382 | 18,432 | 18,222 | 17,289 | 9,438 | 72.1 | 84.0 | 68.4 | 64.8 | 74.3 |
| Other upper respiratory------------ | 15,983 | 5,131 | 4,537 | 4,024 | 2,292 | 18.2 | 23.4 | 17.0 | 15.1 | 18.1 |
| All other respiratory------------- | 40,186 | 5,724 | 17,239 | 7,637 | 9,587 | 45.7 | 26.1 | 64.7 | 28.6 | 75.5 |
| Digestive system conditions--------- | 11,357 | 2,511 | 3,188 | 3,610 | 2,048 | 12.9 | 11.4 | 12.0 | 13.5 | 16.1 |
|  | 20,551. | 4,846 | 6,027 | 6,235 | 3,443 | 23.4 | 22.1 | 22.6 | 23.4 | 27.1 |
| Fractures, dislocations, sprains, and strains | 6,256 | 1,564 | 1,634. | 1,878 | 1,180 | 7.1 | 7.1 | 6.1 | 7.0 | 9.3 |
| Open wounds, lacerations, contusions, and superficial injuries- | 9,319 | 1,989 | 2,943 | 2,882 | 1,505 | 10.6 | 9.1 | 11.0 | 10.8 | 11.9 |
| Other injuries-------------------- | 4,976 | 1,293 | 1,450 | 1,475 | 758 | 5.7 | 5.9 | 5.4 | 5.5 | 6.0 |
|  | 24,070 | 4,897 | 7,196 | 8,580 | 3,397 | 27.4 | 22.3 | 27.0 | 32.2 | 26.8 |

[^3]Table 11. Days of restricted activity associated with acute conditions according to region by sex and condition group: United States, July 1958-June 1959
[Data are based on household interviews of the civilian noninstitutional population. The survey design, general qualifications of the data, and tables of sampling errors are given in Appendix i. Definitions of terms are given in Appendix 11]

| Sex and condition group | Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | U. S . total | Northeast | $\begin{gathered} \text { North } \\ \text { Central } \end{gathered}$ | South | West | U. S. total | Northeast | North Central | South | West |
| Both sexes | Days of restricted activity in thousands |  |  |  |  | Days per 100 persons per year |  |  |  |  |
| All acute conditions | 1,446,313 | 370,631 | 376,878 | 440,604 | 258,200 | 844.3 | 869.4 | 715.4 | 858.2 | 1,047.5 |
| Infectious and parasitic diseases--- | 203,719 | 76,296 | 33,106 | 61,475 | 32,843 | 118.9 | 179.0 | 62.8 | 119.7 | 133.2 |
| The "virus" (NOS)------------------ | 67,707 | 38,285. | 4,818 | 19,973 | 4,632 | 39.5 | 89.8 | 9.1 | 38.9 | 18.8 |
| Other infectious and parasitic diseases | 136,012 | 38,011 | 28,288 | 41,503 | 28,211 | 79.4 | 89:2 | 53.7 | 80.8 | 114.4 |
| Respiratory condition | 700,072 | 172,604 | 210,008 | 188,164 | 129,296 | 408.7 | 404.9 | 398.7 | 366.5 | 524.5 |
| Common cold- | 304,525 | 87,665 | 83,628 | 84,997 | 48,234 | 177.8 | 205.6 | 158.8 | 165.6 | 195.7 |
| Other upper respiratory | 89,198 | 31,734 | 21,612 | 23,723 | 12,130 | 52.1 | 74.4 | 41.0 | 46.2 | 49.2 |
| All other respiratory------------1 | 306,349 | 53,205 | 104,768 | 79,444 | 68,932 | 178.8 | 124.8 | 198.9 | 154.7 | 279.6 |
| Digestive system conditi | 64,566 | 13,837 | 15,622 | 24,990 | 10,117 | 37.7 | 32.5 | 29.7 | 48.7 | 41.0 |
| Injuries------------ | 270,562 | 64,012 | 62,527 | 95,529 | 48,493 | 157.9 | 150.2 | 118.7 | 186.1 | 196.7 |
| Fractures, dislocations, sprains, and strains. | 142,651 | 34,600 | 34,339 | 44,835 | 28,876 | 83.3 | 81.2 | 65.2 | 87.3 | 117.1 |
| Open wounds, lacerations, contusions, and superficial injuries- | 87,716 | 19,846. | 18,979 | 37,256 | 11,635 | 51.2 | 46.6 | . 36.0 | 72.6 | 47.2 |
| Other injurie | 40,195 207,395 | 9,566 43,883 | 9,209 55,614 | 13,438 70,446 | 7,982 37,451 | 23.5 121.1 | 22.4 102.9 | 17.5 105.6 | 26.2 137.2 | 47.4 $: 151.9$ |
| Male <br> All acute conditions |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 622,572 | 160,700 | 158,302 | 190,980 | 112,591 | 746.8 | 776.6 | 607.9 | 774.1 | 941.9 |
| Infectious and parasitic diseases--- | 104, 235 | 34,806 | 18,290 | 32,353 | 18,785 | 125.0 | 168.2 | 70.2 | 131.1 | 157.2 |
| The "virus" (NOS)---------------- | 30,335 | 17,073 | 1,891 | 8,799 | 2,573 | 36.4 | 82.5 | 7.3 | 35.7 | 21.5 |
| Other infectious and parasitic diseases | 73,900 | 17,733 | 16,399 | 23,555 | 16,212 | 88.7 | 85.7 | 63:0 | 95.5 | 135.6 |
| Respiratory condition | 292,033 | 71,301 | 81,759 | 86,552 | 52,422 | 350.3 | 344.6 | 314.0 | 350,8 | 438.6 |
| Cormon cold--- | 129,142 | 35,987 | 34,209 | 38;143 | 20,803 | 154.9 | 173.9 | 131.4 | 154.6 | 174.0 |
| Other upper. respirator | 34,003 | 12,202 | 7,527 | 9,264 | 5,010 | 40.8 | 59.0 | 28.9 | 37.5 | 41.9 |
| All other respiratory | 128,888 | 23,111 | 40,023 | 39,145 | 26,609 | 154.6 | 111.7 | 153.7 | 158.7 | 222.6 |
| Digestive system conditions-------- | 25,442 | 5,721 | 7,439 | 9,196 | 3,086 | 30.5 | 27.6 | 28.6 | 37.3 | 25.8 |
| Injuries-------------------------- | 135,099 | 33,638 | 32,236 | 43,434 | 25,791 | 162.1 | 162.6 | 123.8 | 176.0 | 215.8 |
| Fractures, dislocations, sprains, and strains | 73,393 | 19,328 | 16,246 | 23,311 | 14,508 | 88.0 | 93.4 | 62.4 | 94.5 | 121.4 |
| Open wounds, lacerations, contusions, and superficial injuries- | 41,471 | 8,861 | 10,664 | 15,866 | 6,081 | 49.7 | 42.8 | 40.9 | 64.3 | 50.9 |
| Other injuries------------------- | 20, 234 | 5,449 | 5,326 | 4,257 | 5,203 | 24.3 | 26.3 | 20.5 | 17.3 | 43.5 |
| other condition | 65,763 | $\ldots 15,235$ | 18,578 | 19,444 | 12,506 | 78.9 | 73.6 | 71.3 | 78.8 | 104.6 |
| Female |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| A11 acute conditions--------- | 823,741 | 209,931 | 218,576 | 249,625 | 145,609 | 936.7 | 956.9 | 820.6 | 936.0 | 1,146.9 |
| Infectious and parasitic diseases--- | 99,484 | 41,490 | 14,815 | 29,122 | 14,058 | 113.1 | 189.1 | 55.6 | 109.2 | 110.7 |
| The "virus" (NOS)---------------- | 37,372 | 21,212 | 2,926 | 11,174 | 2,059 | 42.5 | 96.7 | 11.0 | 41.9 | 16.2 |
| Other infectious and parasitic diseases- | 62,113 | 20,277 | 11,889 | 17,948 | 11,998 | 70.6 | 92.4 | 44.6 | 67.3 | 94.5 |
| Respiratory condition | 408,038 | 101,303 | 128,249 | 101,612 | 76,874 | 464.0 | 461.7 | 481.5 | 381.0 | 605.5 |
| Common cold--- | 175,383 | 51,678 | 49,419 | 46,854 | 27,431 | 199.4 | 235.6 | 185.5 | 175.7 | 216.1 |
| Other upper respiratory | 55,194 | 19,531 | 14,085 | 14,459 | 7,120 | 62.8 | 89:0 | 52.9 | 54.2 | 56.1 |
| All other respiratory | 177,461 | 30,093 | 64,745 | 40,299 | 42,323 | 201.8 | 137.2 | 243.1 | 151.1 | 333.4 |
| Digestive system conditions-------- | 39,124 | 8,115 | 8,183 | 15,794 | 7,031 | 44.5 | 37.0 | 30.7 | 59.2 | 55.4 |
|  | 135,463 | 30,374 | 30,292 | 52,095 | 22,702 | 154.0 | 138.4 | 113.7 | 195.3 | 178.8 |
| Fractures, dislocations, sprains, and strains | 69,257. | 15,272 | 18,093 | 21,524 | 14,368 | 78.8 | 69.6 | 67.9 | 80.7 | 113.2 |
| Open wounds, lacerations, contusions, and superficial injuries- | 46,245 | 10,985 | 8,315 | 21,390 | 5,554 | 52.6 | 50.1 | 31.2 | 80.2 | 43.7 |
| Other injuries--------------- | 19,960 | 4,116 | 3,884 | 9,181 | 2,779 | 22.7 | 18.8 | 14.6 | 34.4 | 21.9 |
| Other conditions-------------------- | 141,631 | 28,648 | 37,036 | 51,002 | 24,945 | 161.1 | 130.6 | 139.0 | 191.2 | 196.5 |

Table 12. Days of bed disability associated with acute conditions according to region by sex and condition group: United States, July 1958-June 1959
 tables of sampling errors are given in Appendix l. Definitions of terms are given in Appendix il]

| Sex and condition group | Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | U. S. total | Northeast | $\begin{aligned} & \text { North } \\ & \text { Central } \end{aligned}$ | South | West | U. S. total | Northeast | North Central | South | West |
| Both | Days of bed disability in thousands |  |  |  |  | Days per 100 persons per year |  |  |  |  |
| A11 acute conditions-------.-- | 615,847 | 152,811 | 166,526 | 187,633 | 108,878 | 359.5 | 358.4 | 316.1 | 365.5 | 441.7 |
| Infectious and parasitic diseases--- | 90,770 | 33,458 | 14,386 | 29,192 | 13,734 | 53.0 | 78.5 | 27.3 | 56.9 | 55.7 |
|  | 34,642 | 19,855 | 2,928 | 10,139 | 1,720 | 20.2 | 46.6 | 5.6 | 19.7 | 7.0 |
| Other infectious and parasitic diseases | 56,129 | 13,603 | 11,458 | 19,053 | 12,014 | 32.8 | 31.9 | 21.8 | 37.1 | 48.7 |
| Respiratory condition | 326,024 | 77,821 | 98,771 | 89,523 | 59,909 | 190.3 | 182.5 | 187.5 | 174.4 | 243.0 |
| Common cold-. | 113,388 | 33,272 | 30,571 | 33,580 | 15,964 | 66.2 | 78.0 | 58.0 | 65.4 | 64.8 |
| Other upper respirator | 42,721 | 15,882 | 10,741 | 10,113 | 5,986 | 24.9 | 37.3 | 20.4 | 19.7 | 24.3 |
| All other respiratory | 169,915 | 28,666 | 57,459 | 45,831 | 37,959 | 99.2 | 67.2 | 109.1 | 89.3 | 154.0 |
| Digestive system conditions--------- | 28,787 | 5,248 | 7,000 | 11,305 | 5,234 | 16.8 | 12.3 | 13.3 | 22.0 | 21.2 |
|  | 83,762. | 18,731 | 21,857 | 26,800 | 16,374 | 48.9 | 43.9 | 41.5 | 52:2 | 66.4 |
| Fractures, dislocations, sprains, <br>  Open wounds, lacerations, contu- | 45,903 | 9,549 | 11,056 | 15,885 | 9,413 | 26.8 | 22.4 | 21.0 | 30.9 | 38.2 |
| Open wounds, lacerations, contusions, and superficial injuries- | 25,515 | 6,851 | 7,098 | 8,037 | 3,529 | 14.9 | 16.1 | 13.5 | 15.7 | 14.3 |
| Other injuries---------------------- | 12,345 | 2,330 | 3,703 | 2,879 | 3,432 | 7.2 | 5.5 | 7.0 | 5.6 | 13.9 |
| Other conditions | 86,504 | 17,553 | 24,511 | 30,813 | 13,628 | 50.5 | 41.2 | 46.5 | 60.0 | 55.3 |
| Male |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| All acute conditions | 266,528 | 61,941 | 69,555 | 86,432 | 48,600 | 219.7 | 299.3 | 267.1 | 350.3 | 406.6 |
| Infectious and parasitic diseases--- | 46,804 | 14,345 | 7,462 | 17,067 | 7,929 | 56.1 | 69.3 | 28.7 | 69.2 | 66.3 |
|  | 15,863 | 8,828 | 1,034 | 5,093 | 907 | 19.0 | 42.7 | 4.0 | 20.6 | 7.6 |
| Other infectious and parasitic diseases | 30,941 | 5,517 | 6,428 | 11,974 | 7,022 | 37.1 | 26.7 | 24.7 | 48.5 | 58.7 |
| Respiratory condition | 138,068 | 31,460 | 39,049 | 43,075 | 24,483 | 165.6 | 152.0 | 149.9 | 174.6 | 204.8 |
| Common cold | 48,349 | 13,025 | 13,964 | 14,360 | 7,000 | 58.0 | 62.9 | 53.6 | 58.2 | 58.6 |
| Other upper respirato | 17,409 | 6,418 | 3,314 | 5,314 | 2,362 | 20.9 | 31.0 | 12.7 | 21.5 | 19.8 |
| All other respiratory- | 72,309 | 12,016 | 21,771 | 23,401 | 15,121 | 86.7 | 58.1 | 83.6 | 94.8 | 126.5 |
| Digestive system conditions | 10,153 | 1,634 | 2,828 | 4,099 | 1,592 | 12.2 | 7.9 | 10.9 | 16.6 | 13.3 |
| Injuries | 43,714 | 8,410 | 11,854 | 13,502 | 9,948 | 52.4 | 40.6 | , $4 \overline{5} .5$ | 54.7 | 83.2 |
| Fractures, dislocations, sprains, and strains | 25,273 | 5,929 | 5,213 | 8,880 | 5,251 | 30.3 | 28.7 | 20.0 | 36.0 | 43.9 |
| Open wounds, lacerations, contusions, and superficial injuries- | 11,664 | 1,869 | 4,058 | 3,564 | 2,173 | 14.0 | 9.0 | 15.6 | 14.4 | 18.2 |
| Other injuries | 6,776 | 611 | 2,584 | 1,057 | 2,524 | 8.1 | 3.0 | 9.9 | 4.3 |  |
| Other conditions | 27,790 | 6,092 | 8,362 | 8,689 | 4,648 | 33.3 | 29.4 | 32.1 | 35.2 | 38.9 |
| Female |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| All acute conditions---------- | 349,319 | 90,870 | 96,970 | 101,201 | 60,278 | 397.2 | 414.2 | 364.1 | 379.5 | 474.8 |
| Infectious and parasitic diseases--- | 43,967 | 19,113 | 6,924 | 12,125 | 5,805 | 50.0 | 87.1 | 26.0 | 45.5 | 45.7 |
| The "virus" (NOS)---------------- | 18,779 | 11,027 | 1,894 | 5,045 | 813 | 21.4 | 50.3 | 7.1 | 18.9 | 6.4 |
| Other infectious and parasitic diseases | 25,188 | 8,086 | 5,031 | 7,080 | 4,992 | 28.6 | 36.9 | 18.9 | 26.5 | 39.3 |
| Respiratory conditions-------------- | 187,956 | 46,361 | 59,722 | 46,448 | 35,426 | 213.7 | 211.3 | 224.2 | 174.2 | 279.0 |
| Common cold | 65,039 | 20, 247 | 16,607 | 19,220 | 8,964 | 74.0 | 92.3 | 62.3 | 72.1 | 70.6 |
| Other upper respiratory----------- | 25,312 | 9,464 | 7,427 | 4,798 | 3,624 | 28.8 | 43.1 | 27.9 | 18.0 | 28.5 |
| All other respiratory------------- | 97,605 | 16,650 | 35,688 | 22,429 | 22,838 | 111.0 | 75.9 | 134.0 | 84.1 | 179.9 |
| Digestive system conditions--------- | 18,634 | 3,614 | 4,172 | 7,206 | 3,641 | 21.2 | 16.5 | 15.7 | 27.0 | 28.7 |
| Injuries---------------------------- | 40,048 | 10,321 | 10,003 | 13,298 | 6,426 | 45.5 | 47.0 | 37.6 | 49.9 | 50.6 |
| Fractures, dislocations, sprains, and strains | 20,629 | 3,620 | 5,843 | 7,004 | 4,162 | 23.5 | 16.5 | 21.9 | 26.3 | 32.8 |
| Open wounds, lacerations, contusions, and superficial injuries- | 13,850 | 4,982 | 3,040 | 4,472 | 1,356 | 15.7 | 22.7 | 11.4 | 16.8 | 10.7 |
| Other injuries-------------------- | 5,568 | 1,719 | 1,120 | 1,821 | 908 | 6.3 | 7.8 | 4.2 | 6.8 | 7.2 |
| Other conditions | 58,714 | 11,461 | 16,149 | 22,124 | 8,980 | 66.8 | 52.2 | 60.6 | 83.0 | 70.7 |

Table 13. Population used in obtaining rates shown in this report by residence, sex, and age: United States, July 1958-June 1959
[Data are based on household interviews of the civilian noninstltutional population. The survey design, general qualifications of the data, and tables of sampling errors are given in Appendix 1 . Definitions of terms are given in Appendix.11]

| Sex and age | Residence |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | U. S. total | Urban | Rural nonfarm | Rural farm |
|  | Population in thousands |  |  |  |
| A11 ages------------------- | 171,300 | 102,815 | 49,232 | 19,253 |
| 0-4---------------------------------- | 19,646 | 10,910 | 6,758 | 1,977 |
| 5-14---------------------------------- | 34,323 | 18,728 | 11,177 | 4,419 |
| 15-24------------------------------- | 21,953 | 13,077 | 6,091 | 2,785 |
| 25-44-------------------------------- | 45,502 | 27,510 | 14,023 | 3,969 |
| 45-64 <br> 65+ | 35,055 14,821 | 22,979 9,611 | 7,850 3,333 | 4,226 1,878 |
| A11 ages-------------------- | '83,360 | 48,943 | 24,476 | 9,941 |
| 0-4------------------------------- | 10,007 | 5,574 | 3,395 | 1,038 |
| 5-14---------------------------------- | 17,516 | 9,480 | 5,762 | 2,274 |
| 15-24------------------------------- | 10,302 | 5,946 | 2,889 | 1,467 |
| 25-44-------------------------------- | 21,824 | 13,035 | 6,846 | 1,942 |
| 45-64--------------------------------- | 16,978 | 10,814 | 3,975 | 2,189 |
| 65+----------------------------------1-1- | 6,733 | 4,092 | 1,609 | 1,031 |
| Female |  |  |  |  |
| $\therefore$ All ages- | 87,941 | 53,872 | 24,756 | 9,313 |
| 0-4--------------------------------- | 9,639 | 5,336 | 3,363 | 939 |
| 5-14-------------------------------- | 16,807 | 9,247 | 5,416 | 2,144 |
| 15-24----------------------------- | 11,651 | 7,130 | 3,202 | 1,319 |
| 25-44---------------------------------- | 23,678 | 14,475 | 7,177 | 2,027 |
| 45-64------------------------------- | 18,077 | 12,165 | 3,875 | 2,038 |
| 65+----------------------------------- | 8,088 | 5,518 | 1,724 | 846 |

NOTE: For official population estimates for more general use, see Bureau of the Census reports on the civilian population of the United States, in Current Population Reports: Series P-20, P-25, P-50, P-57, and P-60.

Table 14. Population used in obtaining rates shown in this report by region, sex, and age: United States, July 1958-June 1959
[Data are based on household Interviews of the civilian noninstitutional population. The survey design, general qualifications of the data, and tables of sampling errors are given in Appendix 1 . Definitions of terms are given in Appendix 1!]


NOTE: For official population estimates for more general use, see Bureau of the Census reports on the civilian population of the United States, in Current Population Reports: Series P-20, P-25, P-50, P-57, and P-60.

## APPENDIX I <br> TECHNICAL NOTES ON METHODS

## Background of Țhis Report

This report, Acute Conditions, Geographic Distribution, is one of a series of statistical reports prepared by the U. S. National Health Survey which cover separate health-related topics. It is based on information collected in a continuing nationwide sample of households in the Health Interview Survey, which is a main aspect of the program.

The Health Interview Survey utilizes a questionnaire which elicits information on illnesses, injuries, chronic conditions, disability, medical care, and other health topics in addition to personal and demographic characteristics. As data relating to each of these various broad topics are tabulated and analyzed, separate reports are issued which cover one or more of the specific topics.

The population covered by the samplefor the Health lnterview Survey is the civilian noninstitutional population of the United States living at the time of interview. The sample does not include members of the Armed Forces, U. S. nationals living in foreign countries, or crews of vessels. lt should also be noted that the estimates shown do not represent a complete inventory of acute conditions for the specified calendar period since no adjustment has been made for persons who incurred acute conditions during the 2 -week-recall period but who died prior to the interview.

## Statistical Design of the <br> Healih Interview Survey

General plan.-The sampling plan of the survey follows a multistage probability design which permits a continuous sampling of the civilian population of the United States. The first stage of this design consists of drawing a sample of 500 from the 1,900 geographically defined Primary Sampling Units (PSU's) into which the United States has been divided. A PSU is a county, a group of contiguous counties, or a Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area.

With noloss in general understanding, the remaining stages can be telescoped and treated in this discussion as an ultimate stage. Within PSU's then, ultimate stage units called segments are defined, also geographically, in such a manner that each segment contains an expected six households. Each week a random sample of about 120 segments is drawn. In the approximately 700 households in these segments, household members are interviewed concerning illnesses, injuries, chronic conditions, disability, and other factors related to health.

Since the household members interviewed each week are a representative sample of the population, samples for successive weeks can be combined into larger samples for a calendar quarter or a year. Thus the design permits both continuous measurement of characteristics of high incidence or prevalence in the population and, through the larger consolidated sam-
ples, more detailed analysis of less common characteristics and smaller categories. The continuous collection has administrative and operational advantages as well as technical assets, since it permits field work to be handled with an experienced, stable staff.

Sample size and geographic detail. - The national sample plan over the 12 -month period ending June 28 , 1959 included approximately 120,000 persons from 37,000 households in 6,200 segments, with representation from every State. The over-all sample was designed in such a fashion that, from the annual sample, tabulations can be provided for various geographic sections of the United States and for urban and rural sectors of the Nation.

Collection of data. - The field operations for the household survey are performed by the Bureau of the Census under specifications established by the Public Health Service, In accordance with these specifications the Bureau of the Census designs and selects the sample, conducts the field interviewing and edits and codes the questionnaires. Tabulations are prepared by the Public Health Service using the Bureau of the Census electronic computers.

Estimating methods.-Each statistic produced by the survey-for example, the number of acute conditions occurring in a specified period-is the result of two stages of ratio estimation. In the first of these, the factor is the ratio of the 1950 decennial population count to the 1950 estimated population in the U. S. National Health Survey's first-stage sample of PSU's. This factor is applied for more than 50 color-residence classes.

Later, ratios of sample-produced estimates to official Bureau of the Census figures for current population are computed for 60 age-sex-color classes, and serve as second-stage factors for ratio estimating.

The effect of the ratio estimating process is to make the sample closely representative of the U.S. population by age, sex, color, and residence, thus reducing sampling variance.

As noted, each week's sample represents the population living during that week and characteristics of the population. For statistics which measure the prevalence of a characteristic at one point in time, consolidation of the weekly samples over any time period, such as a year, produces an estimate of the average prevalence of the characteristic during that time period.

For statistics which measure the incidence of conditions or disability days during a specified period of time, the procedure is different. For such items, the specified period on the questionnaire is the 2 weeks prior to the interview. Therefore, the response is multiplied by 6.5 to produce an estimate for the 13 -week quarter, and the quarterly estimates are added to obtain an estimate of the incidence during any longer time period, such as a year. Thus, the experience which actually occurred for each person in a 2 -week period is treated as though it measured the total of such experience during the year. Such interpretation leads to no significant bias.

## General Qualifications

Nonresponse.-Data were adjusted for nonresponse by a procedure which imputed to persons in a household which was not interviewed the characteristics of persons in households in the same segment which were interviewed. The total noninterview rate was 5 percent; 1 percent was refusal, and the other 4 percent was primarily due to the failure to find any eligible household respondent after repeated trials.

The interview process. - The statistics presented in this report are based on replies secured in interviews in the sampled households. Each person 18 years of age and over, available at the time of interview, was interviewed individually. Proxy respondents within the household were employed for children and for adults not available at the time of the interview, provided the respondent was closely related to the person about whom information was being obtained.

There are limitations to the accuracy of diagnostic and other information collected in household interviews. For diagnostic information, the household respondent can, at best, pass on to the interviewer only the information the physician has given to the family. For conditions which were not medically attended, diagnostic information is often no more than a description of symptoms. However, other facts, such as the number of disability days caused by the condition, can be obtained more accurately from household members than from any other source since only the persons concerned are in a position to report information of this type.

Population figures. - Some of the published tables include population figures for specified categories. Except for certain over-all totals which are adjusted to independent estimates, these figures are based on the sample of househoIds in the U. S. National Health Survey. They are given primarily for the purpose of providing denominators for rate computation, and for this purpose are more appropriate for use with the accompanying measures of health characteristics than other population data which may be available. In some instances they will-permit users to recombine published data into classes more suitable to their specific needs. The population figures differ from corresponding figures (which are derived from different sources) published in reports of the Bureau of the Census. For population data for general use, see the official estimates presented in Bureau of the Census reports in the $\mathrm{P}-20$, $\mathrm{P}-25, \mathrm{P}-50, \mathrm{P}-57$, and $\mathrm{P}-60$ series.

## Reliability of Estimates

Since the estimates are based on a sample, they will differ somewhat from the figures that would have been obtained if a complete census had been taken using the same schedules, instructions, and interviewing personnel and procedures. As in any survey, the results are also subject to measurement error.

The standard error is primarily a measure of sampling variability, that is, the variations that might occur by chance because only a sample of the population is surveyed. As calculated for this report, the standard error also reflects part of the variation which arises in the measurement process. It does not include estimates of any biases which might lie in the data. The chances are about 68 out of 100 that an estimate from the sample differs from the value obtained from a complete census by less than the standard error. The chances are about 95 out of 100 that the difference is less than twice the standard exror and about 99 out of 100 that it is less than $2 \%$ times as large.

In order to derive standard errors which would be applicable to a wide variety of health statistics and which could be prepared at a moderate cost, a number of approximations were required. As a result, the tables of standard errors shown in this Appendix should be interpreted as providing an estimate of approximate standard error, rather than as the precise standard error for any specific statistic.

The following rules will enable the reader to determine the sampling errors for the data contained in this report.

1. Estimates of aggregates: Approximate standard errors of estimates of aggregates, such as the number of acute conditions, the number of disability days, and the number of persons in a major activity category, are obtained from table I.

## Example:

There were $44,240,000$ infectious and parasitic diseases. Since the standard error for this estimate is not shown in table l, it is necessary to interpolate between the standard error for $30,000,000$ conditions which is $1,800,000$ and the standard error for $50,000,000$ conditions which is $2,500,000$. Such interpolation gives $2,298,000$ as the standard error for $44,240,000$ conditions.
2. Estimates of percentages in a percent distribution: Approximate standard errors for the percentage of the acute conditions in a category are given in table Il. Approximate standard errors for the percentage of the disability days in a category are given in table III. Examples:
(a) An estimated 12.0 percent of the 367,941,000 acute conditions were infectious and parasitic diseases. Since neither the base nor the percentage is shown in table II, it is necessary to interpolate between 10 percent and 25 percent to obtain 0.740 as the standard error of 12 percent for a base of $250,000,000$ and 0.727 as the standard error of 12 percent with a base of $500,000,000$. A final interpolation between these results yields 0.734 as the standard error for a statistic of 12.0 percent with a base of $367,941,000$.
(b) An estimated 14.7 percent of the $615,847,000$ days of bed disability due to acute conditions were caused by infectious and parasitic diseases. Since neither the base nor the percentage is shown in table III, it is necessary to interpolate between 10 percent and 25 percent to obtain 0.694 as the standard error for 14.7 percent for a base of $500,000,000$ and 0.594 as the standard error of 14.7 percent with a base of $750,000,000$. A final interpolation between these results yields 0.648 as the standard error of 14.7 percent with a base of $615,847,000$.
3. Estimates of rates of the number of conditions or number of disability days for a specified number of persons in the population: Approximate standard errors for these rates are obtained as follows:
(a) Obtain the standard error of the numerator from table I. Divide the standard error by the numerator itself. Square the result.
(b) Obtain the standard error of the denominator from table 1. Divide the standard error by the denominator itself. Square the result.
(Note: where the denominator is adjusted to Bureau of the Census figures and not subject to sampling error, this quantity is zero.)
(c) Add the answers from steps (a) and (b) above and extract the square root.
(d) Multiply the answer from step (c) by the rate. The result is the approximate standard error
of the rate. This procedure normally gives an overestimate of the true sampling error.

## Examples:

(a) There were 55.7 days of bed disability due to infectious and parasitic diseases per 100 persons in the West. Utilizing Rule I we find that the standard error for the numerator of $13,734,000$ days is $1,761,000$, and the standard error for the denominator of $24,650,000$ persons in a region is 314,000 . Completing the computation as follows:

$$
\sqrt[55.7]{\left(\frac{1,761}{13,734}\right)^{2}+\left(\frac{314}{24,650}\right)^{2}}
$$

yields 7.19 as the standard error of 55.7 conditions per 100 persons in the West.
(b) There were 21.4 infectious and parasitic diseases per 100 persons living on rural farms. Utilizing Rule I we find that the standard error for the numerator of $4,118,000$ conditions is 712,000 , and the denominator has no sampling error. Completing the computation as follows:

$$
21 . \sqrt[4]{\left(\frac{712}{4.118}\right)^{2}+0}
$$

yields 3.70 as the standard error of 21.4 conditions per 100 persons in a residence area.

Table II. Standard errors of percentage distributions of estimated number of acute conditions

| When the base of the percentage is: (in thousands) | For estimated percentages of: |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} 2 \text { or } \\ 98 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 5 \text { or } \\ 95 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 10 \text { or } \\ 90 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 25 \text { or } \\ & 75 \end{aligned}$ | 50 |
|  | The approximate standard error (expressed in percentage points) is: |  |  |  |  |
| 2,500 | 3.6 | 5.6 | 6.8 | 9.8 | 12.9 |
| 12,500 | 1.6 | 2.5 | 3.0 | 4.4 | 5.8 |
| 25,000 | 1.1 | 1.8 | 2.1 | 3.1 | 4.1 |
| 50,000 | 0.8 | 1.3 | 1.5 | 2.2 | 2.9 |
| 75,000 | 0.7 | 1.0 | 1.2 | 1.8 | 2.4 |
| 125,000 | 0.5 | 0.8 | 1.0 | 1.4 | 1.8 |
| 250,000 | 0.4 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 1.0 | 1.3 |
| 500,000 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.7 | 0.9 |

Table. I. Standard errors for the estimated number of acute conditions, disability days, and persons in a region

| When the size of estimate is: | For estimates of the number of: |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Acute conditions | Days of disability | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Persons } \\ & \text { in a } \\ & \text { region } \end{aligned}$ |
|  | The approximate standard error is: |  |  |
| 100 |  | $\cdots$ | 22 |
| 500 | $\cdots$ |  | 50 |
| 1,000 | 350 | 500 | 70 |
| 2,000 | 500 | 700 | 100 |
| 3,000 | 600 | 900 | 120 |
| 5,000 | 800 | 1,200 | 160 |
| 10,000 | 1,100 | 1,500 | 220 |
| 20,000 | 1,600 | 2,200 | 300 |
| 30,000 | 1,800 | 2,700 | 330 |
| 50,000 | 2,500 | 3,500 | 350 |
| 100,000 | 3,500 | 5,500 | 400 |
| 200,000 | ... | 8,000 | '.. |
| 500,000 | . . | 15,000 |  |
| NOTE: Since the estimated number of persons in any residence-age-sex class is adjusted to official Bureau of the Census figures, such estimates are not sübject to sampting errors. |  |  |  |

Table III. Standard errors of percentage distributions of estimated number of days of disability

| When the base of the percentage is: <br> (in thousands) | For estimated percentages of: |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} 2 \text { or } \\ 98 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 5 \text { Jor } \\ & 95 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 10 \text { or } \\ 90 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 25 \text { or } \\ 75 \end{gathered}$ | 50 |
|  | The approximate standard error (expressed in percentage points) is: |  |  |  |  |
| 2,500 | 4.2 | 6.5 | 9.0 | 13.0 | 15.0 |
| 12,500 | 1.9 | 2.9 | 4.0 | 5.8 | 6.7 |
| 25,000 | 1.3 | 2.1. | 2.8 | 4.1 | 4.7 |
| 50,000 | 0.9 | 1.5 | 2.0 | 2.9 | 3.4 |
| 75,000 | 0.8 | 1.2 | 1.6 | 2.4 | 2.7 |
| 125,000 | 0.6 | 0.9 | 1.3 | 1.8 | 2.1 |
| 250,000 | 0.4 | 0.7 | 0.9 | 1.3 | 1.5 |
| 500,000 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.9 | 1.1 |

## APPENDIX II

## DEFINITIONS OF CERTAIN TERMS USED IN THIS REPORT

## Terms Relating to Acute Conditions

Acute condition. - An acute condition is defined as a condition which has lasted less than 3 months and which has involved either medical attention or restricted activity. Because of the procedures used to estimate incidence, the acure conditions included in this report are the conditions which had their onset during the 2 weeks prior to the interview week and which involved either medical attention or restricted activity during that 2 -week period.

The exception to the above definition is that certain conditions, which by nature are considered to be chronic, are always classified as such regardless of onset. These conditions, which are excluded from this report, are listed below.

## Conditions Always Classified as Chronic

| Asthma or hay fever | Kidney stones <br> Tuberculosis |
| :--- | :--- |
| Rheumatic fever | Arthritis or rheumatism |
| Prostate trouble |  |
| Hardening of the arteries | Diabetes |
| High blood pressure | Thyroid trouble or goiter |
| Heart trouble | Any allergy |
| Stroke | Epilepsy |
| Hemorrhoids or piles | Mental or nervous trouble |
| Peptic ulcer | All impairments, as defined |

Condition group. -Conditions are classified according to the International Classification of Diseases, 1955 Revision, with certain modifications adopted to make the code more suitable for a household-interview survey. In this report, all tables which have data classified by type of condition employ a 12 category regrouping. The International Classification code numbers included in each category are shown below.

International Classification
Code Numbers
001-138 097 001-096, 098-138

470-529, 783
470
471-479, 510-517
480-509, 518-529, 783
530-589, 784
N800-N999
N800-N849
N870-N929
N850-N869, N930-N999
Remaining code numbers
590-609, 620-689
All other code numbers

Note: Although all the code numbers in the International Classification are accounted for in the list above, only those conditions which meet the definition of an acute condition are included in this report.

Onset of conditions. - A condition is considered to have hadits onset when it was first noticed. This could be the time when the person first felt sick or became injured, or it could be the time when the person or his family was first told by a physician that he had a condition of which he was previously unaware.

Condition involving medical attention. - A condition involving medical attention is a condition for which a person consulted a physician for trearment or advice either at its onset or at any time thereafter during the 2 -week period. Advice from the physician transmitted by telephone or through a nurse is counted as medical attention, as well as visits to physicians in clinics or hospitals. If the physicianis consulted about more than one condition at the same time, each condition is considered as having been medically attended.

For the purpose of this definition, physician includes doctors of medicine and osteopathic physicians.

Condition involving restricted activity. - A condition involving restricted activity is a condition which caused a person to substantially reduce his normal activities for at least $l$ entire day during the 2 -week period.

## Terms Relating to Disability

Disability days.-The disability days shown in this report are days of restricted activity or bed disability occurring in the 2 weeks prior to the interview week which were attributed to specific acute conditions. Since any particular day of disability may be due to more than one condition, the total days for all acute conditions may be larger than the number of days which persons actually experienced.

Restricted-activity day.-A day of restricted activity is one on which a person substantially reduces the amount of activity normal for that day because of a specific illness or injury. The type of reduction varies with the age and occupation of the individual as well as with the day of the week or season of the year. Restricted activity covers the range from substantial reduction to complete inactivity for the entire day.

Bed-disability day.-A day of bed disability is one on which a person stays in bed for all or most of the day because of a specific illness or injury. All or most of the day is defined as more than half the daylight hours. All hospital days for inpatients are considered to be days of bed disability even if the patient was not actually in bed at the hospital.

## Demographic Terms

Age. -The age recorded for each person is his age at last birthday. Age is recorded in single years and
combined into groups suitable for the purpose of the table.

Residence - Residence is the term used to signify the division of the United States into urban, rural-nonfarm, and rural-farm populations. The definition of urban and rural areas is the same as that used in the, 1950 Census.

Urban. - The urban population includes all persons living in (a) places of 2,500 inhabitants or more which are incorporated as cities, boroughs, or villages; (b) incorporated towns of 2,500 inhabitants or more except in New England, New York, and Wisconsin where "Towns" are simply minor civil divisions of counties; (c) the densely settled urban fringe including both incorporated and unincorporated areas around cities of 50,000 or more inhabitants; and (d) unincorporated places of 2,500 inhabitants or more outside any urban fringe. The remaining population is classified as rural.

Rural farm. - The rural-farm population includes all ruraI residents living on farms. In deciding whether the members of a household live on a farm or ranch, the statement of the household respondent is accepted with the following exception. A house occupied by persons who pay cash rentfor house and yard only is not counted as a farm or ranch even if the surrounding area is farm land. This special case does not cover: (1) the living quarters of a tenant farmer who rents farm land as well as house and yard; (2) the quarters of a hired hand who receives living quarters on a farm as part of his compensation; or (3) separate living quarters inside a structure which is classified as being on a farm. In all of these cases the living quarters are counted as being on a farm.

Rural-nonfarm. -The rural-nonfarm population includes all of the remaining rural population. Region. -For the purpose of classifying the population by geographic area, the States are grouped into four regions. These regions, which correspond to those used by the Bureau of the Census, are as follows:

| Region | States Included |
| :--- | :--- |
| Northeast | Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, <br> Massachusetts, Rhode Island, <br> Connecticut, New York, <br> New Jersey, Pennsylvania |
| North Central | Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, <br> Wisconsin, Minnesota, lowa, <br> Missouri, North Dakota, <br> South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas |
| South | Delaware, Maryland, District of <br> Columbia, Virginia, West Virginia, |
| North Carolina, South Carolina, |  |
| Georgia, Florida, Kentucky, |  |
| Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, |  |
| Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, |  |
| Texas |  |$\quad$| Montana, ldaho, Wyoming, |
| :--- |, | Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, |
| :--- |
| Utah, Nevada, Washington, |

## APPENDIX III

## QUESTIONNAIRE

The items below show the exact content and wording of the questionnaire used in the household survey. The actual questionnaire is designed for a household as a unit and includes additional spaces for reports on more than one person.







## NATIONAL HEALTH SURVEY

Check Llst of Chronic Conditlons

1. Asthma or hay fever
2. Tuberculosis
3. Chronic bronchitis
4. Repeated attacks of sinus trouble
5. Rheumatic fever
6. Hardening of the arteries
7. High blood pressure
8. Heart trouble
9. Stroke
10. Trouble with varicose veins
11. Hemorrhoids or plles
12. Chronic gallbladder or liver
trouble
13. Stomach ulcer
14. Any other chronic stomach trouble
15. Kidney stones or ehronic kidney trouble
16. Arthritis or rheumatlsm
17. Prostate trouble
18. Diabetes
19. Thyroid trouble or goiter
20. Any allergy
21. Epilepsy
22. Mental or nervous trouble
23. Tumor or cancer, cyst or growth
24. Chronic skin trouble
25. Hernia or rupture

## NATIONAL•HEALTH SURVEY

## Check List of Selected Impairments

1. Deafness or serious trouble with hearing
2. Serious trouble with seeing, even with glasses
3. Condition present since birth, such as cleft palate or clut foot
4. Stammering or other trouble with speech
5. Missing fingers, hand, or arm
6. Missing toes, foot, or leg
7. Cerebral palsy
8. Paralysis of any kind
9. Repeated trouble with back or spine
10. Any permanent stiffness or deformity of the foot, leg, fingers, arm or back

## Card C

NATIONAL HEALTH SURVEY

## For:

## workers and other persons except

 Housewlves and Children1. Cannot work at all at present.
2. Can work but limited in amount or kind of work.
3. Can work but llmited in kind or amount of outside activities.
4. Not limited in any of these ways.

## Card D

## NATIOMAL HEALTH SURYEY

## For: Housewlfo

1. Cannot keep house at all at present.
2. Can keep house but limited in amount or kind of housework.
3. Can keep house but limited in outside activities.
4. Not limited in any of these ways.

NATIONAL HEALTH SURVEY

For:
Chlldren from 6 yeara old and others golng to school

1. Cannot go to school at all at present time.
2. Can go to school but limited to certain types of schools or in school attendance.
3. Can go to school but limited in other activities.
4. Not limited in any of these ways.

## Card F

## NATIONAL HEALTH SURVEY

For: Children under 6 years old

1. Cannot take part at all in ordinary play with other children.
2. Can play with other children but limited in amount or kind of play.
3. Not limited in any of these ways

MATIONAL HĖALTH SURVEY

1. Confined to the house all the time, except in emergencies.
2. Can go outside but need the help of another person in getting around outside.
3. Can go outside alone but have trouble in getting around freely.
4. Not limited in any of these ways.

Card H
mational health survey
Family Income during past in months

1. Under $\$ 500$ (Including loss)
2. 3500 - $\$ 999$
3. \$1,000-\$1,999
4. \$2,000 - \$2,999
5. $\$ 3.000-\$ 3,999$
6. $54,000-\$ 4,999$
7. $\$ 5.000-\$ 6.999$
8. $\$ 7.000-\$ 9.999$
9. $\$ 10,000$ and over

[^0]:    This report was prepared by Mary Grace Kovar of the U. S. National Health Survey staff.

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