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**Percentage* of All Visits by Patients Aged ≥65 Years to Office-Based Physicians† Made by Patients with Hypertension,§ by Sex and Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA)¶ — National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey, United States, 2012–2015**

![Graph showing percentage of visits by sex and MSAs](image-url)

* With 95% confidence intervals indicated with error bars.
† Based on a sample of visits to nonfederally employed office-based physicians who are primarily engaged in direct patient care. Physicians in the specialties of anesthesiology, pathology, and radiology are excluded from the survey.
§ Defined as visits made by adults, aged ≥65 years, with documentation in the medical record of a diagnosis of hypertension, regardless of the diagnosis for the current visit. Additional information is available at https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nhsr/nhsr106.pdf.
¶ Metropolitan statistical area (MSA) definitions are compiled according to Office of Management and Budget definitions of core-based statistical areas and are based on the location of the physician’s office.

During 2012–2015, patients aged ≥65 years with hypertension documented in the medical record accounted for 54% of all office-based physician visits made by patients aged ≥65 years, with a higher percentage of visits in non-MSAs (59%) than MSAs (53%). Among women, the percentage of visits was also higher in non-MSAs than in MSAs (59% versus 53%). The difference among men was not statistically significant.


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