

Table. Estimated number of NAMCS-eligible physicians by specialty, age, sex, region and practice size: 2015 and 2016

Physician characteristic	2015				2016			
	Estimated number of physicians	Standard error of estimate	Percent distribution	95% confidence interval of percent	Estimated number of physicians	Standard error of estimate	Percent distribution	95% confidence interval of percent
Physician category 1**	104,600	6,000	100.0	...	96,000	2,700	100.0	...
Physician specialty for category 1								
General and family practice	62,200	5,400	59.5	51.6, 67.0	64,200	2,300	66.9	58.9, 74.2
Internal medicine	42,400	4,400	40.5	33.0, 48.4	31,800	2,000	33.1	25.8, 41.1
Physician age for category 1								
Under 35 years	*	...	*	...	*	...	*	...
35-44 years	21,600	3,700	20.7	14.6, 28.0	16,600	3,000	17.3	11.3, 24.8
45-54 years	31,900	4,100	30.5	23.6, 38.2	26,300	3,300	27.4	20.5, 35.2
55-64 years	31,600	3,700	30.2	23.5, 37.5	27,400	3,500	28.6	21.1, 37.0
65 years and over	15,200	2,900	14.5	9.5, 20.9	22,300	3,300	23.2	16.5, 31.1
Physician sex for category 1								
Male	69,200	5,400	66.2	58.5, 73.7	68,300	4,100	71.1	62.7, 78.6
Female	35,300	4,200	33.8	26.7, 41.5	27,700	3,500	28.9	21.4, 37.3
Region for category 1								
Northeast	16,900	1,900	16.2	12.0, 21.1	15,500	1,400	16.1	10.7, 22.8
Midwest	25,400	2,900	24.3	19.3, 29.8	27,500	1,500	28.7	21.8, 36.4
South	35,900	3,400	34.3	28.7, 40.2	29,800	1,800	31.0	23.9, 38.9
West	26,400	3,700	25.2	19.6, 31.6	*	...	24.2	17.7, 31.6
Number in practice*** for cat 1								
Solo physician	40,600	4,400	38.8	31.5, 46.5	37,400	3,900	39.0	31.0, 47.5
2-4 physicians	27,700	3,700	26.5	20.2, 33.7	28,500	3,400	29.7	22.7, 37.6
5-9 physicians	24,200	3,600	23.1	17.0, 30.2	20,900	3,200	21.8	15.3, 29.6
10 or more physicians	12,100	2,700	11.6	7.0, 17.7	*	...	9.5	5.1, 15.6
Physician category 2**	238,400	7,200	100.0	...	234,600	2,900	100.0	...
Physician specialty for category 2								
Pediatrics	30,100	2,700	12.6	10.5, 15.0	39,300	1,900	16.8	14.3, 19.5
General surgery	10,600	1,300	4.4	3.4, 5.7	11,000	800	4.7	3.3, 6.4
Obstetrics and gynecology	27,500	2,500	11.5	9.5, 13.8	27,000	1,200	11.5	9.4, 13.9
Orthopedic surgery	16,600	1,600	7.0	5.6, 8.5	13,900	700	5.9	4.4, 7.8
Cardiovascular diseases	13,900	1,800	5.8	4.4, 7.5	16,300	700	6.9	5.3, 8.9
Dermatology	7,800	700	3.3	2.5, 4.2	13,000	400	5.6	4.1, 7.4
Urology	6,800	700	2.8	2.1, 3.7	7,700	300	3.3	2.2, 4.7
Psychiatry	21,200	2,500	8.9	6.9, 11.2	24,500	700	10.4	8.4, 12.7
Neurology	7,300	900	3.1	2.3, 4.0	10,200	700	4.3	3.0, 6.0
Ophthalmology	13,300	1,100	5.6	4.6, 6.8	16,500	300	7.0	5.4, 9.0
Otolaryngology	6,800	600	2.8	2.1, 3.7	6,800	200	2.9	1.9, 4.3
All other	76,500	7,000	32.1	27.7, 36.8	48,400	2,900	20.6	17.9, 23.6
Physician age for category 2								
Under 35 years	5,600	1,200	2.3	1.5, 3.5	*	...	2.4	1.2, 4.1
35-44 years	44,400	3,700	18.6	15.7, 21.8	54,200	4,300	23.1	19.6, 27.0
45-54 years	74,100	4,900	31.1	27.4, 34.9	58,600	4,200	25.0	21.5, 28.7
55-64 years	66,800	4,900	28.0	24.4, 31.9	65,100	4,400	27.8	24.1, 31.6
65 years and over	47,500	4,000	19.9	16.8, 23.3	51,100	4,000	21.8	18.5, 25.4
Physician sex for category 2								
Male	165,900	6,500	69.6	65.9, 73.1	163,000	4,800	69.5	65.5, 73.2
Female	72,500	4,700	30.4	26.9, 34.1	71,600	4,500	30.5	26.8, 34.5
Region for category 2								
Northeast	54,600	3,300	22.9	20.4, 25.5	51,200	1,400	21.8	19.0, 24.8
Midwest	46,300	3,100	19.4	17.1, 21.9	43,600	1,400	18.6	16.0, 21.4
South	76,400	4,200	32.1	29.2, 35.1	78,500	1,900	33.5	30.3, 36.8
West	61,000	3,900	25.6	22.8, 28.5	61,200	1,500	26.1	23.1, 39.2
Number in practice*** for cat 2								
Solo physician	80,000	5,000	33.5	29.8, 37.4	83,400	4,400	35.5	31.9, 39.4
2-4 physicians	67,200	4,800	28.2	24.6, 32.0	57,700	4,200	24.6	21.1, 28.3
5-9 physicians	60,700	4,600	25.5	22, 29.2	52,600	4,200	22.4	19.0, 26.2
10-39 physicians	28,700	2,800	12.0	9.8, 14.6	39,200	3,700	16.7	13.7, 20.1
40 or more physicians	1,800	400	0.8	0.4, 1.3	*	...	0.7	0.2, 1.7

... Not applicable.

*Figure does not meet standards of reliability or precision.

**Physician specialty reflects a custom data request based on two categories. The first uses the specialty groups of general and family practice and internal medicine only. The second uses all other NAMCS specialties.

***Practice size is defined as number of physicians (including sampled physician) in office with highest number of estimated visits in last normal week prior to survey induction. (Up to 5 practice locations can be reported in NAMCS.)

NOTES: Numbers may not add to totals because of rounding. NAMCS is National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey.

SOURCE: NCHS, National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey, 2015 and 2016