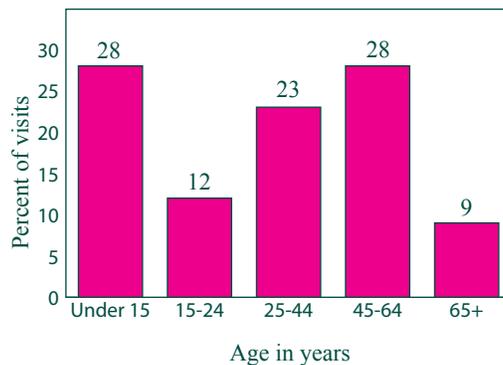


Factsheet

COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS

In 2010, there were an estimated 20 million visits to community health centers (CHCs) in the United States. The annual visit rate was 7 CHC visits per 100 persons. Over one-third of the visits were made by persons under 25 years of age.

Percent distribution of CHC visits by patient's age: 2010



Annual rate of CHC visits by patient age and sex: 2010



Number of visits per 100 persons per year

Expected source(s) of payment included:

- Medicaid or Children's Health Insurance Program — 45%
- No insurance¹ — 19%
- Private insurance — 13%
- Medicare — 11%
- Other — 5%

¹ No insurance is defined as having only self-pay, no charge, or charity visits as payment sources.

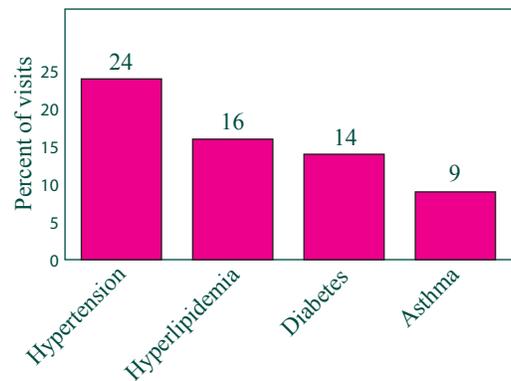
Common reasons for visit:

- General medical examination
- Progress visit
- Test results
- Cough
- Well baby examination
- Medication
- Prenatal examination
- Diabetes mellitus
- Fever
- Back symptoms

Common diagnoses:

- Routine infant or child health check
- Diabetes mellitus
- Essential hypertension
- Acute upper respiratory infection
- Normal pregnancy
- General medical examination
- Gynecological examination
- Hyperlipidemia
- Depressive disorder
- Back ache

Percent of visits with selected chronic condition: 2010



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NAMCS data are widely used in research studies appearing in nationally recognized medical journals, including *JAMA*, *JAMA Internal Medicine* (formerly *Archives of Internal Medicine*), and *American Journal of Preventive Medicine*. Here are a few of the publications that use NAMCS data:

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