In 2010, there were an estimated 139 million visits to nonfederally employed, office-based physicians specializing in internal medicine in the United States. Over 75 percent of the visits were made by persons 45 years and over.

Percent distribution of office visits by patient’s age: 2010

The annual visit rate increased with age. Females had a higher visit rate than males.

Annual office visit rates by patient’s age and sex: 2010

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THE IMPORTANCE OF NAMCS DATA

NAMCS data are widely used in research studies appearing in nationally recognized medical journals, including *JAMA, Archives of Internal Medicine* (renamed *JAMA Internal Medicine*), and *Journal of General Internal Medicine*. Here are a few recent publications using NAMCS data:


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