

**Table 22. Emergency department visits by patient age, sex, and residence: United States, 2008**

Selected patient characteristics	Number of visits in thousands	(Standard error in thousands)	Percent distribution	(Standard error of percent)	Number of visits per 100 persons per year <sup>1</sup>	(Standard error of rate)
All visits	123,761	(4,918)	100.0	...	41.4	(1.6)
Age						
Under 15 years	23,157	(1,658)	18.7	(1.0)	37.9	(2.7)
Under 1 year	3,684	(349)	3.0	(0.3)	85.5	(8.1)
1-4 years	8,698	(700)	7.0	(0.5)	52.1	(4.2)
5-14 years	10,775	(709)	8.7	(0.4)	26.9	(1.8)
15-24 years	19,823	(874)	16.0	(0.3)	47.7	(2.1)
25-44 years	35,185	(1,511)	28.4	(0.5)	43.3	(1.9)
45-64 years	26,335	(1,130)	21.3	(0.4)	34.0	(1.5)
65 years and over	19,261	(896)	15.6	(0.5)	51.7	(2.4)
65-74 years	7,479	(341)	6.0	(0.2)	37.6	(1.7)
75 years and over	11,781	(631)	9.5	(0.3)	67.9	(3.6)
Sex and age						
Female	67,020	(2,784)	54.2	(0.4)	44.0	(1.8)
Under 15 years	10,395	(803)	8.4	(0.5)	34.8	(2.7)
15-24 years	11,543	(544)	9.3	(0.2)	56.1	(2.6)
25-44 years	20,220	(905)	16.3	(0.3)	49.4	(2.2)
45-64 years	13,793	(637)	11.1	(0.3)	34.6	(1.6)
65-74 years	3,964	(231)	3.2	(0.2)	37.0	(2.2)
75 years and over	7,104	(421)	5.7	(0.2)	67.8	(4.0)
Male	56,742	(2,212)	45.8	(0.4)	38.8	(1.5)
Under 15 years	12,762	(896)	10.3	(0.6)	40.9	(2.9)
15-24 years	8,280	(417)	6.7	(0.2)	39.5	(2.0)
25-44 years	14,965	(682)	12.1	(0.3)	37.1	(1.7)
45-64 years	12,542	(554)	10.1	(0.3)	33.3	(1.5)
65-74 years	3,515	(189)	2.8	(0.1)	38.4	(2.1)
75 years and over	4,677	(272)	3.8	(0.2)	68.1	(4.0)
Patient residence						
Private residence	113,298	(4,659)	91.5	(0.6)	37.9	(1.6)
Nursing home	2,504	(181)	2.0	(0.1)	167.8	(12.1)
Other institution	954	(107)	0.8	(0.1)	37.5	(4.2)
Other residence	924	(140)	0.7	(0.1)	0.3	(0.0)
Homeless	549	(77)	0.4	(0.1)	72.8	(10.2)
Unknown or blank	5,532	(727)	4.5	(0.6)	...	...

...Category not applicable.

<sup>1</sup>Visit rates for age, sex, race, ethnicity, private residence, and other residence are based on the July 1, 2008, set of estimates of the civilian noninstitutional population of the United States as developed by the Population Division, U.S. Census Bureau. Visit rates for nursing home residents are based on the 2004 CDC/NCHS National Nursing Home Survey (National Center for Health Statistics. National Nursing Home Survey: 2004 overview. Hyattsville, MD. 2009. <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nrhs.htm>. Accessed 12/18/09). Visit rate for homeless people is based on The Annual Homeless Assessment Report to Congress (Office of Community Planning and Development, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The third annual homeless assessment report to Congress. Washington, DC. 2008. <http://www.hudhre.info/documents/3rdHomelessAssessmentReport.pdf>. Accessed 10/15/09).

NOTE: Numbers may not add to totals because of rounding.

For general information about survey methodology, reliability of estimates, and other technical information, readers can refer to the National Hospital Ambulatory Medical Care Survey: 2006 Emergency Department Summary (<http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nhsr/nhsr007.pdf>). For more information, call 301-458-4600.