

**Table 1. Selected patient and provider characteristics for ambulatory care visits to physician offices and hospital outpatient and emergency departments: United States, 2008**

Selected patient and provider characteristics	Number of visits in millions				Number of visits per 100 persons <sup>1</sup>			
	Total	Physician offices	Hospital outpatient departments	Hospital emergency departments	Total	Physician offices	Hospital outpatient departments	Hospital emergency departments
<b>All ages</b>	1,189.6	956.0	109.9	123.8	398.3	320.1	36.8	41.4
Under 15 years old	192.7	147.2	22.3	23.2	315.5	241.0	36.6	37.9
15 to 24 years old	105.3	73.9	11.6	19.8	253.3	177.8	27.8	47.7
25 to 44 years old	256.0	194.6	26.2	35.2	314.8	239.4	32.2	43.3
45 to 64 years old	341.6	284.1	31.1	26.3	440.7	366.5	40.2	34.0
65 to 74 years old	144.9	127.1	10.3	7.5	728.8	639.5	51.7	37.6
75 years old and over	149.2	129.0	8.4	11.8	859.7	743.5	48.3	67.9
<b>Sex</b>								
Male	482.5	383.3	42.5	56.7	329.9	262.1	29.1	38.8
Female	707.1	572.7	67.4	67.0	463.9	375.7	44.2	44.0
<b>Race<sup>2</sup></b>								
White	970.9	802.4	79.2	89.4	406.5	335.9	33.1	37.4
Black	158.4	104.0	25.4	29.0	420.9	276.4	67.5	77.0
Asian	43.9	38.4	2.9	2.6	325.7	285.1	21.6	19.0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	*5.6	*4.5	0.3	*0.8	*1,019.4	*820.7	*60.3	*138.4
American Indian or Alaska Native	4.4	3.0	*0.4	*1.0	145.1	98.9	*13.3	*32.9
More than one race reported	6.4	3.6	*1.7	*1.1	124.3	71.1	*32.5	*20.6
<b>Region</b>								
Northeast	249.8	196.8	28.5	24.5	461.9	363.9	52.7	45.4
Midwest	254.8	191.4	36.4	27.0	389.1	292.3	55.5	41.2
South	435.3	357.4	29.8	48.2	398.0	326.7	27.2	44.0
West	249.8	210.4	15.3	24.1	358.1	301.7	21.9	34.5
<b>Expected sources of payment<sup>3</sup></b>								
Private insurance	729.3	631.6	45.8	51.9	...	...	...	...
Medicare	275.1	231.4	20.9	22.8	...	...	...	...
Medicaid/SCHIP <sup>4</sup>	175.9	111.6	34.6	29.7	...	...	...	...
Worker's compensation	13.1	10.5	1.0	1.6	...	...	...	...
No insurance <sup>5</sup>	71.3	43.5	8.7	19.1	...	...	...	...
Self pay	64.0	40.1	6.1	17.9	...	...	...	...
No charge	7.7	3.6	*2.7	1.5	...	...	...	...
Other	39.7	27.5	6.5	5.7	...	...	...	...
Unknown	39.1	28.7	2.9	7.5	...	...	...	...

\* Figure does not meet standards of reliability or precision.

... Category not applicable

<sup>1</sup> Based on U.S. Census Bureau estimated civilian noninstitutional population as of July 1.

<sup>2</sup> Race data were missing for 30.2 percent of ambulatory care visits, including 33.0 percent of visits to physician offices, 21.1 percent of visits to hospital outpatient departments and 16.0 percent of visits to emergency departments. Missing data were imputed, and readers are advised to treat the resulting estimates with caution.

<sup>3</sup> Estimates include all expected sources of payment reported at each visit.

<sup>4</sup> SCHIP is State Children's Health Insurance Program.

<sup>5</sup> "No insurance" is defined as having only "self-pay" or "no charge/charity" as payment sources.

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics, National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey and National Hospital Ambulatory Medical Care Survey.

NOTE: For general information about survey methodology, reliability of estimates, and other technical information, readers can refer to the National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey: 2006 Summary (<http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nhsr/nhsr003.pdf>), the National Hospital Ambulatory Medical Care Survey: 2006 Outpatient Department Summary (<http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nhsr/nhsr004.pdf>), and the National Hospital Ambulatory Medical Care Survey: 2006 Emergency Department Summary (<http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nhsr/nhsr007.pdf>).

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