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<b>..All Payment Sources and Age Groups</b>	69,624	240,563	9,048	2.7	0.2
<b>..Age</b>					
....0-17 years	15,367	54,772	3,243	2.7	0.2
....18-44 years	28,877	98,169	4,018	3.4	0.2
....45-64 years	15,023	50,827	1,921	2.6	0.2
....65 years and over	10,357	36,796	1,424	0.7	0.1
<b>..Sex</b>					
....Female	37,357	130,190	5,007	2.6	0.2
....Male	32,267	110,374	4,161	2.7	0.2
<b>..Race</b>					
....White	48,830	174,576	8,240	2.3	0.2
....Black or African-American	17,066	56,855	3,710	3.9	0.3
....Asian	2,030	* 4,689	* 608	1.8	0.5
....Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	*	*	*	*	*
....American Indian or Alaskan Native	*	*	*	*	*
....Multiple races	*	*	*	*	*
<b>..Location</b>					
....Within Metropolitan Statistical Area	60,685	201,809	9,426	2.9	0.2
....Outside Metropolitan Statistical Area	8,939	38,755	3,724	1.3	0.2

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<b>...Private, Age less than 65</b>	23,383	84,078	3,858	1.9	0.1
<b>..Age</b>					
....0-17 years	5,703	21,219	1,425	1.9	0.2
....18-44 years	10,723	38,322	1,845	2.1	0.2
....45-64 years	6,957	24,537	1,120	1.6	0.2
<b>..Sex</b>					
....Female	12,337	44,764	2,102	1.9	0.2
....Male	11,046	39,314	1,848	1.9	0.2
<b>..Race</b>					
....White	17,925	64,573	3,570	1.6	0.2
....Black or African-American	4,215	16,175	1,363	2.8	0.4
....Asian	*	*	*	*	*
....Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	*	*	*	*	*
....American Indian or Alaskan Native	*	*	*	*	*
....Multiple races	*	*	*	*	*
<b>..Location</b>					
....Within Metropolitan Statistical Area	20,297	71,241	3,922	2.0	0.2
....Outside Metropolitan Statistical Area	3,086	12,837	1,136	1.1	0.3

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<b>...Public, age less than 65</b>	19,518	60,183	2,601	2.9	0.2
<b>..Age</b>					
....0-17 years	6,971	22,465	1,532	2.2	0.3
....18-44 years	7,999	23,440	1,013	3.8	0.4
....45-64 years	4,548	14,278	654	2.7	0.3
<b>..Sex</b>					
....Female	11,157	34,552	1,508	2.8	0.3
....Male	8,361	25,630	1,163	3.2	0.3
<b>..Race</b>					
....White	11,644	38,140	2,140	2.6	0.3
....Black or African-American	6,593	19,248	1,367	4.0	0.5
....Asian	*	*	*	*	*
....Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	*	*	*	*	*
....American Indian or Alaskan Native	*	*	*	*	*
....Multiple races	*	*	*	*	*
<b>..Location</b>					
....Within Metropolitan Statistical Area	17,017	49,427	2,593	3.3	0.3
....Outside Metropolitan Statistical Area	*	*	*	*	*

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<b>....No insurance, age less than 65</b>	10,356	36,590	2,122	4.6	0.4
<b>..Age</b>					
....0-17 years	1,333	4,859	359	5.9	1.0
....18-44 years	6,907	24,683	1,473	4.2	0.4
....45-64 years	2,116	7,048	451	5.2	0.7
<b>..Sex</b>					
....Female	4,923	17,879	1,105	4.8	0.4
....Male	5,433	18,711	1,082	4.5	0.5
<b>..Race</b>					
....White	6,862	25,076	1,765	4.0	0.4
....Black or African-American	3,145	10,525	849	6.0	0.7
....Asian	*	*	*	*	*
....Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	*	*	*	*	*
....American Indian or Alaskan Native	*	*	*	*	*
....Multiple races	*	*	*	*	*
<b>..Location</b>					
....Within Metropolitan Statistical Area	9,144	30,389	2,070	5.1	0.5
....Outside Metropolitan Statistical Area	*	*	*	*	*
<b>....Medicare and Private, Age 65 and over</b>	4,589	16,402	853	0.6	0.1
<b>....Medicare only, Age 65 and over</b>	3,922	14,142	844	0.6	0.1

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....Other/unknown payment, all ages	6,591	25,303	2,988	4.7	0.5
<b>..Age</b>					
....0-17 years	1,360	6,230	1,638	4.6	0.9
....18-44 years	3,248	11,725	1,270	5.5	0.7
....45-64 years	1,402	4,962	520	3.9	0.7
....65 years and over	*	*	*	*	*
<b>..Sex</b>					
....Female	3,278	12,802	1,561	5.3	0.7
....Male	3,313	12,501	1,474	4.1	0.5
<b>..Race</b>					
....White	4,425	18,096	2,328	4.7	0.6
....Black or African-American	1,754	6,149	1,010	5.1	0.8
....Asian	*	*	*	*	*
....Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	*	*	*	*	*
....American Indian or Alaskan Native	*	*	*	*	*
....Multiple races	*	*	*	*	*
<b>..Location</b>					
....Within Metropolitan Statistical Area	6,132	23,203	2,964	4.8	0.5
....Outside Metropolitan Statistical Area	*	*	*	*	*

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

Payment source classified by all expected payment sources. Public insurance includes Medicare, Medicaid, and State Children's Health Program. No insurance is defined as having only 'self-pay' or 'no charge/charity' as payment sources.

Race data were missing for 15.5% of total visits included in this table. Missing race data were imputed, and standard errors for estimates by race were inflated as described in '2007 NAMCS Microdata File Documentation' [ftp://ftp.cdc.gov/pub/Health\\_Statistics/NCHS/Dataset\\_Documentation](ftp://ftp.cdc.gov/pub/Health_Statistics/NCHS/Dataset_Documentation).

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

Note: For general information about survey methodology, reliability of estimates, and other technical information, readers can refer to the 2006 Emergency Department Summary (<http://ww.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nhsr/nhsr007.pdf>).

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