

Table 11. Emergency Department (ED) Visits Triaged Immediate/Emergent at which Patient Waited to See a Physician One Hour or More [by Payment Source and Patient Age], United States, 2007-2008

| Patient Characteristics | Unweighted Sample Size | Number of visits (in thousands) | Standard Error (in thousands) | Percent Waiting More Than One Hour | Standard Error Of Percent |
|---|------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| All Payment Sources and Age Groups | 9,301 | 31,808 | 2,080 | 15.4 | 1.2 |
| ..Age | | | | | |
|0-17 years | 1,414 | 4,972 | 452 | 13.3 | 1.6 |
|18-44 years | 3,361 | 10,858 | 908 | 17.6 | 1.7 |
|45-64 years | 2,297 | 7,970 | 511 | 16.1 | 1.7 |
|65 years and over | 2,229 | 8,008 | 509 | 13.1 | 1.1 |
| ..Sex | | | | | |
|Female | 4,857 | 16,329 | 1,103 | 15.9 | 1.3 |
|Male | 4,444 | 15,479 | 1,008 | 14.9 | 1.2 |
| ..Race | | | | | |
|White | 6,673 | 23,725 | 1,790 | 14.5 | 1.4 |
|Black or African-American | 2,202 | 7,176 | 747 | 19.1 | 1.7 |
|Asian | * | * | * | * | * |
|Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander | * | * | * | * | * |
|American Indian or Alaskan Native | * | * | * | * | * |
|Multiple races | * | * | * | * | * |
| ..Location | | | | | |
|Within Metropolitan Statistical Area | 8,078 | 25,934 | 2,051 | 16.3 | 1.4 |
|Outside Metropolitan Statistical Area | 1,223 | 5,874 | 865 | 11.7 | 2.4 |

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|--|-------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|
| Private Insurance, Age less than 65 | 2,846 | 10,638 | 980 | 14.7 | 1.7 |
| ..Age | | | | | |
|0-17 years | 575 | 2,208 | 261 | 11.6 | 2.6 |
|18-44 years | 1,220 | 4,511 | 509 | 14.8 | 2 |
|45-64 years | 1,051 | 3,919 | 327 | 16.3 | 2.1 |
| ..Sex | | | | | |
|Female | 1,421 | 5,260 | 517 | 16.2 | 2 |
|Male | 1,425 | 5,379 | 494 | 13.3 | 1.7 |
| ..Race | | | | | |
| White | 2,221 | 8,389 | 914 | 14 | 2 |
|Black or African-American | 512 | 1,949 | 267 | 18.5 | 3 |
|Asian | * | * | * | * | * |
|Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander | * | * | * | * | * |
|American Indian or Alaskan Native | * | * | * | * | * |
|Multiple races | * | * | * | * | * |
| ..Location | | | | | |
|Within Metropolitan Statistical Area | 2,461 | 8,761 | 1,042 | 15.1 | 2.1 |
|Outside Metropolitan Statistical Area | 385 | * 1,877 | * 327 | 13 | 3.5 |

Table 11. Emergency Department (ED) Visits Triage Immediate/Emergent at which Patient Waited to See a Physician One Hour or More [by Payment Source and Patient Age], United States, 2007-2008

| Patient Characteristics | Unweighted Sample Size | Number of visits (in thousands) | Standard Error (in thousands) | Percent Waiting More Than One Hour | Standard Error Of Percent |
|---|------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Public Insurance, Age less than 65 | 2,520 | 7,377 | 565 | 17.2 | 1.9 |
| ..Age | | | | | |
|0-17 years | 647 | 2,045 | 238 | 13.5 | 2 |
|18-44 years | 1,116 | 2,854 | 263 | 21.3 | 3.1 |
|45-64 years | 757 | 2,478 | 189 | 15.6 | 2.4 |
| ..Sex | | | | | |
|Female | 1,432 | 4,074 | 345 | 18.1 | 2 |
|Male | 1,088 | 3,302 | 257 | 16.1 | 2.2 |
| ..Race | | | | | |
|White | 1,511 | 4,648 | 413 | 16.5 | 2.2 |
|Black or African-American | 836 | 2,456 | 322 | 19.4 | 2.7 |
|Asian | * | * | * | * | * |
|Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander | * | * | * | * | * |
|American Indian or Alaskan Native | * | * | * | * | * |
|Multiple races | * | * | * | * | * |
| ..Location | | | | | |
|Within Metropolitan Statistical Area | 2,241 | 6,024 | 591 | 18.6 | 2.4 |
|Outside Metropolitan Statistical Area | * | * | * | * | * |
| No Insurance, Age less than 65 | 1,058 | 3,660 | 356 | 19.3 | 2.1 |
| ..Age | | | | | |
|0-17 years | * | * | * | * | * |
|18-44 years | 671 | 2,362 | 255 | 19.7 | 2.2 |
|45-64 years | 297 | 945 | 96 | 16.7 | 3.4 |
| ..Sex | | | | | |
|Female | 482 | 1,666 | 176 | 17.7 | 2.3 |
|Male | 576 | 1,994 | 199 | 20.6 | 2.5 |
| ..Race | | | | | |
|White | 710 | 2,600 | 296 | 18.3 | 2.3 |
|Black or African-American | 313 | 969 | 116 | 21.7 | 3.5 |
|Asian | * | * | * | * | * |
|Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander | * | * | * | * | * |
|American Indian or Alaskan Native | * | * | * | * | * |
|Multiple races | * | * | * | * | * |
| ..Location | | | | | |
|Within Metropolitan Statistical Area | 922 | 2,931 | 368 | 20.5 | 2.5 |
|Outside Metropolitan Statistical Area | * | * | * | * | * |

Table 11. Emergency Department (ED) Visits Triageed Immediate/Emergent at which Patient Waited to See a Physician One Hour or More [by Payment Source and Patient Age], United States, 2007-2008

| Patient Characteristics | Unweighted Sample Size | Number of visits (in thousands) | Standard Error (in thousands) | Percent Waiting More Than One Hour | Standard Error Of Percent |
|--|-------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|
| Medicare and Private Insurance, Age 65 and over | 986 | 3,629 | 342 | 13.9 | 1.7 |
| ..Sex | | | | | |
|Female | 536 | 2,001 | 215 | 13.9 | 2.2 |
|Male | 450 | 1,628 | 148 | 13.8 | 2.5 |
| Medicare and Medicaid, Age 65 and over | 278 | 876 | 94 | 12.9 | 2.8 |
| Medicare only, Age 65 and over | 871 | 3,173 | 295 | 12.3 | 1.3 |
| ..Sex | | | | | |
|Female | 479 | 1,717 | 177 | 11.3 | 1.8 |
|Male | 392 | 1,457 | 146 | 13.4 | 2.2 |
| ..Race | | | | | |
|White | 695 | 2,603 | 277 | 10.7 | 1.4 |
|Black or African-American | 153 | 511 | 80 | 19.3 | 3.9 |
|Asian | * | * | * | * | * |
|Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander | * | * | * | * | * |
|American Indian or Alaskan Native | * | * | * | * | * |
|Multiple races | * | * | * | * | * |
| ..Location | | | | | |
|Within Metropolitan Statistical Area | 748 | 2,552 | 338 | 14.3 | 1.7 |
|Outside Metropolitan Statistical Area | * | * | * | * | * |

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| Patient Characteristics | Unweighted Sample Size | Number of visits (in thousands) | Standard Error (in thousands) | Percent Waiting More Than One Hour | Standard Error Of Percent |
|--|------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Other/unknown Insurance | 742 | 2,454 | 295 | 14.6 | 1.8 |
| ..Sex | | | | | |
| ...Female | 335 | 1,077 | 162 | 16.5 | 3 |
| ...Male | 407 | 1,378 | 162 | 13 | 2.1 |
| ..Race | | | | | |
| ...White | 494 | 1,704 | 208 | 13.8 | 2.4 |
| ...Black or African-American | 208 | 657 | 132 | 17.9 | 2.7 |
| ...Asian | * | * | * | * | * |
| ...Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander | * | * | * | * | * |
| ...American Indian or Alaskan Native | * | * | * | * | * |
| ...Multiple races | * | * | * | * | * |

*Figure does not meet standards of reliability or precision.

Patient wait defined as time from arrival to time seen by a physician. Excludes patients not seen by a physician, who leave before being seen, or are dead on arrival. Also excluded 11.4% of those triaged immediate or emergent because wait time was missing.

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

Race data were missing for 11.1% of total visits included in this table. Missing race data were imputed. Standard errors were inflated as described at '2007 NAMCS Microdata File 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 Survey.

Note: 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>).

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