

Table 16. Emergency Department Visits Involving Hospital Admission or Transfer with Length of Visit 6 Hours or More [by Patient Race and Selected Characteristics], United States, 2007-2008

Patient Characteristics	Unweighted Sample Size	Number Visits Admitted or Transferred (in thousands)	Standard Error (in thousands)	Percent 6 Hours or More	Standard Error Of Percent
All Races	10,712	35,321	1,672	29.4	1.2
..Age					
....0-17 years	805	2,733	210	25.3	2.5
....18-44 years	2,846	8,278	457	30.4	1.6
....45-64 years	3,026	10,144	543	32.0	1.6
....65 years and over	4,035	14,166	718	27.7	1.4
..Sex					
....Female	5,622	18,429	924	30.3	1.4
....Male	5,090	16,892	815	28.4	1.3
..Expected Payment Source By Age Group					
....Private, age less than 65	2,584	9,041	522	28.8	1.5
....Public, age less than 65	2,607	7,033	430	33.3	1.8
....No insurance, age less than 65	788	2,591	215	28.0	2.5
....Medicare and Private, age 65 and over	1,681	5,895	392	25.4	1.8
....Medicare and Medicaid, age 65 and over	489	1,453	126	25.9	2.9
....Medicare only, age 65 and over	1,666	5,946	446	30.4	1.9
....Other/unknown	897	3,362	446	30.6	2.6
..Location					
....Within Metropolitan Statistical Area	9,481	30,306	1,715	31.7	1.3
....Outside Metropolitan Statistical Area	1,231	5,015	536	15.2	2.4

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White	7,853	27,040	1,564	27.7	1.4
..Age					
....0-17 years	537	1,872	155	26.1	2.8
....18-44 years	1,868	5,831	402	28.3	1.9
....45-64 years	2,141	7,480	493	29.0	1.7
....65 years and over	3,307	11,857	717	26.7	1.7
..Sex					
....Female	4,124	14,046	870	28.6	1.6
....Male	3,729	12,994	761	26.6	1.6
..Expected Payment Source By Age Group					
....Private, age less than 65	2,043	7,199	496	27.1	1.6
....Public, age less than 65	1,527	4,410	345	31.2	2.1
....No insurance, age less than 65	532	1,883	201	25.4	3.1
....Medicare and Private, age 65 and over	1,477	5,287	416	24.6	2.1
....Medicare and Medicaid, age 65 and over	312	969	104	23.1	3.4
....Medicare only, age 65 and over	1,362	4,907	440	29.7	2.4
....Other/unknown	600	2,385	384	29.0	3.0
..Location					
....Within Metropolitan Statistical Area	6,706	22,508	1,465	30.1	1.4
....Outside Metropolitan Statistical Area	1,147	4,531	523	15.5	2.5

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Black or African-American	2,286	7,090	595	36.3	2.3
..Age					
....0-17 years	211	708	116	25.1	5.8
....18-44 years	773	2,095	200	36.0	3.1
....45-64 years	732	2,325	233	42.9	3.3
....65 years and over	570	1,962	213	32.7	2.7
..Sex					
....Female	1,204	3,799	345	36.9	2.8
....Male	1,082	3,292	291	35.5	2.5
..Expected Payment Source By Age Group					
....Private, age less than 65	407	1,526	168	37.4	3.7
....Public, age less than 65	874	2,236	235	39.2	3.4
....No insurance, age less than 65	228	657	85	36.0	4.7
....Medicare and Private, age 65 and over	147	496	73	33.8	5.8
....Medicare and Medicaid, age 65 and over	126	373	56	32.5	6.2
....Medicare only, age 65 and over	263	957	149	33.6	3.7
....Other/unknown	241	845	144	32.8	5.1
..Location					
....Within Metropolitan Statistical Area	2,209	6,634	539	38.0	2.1
....Outside Metropolitan Statistical Area					

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Patient Characteristics	Unweighted Sample Size	Number Visits Admitted or Transferred (in thousands)	Standard Error (in thousands)	Percent 6 Hours or More	Standard Error Of Percent
Asian	355	708	119	31.7	4.0
..Age					
....0-17 years					
....18-44 years	119	210	43	41.0	8.4
....45-64 years	89	* 192	* 44	26.5	6.2
....65 years and over	113	224	60	33.1	6.3
..Sex					
....Female	183	363	67	30.9	5.8
....Male	172	345	69	32.5	6.2

*Figure does not meet standards of reliability or precision.

Length of visit is defined as time from arrival to time of discharge from emergency department.

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 13.2% of total visits included in this table. Missing race data were imputed. Standard errors were

inflated as described in '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 Ambulatory Medical Care Survey and National

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://ww.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nhsr/nhsr007.pdf>).

Contact the Ambulatory and Hospital Care Statistics Branch, 301-458-4600, for more information.