

Data Brief 310. Characteristics of Office-based Physician Visits, 2015

**Data table for Figure 1. Visit rates, by selected demographics:
United States, 2015**

Patient characteristic	Percent (standard error)
Total	313 (16)
Age group (years)	
Under 1	617 (89)
1–17	180 (16)
18–44	204 (15)
45–64	366 (25)
65 and over	658 (48)
Sex	
Female	362 (19)
Male	262 (15)

NOTES: Visit rates are based on the July 1, 2015, set of estimates of the civilian noninstitutionalized population of the United States, as developed by the Population Division, U.S. Census Bureau. For more information, see the 2015 National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey documentation at: ftp://ftp.cdc.gov/pub/Health_Statistics/NCHS/Dataset_Documentation/NAMCS/doc2015.pdf.

SOURCE: NCHS, National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey, 2015.

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Data table for Figure 2. Expected primary source of payment, by age: United States, 2015

Expected primary source of payment, by age group (years)	Percent (standard error)
Private	
Overall	50 (2)
Under 18	57 (4)
18–64	67 (2)
65 and over	16 (2)
Medicare	
Overall	29 (2)
Under 18	*
18–64	7 (1)
65 and over	79 (2)
Medicaid	
Overall	15 (1)
Under 18	38 (4)
18–64	15 (2)
65 and over	2 (1)
No insurance	
Overall	6 (1)
Under 18	*3 (*1)
18–64	9 (2)
65 and over	2 (less than 1)

* Estimate does not meet standards of reliability or precision.

NOTES: All sources of payment were combined into one mutually exclusive primary source of payment using the following hierarchy: Medicare, Medicaid or Children's Health Insurance Program, or other state-based program; private insurance; and no insurance. No insurance is defined as having only self-pay, no charge, or charity as payment sources. Other sources of payment and missing and blank data are not included in this table and represent 7.3% (weighted) of visits. Excludes 5.9% (weighted) of visits for which data were missing or blank. For more information, see the 2015 National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey summary web tables at: https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/ahcd/namcs_summary/2015_namcs_web_tables.pdf.

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Data table for Figure 3. Major reason for office-based physician visit, by age: United States, 2015

Major reason for office visit, by age group (years)	Percent (standard error)
Injury	
Overall	8 (1)
Under 18	9 (2)
18–64	8 (1)
65 and over	9 (1)
Preventive care	
Overall	20 (1)
Under 18	33 (2)
18–64	21 (2)
65 and over	13 (1)
Chronic condition	
Overall	39 (2)
Under 18	15 (2)
18–64	39 (2)
65 and over	51 (2)
New problem	
Overall	27 (1)
Under 18	41 (2)
18–64	26 (1)
65 and over	21 (1)
Pre- and post-surgery	
Overall	5 (1)
Under 18	2 (1)
18–64	6 (1)
65 and over	6 (1)

NOTES: Major reason for visit was combined with injury to create a combined mutually exclusive reason for visit, with an injury visit having precedence over all other reasons. Numbers may not add to 100% because of rounding. Data are based on provider-assessed primary purpose for the visit. Excludes 2.1% (weighted) of visits for which data were missing for either injury or reason for visit. For more information, see the 2015 National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey documentation at: ftp://ftp.cdc.gov/pub/Health_Statistics/NCHS/Dataset_Documentation/NAMCS/doc2015.pdf.

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Data table for Figure 4. Selected services ordered or provided at office-based physician visits, by age: United States, 2015

Selected services ordered or provided, by age group (year)	Percent (standard error)
Examinations and screenings	
Overall	52 (2)
Under 18	52 (4)
18–64	51 (2)
65 and over	55 (4)
Laboratory tests	
Overall	29 (2)
Under 18	14 (2)
18–64	33 (3)
65 and over	28 (2)
Health education and counseling	
Overall	23 (2)
Under 18	28 (3)
18–64	23 (2)
65 and over	20 (2)
Imaging services	
Overall	17 (1)
Under 18	6 (1)
18–64	19 (1)
65 and over	18 (2)
Procedures	
Overall	13 (1)
Under 18	8 (2)
18–64	13 (1)
65 and over	17 (1)

NOTES: More than one service may be reported per visit. See the definitions section for the specific services included in each category. The examinations and screenings category was not statistically significantly associated with age, therefore statistical testing was not performed for this category. For the complete list of services, see the 2015 National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey summary web tables at: https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/ahcd/namcs_summary/2015_namcs_web_tables.pdf.

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