

Table 91 (page 1 of 3). Visits to physician offices, hospital outpatient departments, and hospital emergency departments, by selected characteristics: United States, selected years 1995–2008

[Data are based on reporting by a sample of office-based physicians, hospital outpatient departments, and hospital emergency departments]

Age, sex, and race	All places ¹				Physician offices			
	1995	2000	2007	2008	1995	2000	2007	2008
Number of visits in thousands								
Total	860,859	1,014,848	1,200,017	1,189,619	697,082	823,542	994,321	955,969
Under 18 years	194,644	212,165	240,813	225,531	150,351	163,459	194,959	171,744
18–44 years	285,184	315,774	335,440	328,438	219,065	243,011	257,257	243,979
45–64 years	188,320	255,894	334,088	341,595	159,531	216,783	283,890	284,110
45–54 years	104,891	142,233	170,514	169,674	88,266	119,474	141,478	137,776
55–64 years	83,429	113,661	163,574	171,921	71,264	97,309	142,412	146,335
65 years and over	192,712	231,014	289,675	294,054	168,135	200,289	258,214	256,135
65–74 years	102,605	116,505	142,528	144,878	90,544	102,447	127,805	127,125
75 years and over	90,106	114,510	147,147	149,177	77,591	97,842	130,409	129,010
Number of visits per 100 persons								
Total, age-adjusted ²	334	374	402	393	271	304	332	315
Total, crude	329	370	405	398	266	300	336	320
Under 18 years	275	293	327	306	213	226	264	233
18–44 years	264	291	304	298	203	224	233	221
45–64 years	364	422	439	441	309	358	373	367
45–54 years	339	385	392	386	286	323	325	313
55–64 years	401	481	503	513	343	412	438	437
65 years and over	612	706	799	790	534	612	712	688
65–74 years	560	656	746	729	494	577	669	639
75 years and over	683	766	859	860	588	654	761	743
Sex and age								
Male, age-adjusted ²	290	325	351	334	232	261	290	265
Male, crude	277	314	345	330	220	251	285	262
Under 18 years	273	302	331	307	209	231	268	233
18–44 years	190	203	205	188	139	148	151	131
45–54 years	275	316	321	319	229	260	262	255
55–64 years	351	428	452	441	300	367	396	373
65–74 years	508	614	732	687	445	539	661	604
75 years and over	711	771	888	886	616	670	801	768
Female, age-adjusted ²	377	420	452	451	309	345	374	363
Female, crude	378	424	462	464	310	348	384	376
Under 18 years	277	285	321	304	217	221	261	232
18–44 years	336	377	402	407	265	298	315	311
45–54 years	400	451	460	450	339	384	386	369
55–64 years	446	529	550	580	382	453	477	496
65–74 years	603	692	758	765	534	609	676	669
75 years and over	666	763	840	843	571	645	735	728
Race and age ³								
White, age-adjusted ²	339	380	398	395	282	315	335	324
White, crude	338	381	407	406	281	316	345	336
Under 18 years	295	306	330	312	237	243	273	246
18–44 years	267	301	298	299	211	239	235	230
45–54 years	334	386	381	387	286	330	324	325
55–64 years	397	480	498	512	345	416	442	446
65–74 years	557	641	735	729	496	568	666	648
75 years and over	689	764	856	855	598	658	765	743
Black or African American, age-adjusted	309	353	475	443	204	239	339	296
Black or African American, crude	281	324	450	421	178	214	317	276
Under 18 years	193	264	351	335	100	167	247	208
18–44 years	260	257	380	343	158	149	241	201
45–54 years	387	383	490	445	281	269	341	289
55–64 years	414	495	592	589	294	373	444	422
65–74 years	553	656	900	809	429	512	748	636
75 years and over	534	745	966	942	395	568	769	762

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Age, sex, and race	Hospital outpatient departments				Hospital emergency departments			
	1995	2000	2007	2008	1995	2000	2007	2008
Number of visits in thousands								
Total	67,232	83,289	88,894	109,889	96,545	108,017	116,802	123,761
Under 18 years	17,636	21,076	18,962	25,907	26,657	27,630	26,893	27,880
18–44 years	24,299	26,947	30,300	34,174	41,820	45,816	47,883	50,285
45–64 years	14,811	20,772	25,707	31,150	13,978	18,339	24,491	26,335
45–54 years	8,029	11,558	14,138	16,257	8,595	11,201	14,898	15,641
55–64 years	6,782	9,214	11,569	14,893	5,383	7,138	9,593	10,694
65 years and over	10,486	14,494	13,926	18,658	14,090	16,232	17,535	19,261
65–74 years	6,004	7,515	7,815	10,273	6,057	6,543	6,908	7,479
75 years and over	4,482	6,979	6,111	8,385	8,033	9,690	10,627	11,781
Number of visits per 100 persons								
Total, age-adjusted ²	26	31	30	36	37	40	40	42
Total, crude	26	30	30	37	37	39	39	41
Under 18 years	25	29	26	35	38	38	36	38
18–44 years	22	25	27	31	39	42	43	46
45–64 years	29	34	34	40	27	30	32	34
45–54 years	26	31	32	37	28	30	34	36
55–64 years	33	39	36	44	26	30	29	32
65 years and over	33	44	38	50	45	50	48	52
65–74 years	33	42	41	52	33	37	36	38
75 years and over	34	47	36	48	61	65	62	68
Sex and age								
Male, age-adjusted ²	21	26	23	29	37	38	37	39
Male, crude	21	25	23	29	36	38	37	39
Under 18 years	25	29	25	34	40	41	38	39
18–44 years	14	17	16	18	37	38	37	39
45–54 years	20	26	26	28	26	30	34	35
55–64 years	26	32	27	37	25	30	29	31
65–74 years	29	38	35	44	34	36	36	38
75 years and over	34	42	30	50	61	59	56	68
Female, age-adjusted ²	31	35	36	44	37	41	42	44
Female, crude	31	35	37	44	37	41	42	44
Under 18 years	25	29	26	36	35	35	35	36
18–44 years	31	33	38	44	40	46	49	53
45–54 years	32	36	39	45	29	31	35	36
55–64 years	38	45	43	51	26	31	30	33
65–74 years	36	46	46	58	32	37	36	37
75 years and over	34	49	39	47	61	69	66	68
Race and age ³								
White, age-adjusted ²	23	28	26	33	34	37	36	38
White, crude	23	28	26	33	34	37	36	37
Under 18 years	23	27	23	32	35	36	34	34
18–44 years	20	23	24	28	36	39	39	41
45–54 years	23	28	28	32	25	28	30	31
55–64 years	28	36	30	38	24	28	27	28
65–74 years	29	38	36	47	32	35	33	35
75 years and over	31	44	31	46	60	63	60	67
Black or African American, age-adjusted	48	51	60	69	58	62	76	78
Black or African American, crude	45	48	58	68	58	62	75	77
Under 18 years	39	40	44	61	53	57	60	65
18–44 years	38	40	52	55	64	68	87	87
45–54 years	55	61	*73	80	51	53	76	76
55–64 years	73	70	*87	99	47	52	61	68
65–74 years	*77	85	*83	101	47	59	69	73
75 years and over	66	85	*97	*87	73	92	100	93

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* Estimates are considered unreliable. Data preceded by an asterisk have a relative standard error of 20%–30%.

¹All places includes visits to physician offices and hospital outpatient and emergency departments.

²Estimates are age-adjusted to the year 2000 standard population using six age groups: under 18 years, 18–44 years, 45–54 years, 55–64 years, 65–74 years, and 75 years and over. See Appendix II, Age adjustment.

³Estimates by racial group should be used with caution because information on race was collected from medical records. In 2008, race data were missing and imputed for 30% of ambulatory care visits, including 33% of visits to physician offices, 21% of visits to hospital outpatient departments, and 16% of visits to hospital emergency departments. Information on the race imputation process used in each data year is available in the public use file documentation. Available from:

<http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/ahcd.htm>. Starting with 1999 data, the instruction for the race item on the Patient Record Form was changed so that more than one race could be recorded. In previous years only one race could be checked. Estimates for race in this table are for visits where only one race was recorded. Because of the small number of responses with more than one racial group checked, estimates for visits with multiple races checked are unreliable and are not presented.

NOTES: Rates for 1995–2000 were computed using 1990-based postcensal estimates of the civilian noninstitutionalized population as of July 1, adjusted for net underenumeration using the 1990 National Population Adjustment Matrix from the U.S. Census Bureau. Starting with 2001 data, rates were computed using 2000-based postcensal estimates of the civilian noninstitutionalized population as of July 1. The difference between rates for 2000 computed using 1990-based postcensal estimates and 2000 census counts is minimal. More information is available from: <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/ahcd.htm>. Rates will be overestimated to the extent that visits by institutionalized persons are counted in the numerator (for example, hospital emergency department visits by nursing home residents) and institutionalized persons are omitted from the denominator (the civilian noninstitutionalized population). Starting with *Health, United States, 2005*, data for physician offices for 2001 and beyond use a revised weighting scheme. See Appendix I, National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey (NAMCS) and National Hospital Ambulatory Medical Care Survey (NHAMCS). Data for additional years are available. See Appendix III.

SOURCE: CDC/NCHS, National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey and National Hospital Ambulatory Medical Care Survey.