

Table 96. Visits to physician offices, hospital outpatient departments, and hospital emergency departments, by age, sex, and race: United States, selected years 1995-2010

(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	2009	2010	1995	2000	2009	2010
Number of visits, in thousands								
Age								
Total.....	860,859	1,014,848	1,270,001	1,239,387	697,082	823,542	1,037,796	1,008,802
Under 18 years.....	194,644	212,165	239,590	246,228	150,351	163,459	183,999	191,500
18-44 years.....	285,184	315,774	341,209	342,797	219,065	243,011	257,890	261,941
45-64 years.....	188,320	255,894	374,775	352,001	159,531	216,783	316,395	296,385
45-54 years.....	104,891	142,233	190,701	171,039	88,266	119,474	158,120	140,819
55-64 years.....	83,429	113,661	184,074	180,962	71,264	97,309	158,275	155,566
65 years and over.....	192,712	231,014	314,428	298,362	168,135	200,289	279,514	258,976
65-74 years.....	102,605	116,505	153,884	151,075	90,544	102,447	137,452	132,201
75 years and over.....	90,106	114,510	160,544	147,287	77,591	97,842	142,062	126,775
Number of visits per 100 persons								
Total, age-adjusted ²	334	374	414	401	271	304	337	325
Total, crude.....	329	370	421	408	266	300	344	332
Under 18 years.....	275	293	322	331	213	226	247	257
18-44 years.....	264	291	309	310	203	224	234	237
45-64 years.....	364	422	475	441	309	358	401	371
45-54 years.....	339	385	431	388	286	323	358	320
55-64 years.....	401	481	532	505	343	412	457	434
65 years and over.....	612	706	829	767	534	612	737	666
65-74 years.....	560	656	749	713	494	577	669	624
75 years and over.....	683	766	923	831	588	654	817	715
Sex and age								
Male, age-adjusted ²	290	325	358	350	232	261	290	283
Male, crude.....	277	314	356	350	220	251	289	283
Under 18 years.....	273	302	334	340	209	231	257	262
18-44 years.....	190	203	201	205	139	148	145	151
45-54 years.....	275	316	361	324	229	260	296	265
55-64 years.....	351	428	473	460	300	367	403	396
65-74 years.....	508	614	731	680	445	539	654	597
75 years and over.....	711	771	907	871	616	670	807	760
Female, age-adjusted ²	377	420	469	452	309	345	383	367
Female, crude.....	378	424	483	464	310	348	397	379
Under 18 years.....	277	285	310	322	217	221	237	252
18-44 years.....	336	377	416	415	265	298	322	323
45-54 years.....	400	451	499	450	339	384	417	372
55-64 years.....	446	529	586	546	382	453	507	469
65-74 years.....	603	692	764	741	534	609	681	647
75 years and over.....	666	763	934	804	571	645	823	685
Race and age ³								
White, age-adjusted ²	339	380	421	408	282	315	351	336
White, crude.....	338	381	434	421	281	316	365	349
Under 18 years.....	295	306	339	341	237	243	269	270
18-44 years.....	267	301	312	319	211	239	244	249
45-54 years.....	334	386	432	389	286	330	369	326
55-64 years.....	397	480	531	505	345	416	466	440
65-74 years.....	557	641	752	727	496	568	678	642
75 years and over.....	689	764	936	838	598	658	835	723

Black or African American, age-adjusted ² ..	309	353	459	439	204	239	314	316
Black or African American, crude.....	281	324	438	425	178	214	296	303
Under 18 years.....	193	264	315	351	100	167	198	241
18-44 years.....	260	257	373	339	158	149	228	222
45-54 years.....	387	383	486	466	281	269	329	339
55-64 years.....	414	495	645	617	294	373	478	481
65-74 years.....	553	656	821	715	429	512	667	565
75 years and over.....	534	745	908	845	395	568	718	682

Hospital outpatient departments

Hospital emergency departments

Age, sex, and race	1995	2000	2009	2010	1995	2000	2,009	2010
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Number of visits, in thousands

Age

Total.....	67,232	83,289	96,132	100,742	96,545	108,017	136,072	129,843
Under 18 years.....	17,636	21,076	22,418	24,913	26,657	27,630	33,173	29,815
18-44 years.....	24,299	26,947	29,535	28,159	41,820	45,816	53,784	52,697
45-64 years.....	14,811	20,772	29,083	27,739	13,978	18,339	29,297	27,877
45-54 years.....	8,029	11,558	15,310	13,639	8,595	11,201	17,271	16,581
55-64 years.....	6,782	9,214	13,774	14,100	5,383	7,138	12,026	11,296
65 years and over.....	10,486	14,494	15,096	19,932	14,090	16,232	19,818	19,454
65-74 years.....	6,004	7,515	8,036	10,675	6,057	6,543	8,396	8,199
75 years and over.....	4,482	6,979	7,060	9,257	8,033	9,690	11,423	11,255

Number of visits per 100 persons

Total, age-adjusted ²	26	31	31	33	37	40	46	43
Total, crude.....	26	30	32	33	37	39	45	43
Under 18 years.....	25	29	30	33	38	38	45	40
18-44 years.....	22	25	27	25	39	42	49	48
45-64 years.....	29	34	37	35	27	30	37	35
45-54 years.....	26	31	35	31	28	30	39	38
55-64 years.....	33	39	40	39	26	30	35	32
65 years and over.....	33	44	40	51	45	50	52	50
65-74 years.....	33	42	39	50	33	37	41	39
75 years and over.....	34	47	41	52	61	65	66	64

Sex and age

Male, age-adjusted ²	21	26	25	27	37	38	42	40
Male, crude.....	21	25	26	27	36	38	42	39
Under 18 years.....	25	29	30	34	40	41	46	43
18-44 years.....	14	17	16	16	37	38	40	38
45-54 years.....	20	26	28	24	26	30	36	35
55-64 years.....	26	32	35	32	25	30	34	32
65-74 years.....	29	38	37	47	34	36	40	37
75 years and over.....	34	42	37	50	61	59	63	60
Female, age-adjusted ²	31	35	37	38	37	41	49	47
Female, crude.....	31	35	38	39	37	41	48	46
Under 18 years.....	25	29	30	33	35	35	43	37
18-44 years.....	31	33	38	35	40	46	57	57
45-54 years.....	32	36	41	37	29	31	42	40
55-64 years.....	38	45	44	46	26	31	35	31
65-74 years.....	36	46	41	54	32	37	42	40
75 years and over.....	34	49	43	53	61	69	68	66

Race and age³

White, age-adjusted ²	23	28	29	31	34	37	41	41
White, crude.....	23	28	29	32	34	37	41	40

Under 18 years.....	23	27	29	33	35	36	40	39
18-44 years.....	20	23	24	25	36	39	43	45
45-54 years.....	23	28	30	28	25	28	34	34
55-64 years.....	28	36	34	36	24	28	30	29
65-74 years.....	29	38	35	48	32	35	38	37
75 years and over.....	31	44	36	52	60	63	64	62
Black or African American, age-adjusted ² ..	48	51	59	51	58	62	85	73
Black or African American, crude.....	45	48	58	50	58	62	84	72
Under 18 years.....	39	40	42	48	53	57	75	62
18-44 years.....	38	40	50	37	64	68	94	81
45-54 years.....	55	61	74	54	51	53	83	73
55-64 years.....	73	70	91	73	47	52	76	62
65-74 years.....	*77	85	*81	*85	47	59	73	66
75 years and over.....	66	85	*	*74	73	92	95	89

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

Data not shown have an RSE greater than 30%.

¹All places includes

visits to physician offices and hospital outpatient and emergency departments.

See Appendix II, Emergency department; Emergency department or emergency room visit;

Office visit; Outpatient department; Outpatient visit.

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 2010, race data were missing and imputed

for 23% of visits to physician offices,

14% of visits to hospital outpatient departments, and 11% 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

racial groups 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 rates computed using estimates based on 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);

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.

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