

Data table for Figure 23. Patient's primary reason for emergency department visit, by age and reason: United States, average annual, 2009–2010

Excel and PowerPoint: <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/hus/contents2012.htm#fig23>

<i>Age and reason for visit¹</i>	<i>Percent of visits</i>	<i>Standard error</i>
Under 18 years		
Cold symptoms	26.8	0.7
Injury	21.0	0.6
Nausea or vomiting	5.2	0.2
Skin symptoms	4.5	0.2
Abdominal pain	4.3	0.2
Breathing problems	3.5	0.2
Leg problems	3.5	0.2
Arm problems	3.4	0.2
Earache	3.3	0.2
Headache	2.2	0.2
All other	22.2	0.5
18 years and over ²		
Injury	14.0	0.3
Abdominal pain	8.6	0.2
Chest pain	6.7	0.2
Back and neck problems	6.4	0.1
Cold symptoms	6.1	0.2
Leg problems	5.8	0.1
Breathing problems	4.4	0.1
Arm problems	3.7	0.1
Unspecified pain	3.6	0.1
Headache	3.3	0.1
Nausea or vomiting	3.1	0.1
All other	34.3	0.4

¹Reason for visit (RFV) is the patient's main complaint, symptom, or reason for visiting the emergency department. RFVs are recoded according to the guidelines in Schneider D, Appleton L, McLemore T. A reason for visit classification for ambulatory care. National Center for Health Statistics. Vital Health Stat 2(78). 1979. For this analysis, only the first RFV was considered. Some RFV codes were combined as follows:

- Cold symptoms includes codes 1005, 1010, 1012, 1435, 1440, 1445, 1450, 1455, 1460, 1470, and 1475.
- Injury (including adverse effects) includes codes 5001–5999.
- Nausea or vomiting includes codes 1525 or 1530.
- Abdominal pain is code 1545.
- Skin symptoms includes codes 1830–1899.
- Breathing problems includes codes 1415, 1420, 1425, and 1430.
- Arm problems includes codes 1940, 1945, 1950, 1955, and 1960.
- Earache is code 1355.
- Leg problems includes codes 1915, 1920, 1925, 1930, and 1935.
- Chest pain is code 1050.
- Back and neck problems includes codes 1900, 1905, and 1910.
- Unspecified pain includes codes 1055 and 1060.
- Headache is code 1210.
- All other excludes blank and uncodable RFVs.

²Eleven RFVs are shown for adults because nausea or vomiting and headache were the primary reasons for a similar percentage of visits.

NOTE: See [Appendix II, Emergency department or emergency room visit](#).

SOURCE: CDC/NCHS, National Hospital Ambulatory Medical Care Survey, Emergency Department Component. See [Appendix I, National Hospital Ambulatory Medical Care Survey \(NHAMCS\)](#).