

Data table for Figure 25. Wait time to see a physician in an emergency department, by selected characteristics: United States, average annual, 1998–2000 and 2008–2010

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Selected characteristic	Wait time ¹							
	1998–2000				2008–2010			
	Mean		Median		Mean		Median	
	Minutes	SE	Minutes	SE	Minutes	SE	Minutes	SE
Total	45.0	1.4	24.7	1.0	55.1	1.3	31.3	0.9
Age								
Under 18 years	45.5	1.7	27.0	1.3	51.3	1.3	31.0	1.1
18–64 years	46.6	1.5	25.2	1.0	58.4	1.5	33.1	1.1
65 years and over	38.3	1.4	19.2	0.8	48.1	1.4	25.7	0.9
Sex								
Male	44.5	1.5	24.3	1.0	52.8	1.2	29.6	0.9
Female	45.5	1.4	24.9	0.9	57.1	1.4	32.9	0.9
Race and Hispanic origin ²								
White, not Hispanic	39.5	1.4	21.7	1.2	49.7	1.2	28.9	0.8
Black, not Hispanic	54.2	2.4	30.2	1.7	67.7	2.4	39.4	1.6
Hispanic	56.6	2.6	33.3	1.6	59.7	2.0	34.1	1.6
Urbanization level ³								
Metropolitan:								
Large central	55.6	1.8	34.1	1.5	66.5	2.2	38.4	1.7
Large fringe	54.1	4.4	29.3	2.4	52.1	2.5	30.6	1.9
Medium and small	42.0	2.2	24.7	1.3	55.8	2.5	32.7	1.6
Nonmetropolitan:								
Microlocality (town/city)	27.3	2.8	14.9	2.3	43.6	3.0	27.3	2.0
Rural	22.7	2.0	11.0	1.4	33.2	3.3	19.5	2.7

¹Time spent waiting to see a medical doctor, doctor of osteopathy, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner. Prior to 2009, wait time was time spent waiting to see a physician.

²Based on hospital records, not patient self-report. In 2008–2010, race and Hispanic origin were missing and imputed for 18% of visits.

³Counties (of the hospital's location) were classified based on a scheme developed by NCHS that considers metropolitan-nonmetropolitan status, population, and other factors. For more information, see: Ingram DD, Franco SJ. NCHS urban-rural classification scheme for counties. National Center for Health Statistics. Vital Health Stat 2(154); 2012. Available from: http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/series/sr_02/sr02_154.pdf.

NOTES: SE is standard error. 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 \(NHAMCS\)](#).

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