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| Age, sex, and race | All places ¹ | | | | Physician offices | | | |
|--|-------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------|---------|-------------------|
| | 2000 | 2010 | 2011 | 2015 ² | 2000 | 2010 | 2011 | 2015 ² |
| Age | | Number of visits in thousands | | | | | | |
| Total | 1,014,848 | 1,239,387 | 1,249,047 | --- | 823,542 | 1,008,802 | 987,029 | 990,808 |
| Under 18 years | 212,165 | 246,228 | 263,387 | --- | 163,459 | 191,500 | 206,285 | 149,556 |
| 18–44 years | 315,774 | 342,797 | 333,427 | --- | 243,011 | 261,941 | 239,224 | 230,511 |
| 45–64 years | 255,894 | 352,001 | 353,591 | --- | 216,783 | 296,385 | 285,784 | 305,071 |
| 45–54 years | 142,233 | 171,039 | 173,334 | --- | 119,474 | 140,819 | 136,429 | 142,016 |
| 55–64 years | 113,661 | 180,962 | 180,258 | --- | 97,309 | 155,566 | 149,355 | 163,055 |
| 65 years and over | 231,014 | 298,362 | 298,642 | --- | 200,289 | 258,976 | 255,736 | 305,670 |
| 65–74 years | 116,505 | 151,075 | 151,970 | --- | 102,447 | 132,201 | 131,233 | 159,752 |
| 75 years and over | 114,510 | 147,287 | 146,672 | --- | 97,842 | 126,775 | 124,503 | 145,918 |
| | | Number of visits per 100 persons | | | | | | |
| Total, age-adjusted ³ | 374 | 401 | 400 | --- | 304 | 325 | 314 | 297 |
| Total, crude | 370 | 408 | 408 | --- | 300 | 332 | 322 | 313 |
| Under 18 years | 293 | 331 | 357 | --- | 226 | 257 | 280 | 203 |
| 18–44 years | 291 | 310 | 302 | --- | 224 | 237 | 216 | 204 |
| 45–64 years | 422 | 441 | 431 | --- | 358 | 371 | 349 | 366 |
| 45–54 years | 385 | 388 | 392 | --- | 323 | 320 | 309 | 333 |
| 55–64 years | 481 | 505 | 477 | --- | 412 | 434 | 395 | 401 |
| 65 years and over | 706 | 767 | 745 | --- | 612 | 666 | 638 | 658 |
| 65–74 years | 656 | 713 | 683 | --- | 577 | 624 | 590 | 585 |
| 75 years and over | 766 | 831 | 822 | --- | 654 | 715 | 698 | 762 |
| Sex and age | | | | | | | | |
| Male, age-adjusted ³ | 325 | 350 | 354 | --- | 261 | 283 | 280 | 252 |
| Male, crude | 314 | 350 | 356 | --- | 251 | 283 | 281 | 262 |
| Under 18 years | 302 | 340 | 372 | --- | 231 | 262 | 294 | 203 |
| 18–44 years | 203 | 205 | 208 | --- | 148 | 151 | 145 | 122 |
| 45–54 years | 316 | 324 | 322 | --- | 260 | 265 | 250 | 251 |
| 55–64 years | 428 | 460 | 430 | --- | 367 | 396 | 351 | 378 |
| 65–74 years | 614 | 680 | 655 | --- | 539 | 597 | 566 | 560 |
| 75 years and over | 771 | 871 | 869 | --- | 670 | 760 | 758 | 799 |
| Female, age-adjusted ³ | 420 | 452 | 444 | --- | 345 | 367 | 348 | 342 |
| Female, crude | 424 | 464 | 457 | --- | 348 | 379 | 361 | 362 |
| Under 18 years | 285 | 322 | 341 | --- | 221 | 252 | 265 | 204 |
| 18–44 years | 377 | 415 | 393 | --- | 298 | 323 | 286 | 285 |
| 45–54 years | 451 | 450 | 459 | --- | 384 | 372 | 364 | 411 |
| 55–64 years | 529 | 546 | 520 | --- | 453 | 469 | 436 | 424 |
| 65–74 years | 692 | 741 | 707 | --- | 609 | 647 | 611 | 607 |
| 75 years and over | 763 | 804 | 790 | --- | 645 | 685 | 657 | 736 |
| Race and age ⁴ | | | | | | | | |
| White, age-adjusted ³ | 380 | 408 | 411 | --- | 315 | 336 | 333 | 293 |
| White, crude | 381 | 421 | 424 | --- | 316 | 349 | 345 | 315 |
| Under 18 years | 306 | 341 | 397 | --- | 243 | 270 | 324 | 213 |
| 18–44 years | 301 | 319 | 312 | --- | 239 | 249 | 233 | 211 |
| 45–54 years | 386 | 389 | 378 | --- | 330 | 326 | 305 | 310 |
| 55–64 years | 480 | 505 | 474 | --- | 416 | 440 | 400 | 394 |
| 65–74 years | 641 | 727 | 677 | --- | 568 | 642 | 594 | 548 |
| 75 years and over | 764 | 838 | 815 | --- | 658 | 723 | 698 | 710 |
| Black or African American, age-adjusted ³ | 353 | 439 | 430 | --- | 239 | 316 | 277 | 326 |

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| Age, sex, and race | All places ¹ | | | | Physician offices | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|---------|---------|-------------------|-------------------|---------|---------|-------------------|
| | 2000 | 2010 | 2011 | 2015 ² | 2000 | 2010 | 2011 | 2015 ² |
| Race and age ⁴ —Con. | | | | | | | | |
| Number of visits per 100 persons | | | | | | | | |
| Black or African American, crude | 324 | 425 | 416 | --- | 214 | 303 | 266 | 316 |
| Under 18 years | 264 | 351 | 275 | --- | 167 | 241 | 153 | 167 |
| 18–44 years | 257 | 339 | 350 | --- | 149 | 222 | 199 | 205 |
| 45–54 years | 383 | 466 | 550 | --- | 269 | 339 | 378 | 420 |
| 55–64 years | 495 | 617 | 566 | --- | 373 | 481 | 412 | 496 |
| 65–74 years | 656 | 715 | 733 | --- | 512 | 565 | 539 | 743 |
| 75 years and over | 745 | 845 | 821 | --- | 568 | 682 | 605 | 874 |
| Hospital outpatient departments | | | | | | | | |
| Hospital emergency departments | | | | | | | | |
| Number of visits in thousands | | | | | | | | |
| Total | 83,289 | 100,742 | 125,721 | --- | 108,017 | 129,843 | 136,296 | 136,943 |
| Under 18 years | 21,076 | 24,913 | 27,651 | --- | 27,630 | 29,815 | 29,451 | 31,860 |
| 18–44 years | 26,947 | 28,159 | 37,557 | --- | 45,816 | 52,697 | 56,646 | 54,592 |
| 45–64 years | 20,772 | 27,739 | 37,980 | --- | 18,339 | 27,877 | 29,828 | 29,119 |
| 45–54 years | 11,558 | 13,639 | 19,310 | --- | 11,201 | 16,581 | 17,595 | 16,070 |
| 55–64 years | 9,214 | 14,100 | 18,670 | --- | 7,138 | 11,296 | 12,232 | 13,050 |
| 65 years and over | 14,494 | 19,932 | 22,534 | --- | 16,232 | 19,454 | 20,372 | 21,372 |
| 65–74 years | 7,515 | 10,675 | 12,529 | --- | 6,543 | 8,199 | 8,208 | 9,797 |
| 75 years and over | 6,979 | 9,257 | 10,005 | --- | 9,690 | 11,255 | 12,163 | 11,575 |
| Number of visits per 100 persons | | | | | | | | |
| Total, age-adjusted ³ | 31 | 33 | 40 | --- | 40 | 43 | 45 | 44 |
| Total, crude | 30 | 33 | 41 | --- | 39 | 43 | 44 | 43 |
| Under 18 years | 29 | 33 | 37 | --- | 38 | 40 | 40 | 43 |
| 18–44 years | 25 | 25 | 34 | --- | 42 | 48 | 51 | 48 |
| 45–64 years | 34 | 35 | 46 | --- | 30 | 35 | 36 | 35 |
| 45–54 years | 31 | 31 | 44 | --- | 30 | 38 | 40 | 38 |
| 55–64 years | 39 | 39 | 49 | --- | 30 | 32 | 32 | 32 |
| 65 years and over | 44 | 51 | 56 | --- | 50 | 50 | 51 | 46 |
| 65–74 years | 42 | 50 | 56 | --- | 37 | 39 | 37 | 36 |
| 75 years and over | 47 | 52 | 56 | --- | 65 | 64 | 68 | 60 |
| Sex and age | | | | | | | | |
| Male, age-adjusted ³ | 26 | 27 | 32 | --- | 38 | 40 | 42 | 40 |
| Male, crude | 25 | 27 | 33 | --- | 38 | 39 | 41 | 39 |
| Under 18 years | 29 | 34 | 37 | --- | 41 | 43 | 41 | 44 |
| 18–44 years | 17 | 16 | 20 | --- | 38 | 38 | 43 | 39 |
| 45–54 years | 26 | 24 | 34 | --- | 30 | 35 | 38 | 36 |
| 55–64 years | 32 | 32 | 45 | --- | 30 | 32 | 34 | 31 |
| 65–74 years | 38 | 47 | 52 | --- | 36 | 37 | 37 | 34 |
| 75 years and over | 42 | 50 | 49 | --- | 59 | 60 | 62 | 60 |
| Female, age-adjusted ³ | 35 | 38 | 48 | --- | 41 | 47 | 48 | 48 |
| Female, crude | 35 | 39 | 49 | --- | 41 | 46 | 48 | 47 |
| Under 18 years | 29 | 33 | 38 | --- | 35 | 37 | 39 | 43 |
| 18–44 years | 33 | 35 | 47 | --- | 46 | 57 | 59 | 57 |
| 45–54 years | 36 | 37 | 53 | --- | 31 | 40 | 41 | 39 |
| 55–64 years | 45 | 46 | 54 | --- | 31 | 31 | 31 | 33 |
| 65–74 years | 46 | 54 | 60 | --- | 37 | 40 | 37 | 38 |
| 75 years and over | 49 | 53 | 61 | --- | 69 | 66 | 72 | 61 |

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| Age, sex, and race | Hospital outpatient departments | | | | Hospital emergency departments | | | |
|--|----------------------------------|------|------|-------------------|--------------------------------|------|------|-------------------|
| | 2000 | 2010 | 2011 | 2015 ² | 2000 | 2010 | 2011 | 2015 ² |
| Race and age ⁴ | Number of visits per 100 persons | | | | | | | |
| White, age-adjusted ³ | 28 | 31 | 37 | --- | 37 | 41 | 42 | 42 |
| White, crude | 28 | 32 | 38 | --- | 37 | 40 | 41 | 41 |
| Under 18 years | 27 | 33 | 37 | --- | 36 | 39 | 37 | 42 |
| 18–44 years | 23 | 25 | 31 | --- | 39 | 45 | 47 | 45 |
| 45–54 years | 28 | 28 | 37 | --- | 28 | 34 | 35 | 34 |
| 55–64 years | 36 | 36 | 44 | --- | 28 | 29 | 30 | 30 |
| 65–74 years | 38 | 48 | 49 | --- | 35 | 37 | 34 | 35 |
| 75 years and over | 44 | 52 | 52 | --- | 63 | 62 | 65 | 61 |
| Black or African American, age-adjusted ³ | 51 | 51 | 69 | --- | 62 | 73 | 85 | 78 |
| Black or African American, crude | 48 | 50 | 68 | --- | 62 | 72 | 83 | 77 |
| Under 18 years | 40 | 48 | *50 | --- | 57 | 62 | 72 | 70 |
| 18–44 years | 40 | 37 | 55 | --- | 68 | 81 | 96 | 91 |
| 45–54 years | 61 | 54 | 89 | --- | 53 | 73 | 83 | 81 |
| 55–64 years | 70 | 73 | 94 | --- | 52 | 62 | 60 | 57 |
| 65–74 years | 85 | *85 | *121 | --- | 59 | 66 | 73 | 57 |
| 75 years and over | 85 | *74 | *98 | --- | 92 | 89 | 118 | 77 |

--- Data not available.

* 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.

²In 2012–2015, data for All places and Physician offices exclude visits to community health centers; in 2006–2011, data for All places and Physician offices include visits to community health centers (2%–3% of visits to physician offices in 2006–2011 were to community health centers). Prior to 2006, visits to community health centers were not included in the survey.

³Estimates 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.

⁴Estimates by racial group should be used with caution because information on race was collected from medical records, and race is imputed for records missing that information. Information on the race imputation process used in each data year is available in the public-use file documentation, available from: <https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/ahcd/index.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 recorded. 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 recorded, estimates for visits with multiple races recorded are unreliable and are not presented.

NOTES: Rates were calculated using estimates of the civilian noninstitutionalized population of the United States. Rates for 2000 were computed using 1990-based postcensal population estimates. Rates for 2001–2010 were computed using 2000-based postcensal population estimates. Rates for 2011 data and beyond were computed using 2010-based postcensal population estimates. Rates using the civilian noninstitutionalized population will be overestimated to the extent that visits by institutionalized persons are counted in the numerator (e.g., hospital emergency department visits by nursing home residents), but 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 the Excel spreadsheet on the *Health, United States* website at: <https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/hus.htm>.

SOURCE: NCHS, National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey and National Hospital Ambulatory Medical Care Survey. See Appendix I, National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey (NAMCS); National Hospital Ambulatory Medical Care Survey (NHAMCS).