ABOUT NAMCS
The National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey (NAMCS) produces statistics that represent the experience of the U.S. population at visits to office-based physicians. The survey provides information on office visits in terms of physician practice, patient, and visit characteristics.

PEDIATRICS
In 2015, an estimated 95 million visits were made to nonfederally employed, office-based pediatricians in the United States. One-half of these visits were by children under age 5 years. The annual visit rate increased with age, and females had a higher visit rate than males.

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MAJOR REASON FOR VISIT
- NEW PROBLEM 50%
- PREVENTIVE CARE 42%
- CHRONIC PROBLEM, ROUTINE 5%
- CHRONIC PROBLEM, FLARE-UP 2%

EXPECTED SOURCE OF PAYMENT
- PRIVATE INSURANCE 52%
- MEDICAID OR CHIP 40%
- MEDICARE 2%
- OTHER 6%

TOP 5 REASONS FOR VISIT
- GENERAL MEDICAL EXAMINATION
- WELL-BABY EXAMINATION
- COUGH
- FEVER
- PROGRESS VISIT

TOP 5 DIAGNOSES
- ROUTINE INFANT OR CHILD HEALTH CHECK
- ACUTE UPPER RESPIRATORY INFECTIONS, EXCLUDING PHARYNGITIS
- OTITIS MEDIA
- ACUTE PHARYNGITIS
- ATTENTION DEFICIT DISORDER

MEDICATIONS WERE PRESCRIBED AT 70% OF OFFICE VISITS.

TOP 5 ACTIVE INGREDIENTS
- AMOXICILLIN
- ALBUTEROL
- ACETAMINOPHEN
- INFLUENZA VIRUS VACCINE, INACTIVATED
- IBUPROFEN

TOP 5 SERVICES, ORDERED OR PROVIDED
- DIET/NUTRITION COUNSELING
- SKIN EXAMINATION
- RETINAL EXAMINATION
- GROWTH/DEVELOPMENT COUNSELING
- INJURY PREVENTION COUNSELING

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION OF PEDIATRIC OFFICE VISITS BY PATIENT’S AGE: 2015
NAMCS data are widely used in research studies appearing in nationally recognized medical journals. Below is a selection of pediatrics articles in recent publications citing NAMCS data:


A complete list of publications using NAMCS data, which includes articles and reports, can be found at: https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/ahcd/ahcd_products.htm.