

No. 154. Ambulatory Care Visits to Physicians' Offices and Hospital Outpatient and Emergency Departments: 2002

[1,083.5 represents 1,083,500,000. Based on the annual National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey and National Hospital Ambulatory Medical Care Survey and subject to sampling error; see source for details. For composition of regions, see map inside front cover.]

Characteristic	Number of visits (mil.)				Visits per 100 persons			
	Total	Physician offices	Outpatient dept.	Emergency dept.	Total	Physician offices	Outpatient dept.	Emergency dept.
Total	1,083.5	890.0	83.3	110.2	382.7	314.4	29.4	38.9
Age:								
Under 15 years old	202.3	159.2	18.9	24.1	333.8	262.8	31.3	39.7
15 to 24 years old	98.9	71.9	9.8	17.2	250.4	181.9	24.9	43.6
25 to 44 years old	245.9	192.4	21.1	32.4	296.9	232.2	25.5	39.2
45 to 64 years old	283.5	242.1	21.4	19.9	428.3	365.8	32.4	30.1
65 to 74 years old	122.5	109.3	6.4	6.8	679.3	606.4	35.4	37.5
75 years old and over	130.4	115.0	5.6	9.7	818.3	722.2	35.1	61.1
Sex:								
Male	443.8	360.9	32.3	50.6	321.4	261.4	23.4	36.6
Female	639.7	529.1	51.0	59.6	441.2	364.9	35.2	41.1
Race:								
White	909.1	766.1	61.3	81.7	397.1	334.6	26.8	35.7
Black/African-American	133.0	89.5	18.7	24.9	376.0	252.9	52.8	70.3
Asian/Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	30.8	26.3	2.3	2.2	268.5	229.3	20.3	18.9
American Indian/Alaska Native	3.4	2.2	10.4	10.8	127.1	82.9	114.0	130.0
More than one race reported	2.8	2.4	0.2	0.2	67.9	159.0	5.0	4.2
Region:								
Northeast	246.1	205.7	21.5	18.9	460.8	385.2	40.2	35.4
Midwest	246.1	196.7	23.3	26.0	383.9	307.0	36.4	40.6
South	373.1	300.7	26.9	45.5	369.4	297.7	26.7	45.1
West	218.2	186.9	11.6	19.7	337.9	289.4	18.0	30.5
Primary source of payment:								
Private insurance	599.4	525.5	31.1	42.8	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Medicare	217.2	188.2	12.0	17.0	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Medicaid	111.6	67.1	22.7	21.8	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Worker's compensation	17.8	14.7	1.0	2.1	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Self pay	61.6	39.5	6.1	15.9	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
No charge	6.3	2.5	12.7	11.2	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Other	27.0	21.5	3.0	2.6	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Unknown	42.5	31.0	4.7	6.8	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)

X Not applicable. ¹ Figures do not meet standard of reliability or precision.

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