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## PREFACE

This report describes an international feasibility study of medical care utilization, undertaken jointly by research teams in the United States, Yugoslavia, and the United Kingdom from 1964 to 1966 . The groups involved were representatives of the Federal Institute of Public Health, Belgrade, Yugoslavia; the Medical Care Research Unit, University of Manchester, Manchester, and the Institute of Community Studies, London, England; the Department of Community Medicine, University of Vermont, Burlington, the Department of Medical Care and Hospitals, The Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, and the National Center for Health Statistics, Public Health Service, U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, Washington, D.C., United States.

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THIS NEW REPORT from the National Center for Health Statistics describes a research undertaking to test the feasibility of epidemiological methods in a scientific sample survey to produce data on medical care utilization from which valid comparisons could be made between three different countries having different customs, systems of medical care, and demographic characteristics. This study was conducted jointly by research teams in the United Kingdom, the United States of America, and Yugoslavia. Identical procedures were used to simultaneously collect medical care utilization data on three carefully defined populations, one community in each country. Utilization of services from doctors, dentists, nurses, and other providers of care was the dependent variable, which was studied in relation to independent variables such as demographic factors, selected measures of perceived morbidity, the extent and accessibility of medical care personnel and facilities, and the people's attitudes toward medical care. Structured household interviews were conducted in a probability sample in each area of approximately 300 households, comprising about 1,000 persons. The report describes the conduct of the study, gives the findings and conclusions together with summary tables incorporating standardized rates.

In spite of substantial differences in ways of life, organization of health services, and reported morbidity and disability, people in the three study areas appear to consult doctors in much the same way, while patterns of hospital utilization vary substantially. Also, the amount of consultation for curative services is apparently unrelated to the supply of doctors in the three areas.
The research findings exhibit reassuring internal consistency. The independent validations done for certain parts of the interview information indicate satisfactory consistency between the interview data and other sources. The study concludes that epidemiologic methods employing household interviews are feasible in international and regional studies of medical care utilization.

# INTERNATIONAL COMPARISONS OF MEDICAL CARE UTILIZATION 

A FEASIBILITY STUDY

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## INTRODUCTION

Although the levels of economic development and scientific progress may be similar in a number of countries, it does not necessarily follow that their medical care systems are also similar, because the pattern of medical care in any one country is ultimately determined by its unique combination of political, social, and cultural forces. The study and comparison of medical care systems under differing circumstances can be of great value to the administrators, planners, and investigators of health services.

Comparison cannot be attempted, however, until the systems in the respective countries or regions have been defined in terms of an acceptable yardstick or common frame of reference. One approach to this problem is to measure and define the utilization pattern of a medical care system. The utilization pattern is not only determined by the extent of need to prevent or cure illness, but is also influenced by economic, social, educational, and cultural factors, as well as by the methods of payment, the organization, and the attitudes of the purveyors of medical care.

The traditional measurement of utilization has centered on the records of health services

[^0]facilities, such as hospitals and clinics; however, these records do not reflect the entire range of medical services utilized by a defined population. A household survey must be undertaken in order to obtain relatively complete estimates for large general populations. Areas which should be surveyed are physician visits, which are not recorded in all countries; information on the level of morbidity, complaints or conditions for which medical care is sought, deferred, or not utilized at all; and the attitudes and satisfactions associated with medical care.

Studies of medical care utilization at the national level had been conducted in several countries in the $1950^{\circ} \mathrm{s}$, while active interest in research in this subject at the international level was stimulated by the World Health Organization. By 1963 medical care investigators in several countries were seriously considering an undertaking that would allow international comparison. The interest and ideas, as well as preliminary financial commitments, were formally exchanged at a meeting in Belgrade, Yugoslavia, in April 1964. Concrete plans were made for a feasibility study to prepare the way for future research of differential utilization of medical care facilities.

This report describes the main features of the feasibility study that resulted from the Belgrade meeting. It is the work of a group known as the Committee for the International Collaborative Study of Medical Care Utilization, representing 20. senior investigators and eight institutions in
three participating countries--the United Kingdom, Yugoslavia, and the United States. The investigation was a unique experience in intense scientific collaboration between representatives of a variety of disciplines in several different countries. Apart from the specific contributions, the study paid intangible dividends in the intellectual stimulation, understanding of national and cultural differences, and the remarkable esprit de corps that developed within the committee.

The prime objective of the study was to ascertain whether valid, reliable, and comparable data on the use of doctors' and nurses' services and on hospitalization among a defined population during a given period of time could be collected simultaneously in several settings by standardized epidemiological procedures. In addition, as a corollary to this objective, certain important factors affecting utilization were selected and investigated as independent variables of utilizzation. The principal variables chosen for this purpose were demographic characteristics, selected measures of perceived morbidity, the extent and accessibility of medical care personnel and facilities, and the population's attitudes and satisfactions with the care received.

The compromises and decisions involved in defining the objectives of the study and the planning and organization for achieving those objectives are described in the following section.

The principal method employed to measure the utilization of medical care services was the household interview administered to a probability sample of about 300 households, or approximately 1,000 individuals, in each of three small areas in Northwest England, Serbia, Yugoslavia, and Vermont in the United States. The sampling designs and other aspects of the field work are summarized in the section titled "Field Work."

The specific information collected in the study and the summary tables showing sample frequencies and standardized rates with their standard errors are discussed under "Survey Results" followed by the conclusions. Twenty-three detailed tables, including population rates and additional sample frequencies, and an appendix presenting the questionnaires conclude the report.

On the basis of the feasibility study, the committee has concluded that epidemiological methods employing household interviews are suitable for arriving at useful and valid international
and regional comparisons of medical care utilization. Many of the variables were found to be comparable, although some require further refinement to achieve maximum comparability between the study areas. Encouraged by the success of the pilot study, the committee has revised the methods and questionnaires and expanded the scope of its activities to encompass 11 study areas in seven countries-Argentina, Canada, Finland, Poland, the United Kingdom, the United States, and Yugoslavia.

## GENERAL PLANNING AND SURVEY DESIGN

## OBJECTIVES

At the first conference held in Belgrade, April 14-20, 1964, the three countries repre-sented--Yugoslavia, the United States, and the United Kingdom-agreed to undertake what was described in the minutes as "a modest program to permit methodological investigation and provide preliminary data ... as a first step towards planning more ambitious studies." The long-range objective was to explore the problems in obtaining comparable data on the utilization of medical care in the three countries and to examine the extent to which certain factors affecting utilization of medical care are or are not common to all three countries, and thus, eventually to examine associations between these factors and the methods of organizing medical care.

In order to achieve the objectives established at the first conference and to accommodate new participants, it was essential to come to grips with three major issues. The fact that no one was totally pleased or displeased with the decisions reached by the group suggests that a true consensus was achieved by the agencies, institutions, and individuals who collaborated in the enterprise.

## Focus of the Study

The framework that guided discussions and planning included the following elements of the medical care process:

Need for medical care. -This includes "medical" needs as determined by physical examinations, screening tests, and interviews,
and "social" needs as determined by lay groups and society.
Attitudes and expectations about medical care.-This includes the personal, familial, and cultural factors that condition the demand for and the acceptance of medical care.
Demand for medical care. -The actual or potential expressed wish or request for medical care.

Utilization of medical care. - The actual use of services whether needed or not in the eyes of the health professions, including hospital and ambulatory care and professional, paramedical, and quasi-medical services.

## Satisfaction with medical care.

Outcome ofmedical care.-End results of the quality of care.

There was great interest on the part of certain participants in assessing need and outcome and on the part of others in assessing attitudes and expectations. The final compromise placed the main emphasis on utilization with subsidiary interest on demands, attitudes, and satisfactions. There was little emphasis on need or on outcome. The rationale behind this decision was that (1) the appraisal of utilization was likely to be supported by the "hardest" data most susceptible to validation and (2) if one could not feel reasonably confident about the comparability of utilization data and about the existence of true similarities and differences between countries, there was little basis for examining possible explanations for any differences observed.

## Nature of the Study

Three types of studies were considered-descriptive, analytical, and hypothesis-testing. At the descriptive level the proposed study held little of interest for many of the participants. Others argued that until it had been demonstrated that reliable and comparative data could be collected, it was premature to encourage extensive analysis of the data or to undertake a study in which hypothesis-testing of sociological variables was a prominent consideration. At the
other end of the spectrum were those who believed that the testing of hypotheses was the best method to advance the field and insure rigor in the methods used, and that a cross-national study afforded an unusual opportunity to examine certain hypotheses of great interest to social scientists, particularly attitudinal and familial determinants of medical care utilization.

In the end, the major emphasis was placed on a modified analytical study, with the statement of a number of hypotheses that were not to be tested in the formal sense, but were designed to sharpen the direction and specificity of the study and to gain experience for later full-scale studies. The following are some initial hypotheses developed for this purpose.

## Basic Postulate

The use and nonuse of health services in a defined population varies with (1) perception of the symptom and conditions or health situation for which use or nonuse occurs; (2) demographic characteristics; (3) the accessibility of physicians, nurses, other health workers, and hospital and nursing-home beds available to that population; and (4) respondents' selected perceptions of, and attitudes toward, their personal physicians.

## Hypothesis 1

The physician consultation rate per 1,000 population per unit time of a defined population varies directly with the namber of physicians per 1,000 population.

## Hypothesis 2

The physician consultation rate per 1,000 population per unit time of a defined population varies inversely with the travel time required to contact a physician.

## Hypothesis 3

The proportion of persons in a defined population not consulting a physician for "certain conditions" that can be alleviated through such consultation varies directly with the degree of coverage of medical and hospital insurance.

## Hypothesis 4

The proportion of persons in a defined population not consulting a physician for "certain
conditions" that can be alleviated through consultation is related to the patients' and families' expectations about medical treatment.

## Hypothesis 5

The physician consultation rate per 1,000 population per unit time varies in a different way in the three countries and varies directly with the amount of education received.

Finally, it was agreed that each area could use additional short questionnaires to gather data of particular interest to it. In point of fact this was done in two areas.

## Method of Tabulation and Analysis

The third area of discussion concerned the extent to which the computer was to dictate the approach to the tabulation and analysis of the data. Under ordinary circumstances it would have been desirable to examine the rawfrequency distributions of the responses to the questionnaire items before deciding upon the cross-tabulations. Such an approach would delay the analysis and would run the risk that errors in the punched cards both within and between countries would only be detected late in the whole process.

An additional consideration was the extent to which the raw sample frequencies would be published in contrast to the population estimates based on expansion of data for individual cells which took into account both sampling fractions and nonresponse. There were strong feelings that the possibilities of further cross-tabulations as well as the precision of the data could best be determined if raw sample frequencies were available. On the other hand, it was felt that because a defined population was being studied, population estimates and rates accompanied by their standard errors to indicate their reliability were the most suitable and useful figures for presentation, and further, that sample frequencies would be misleading in cases like Chester, England, where the nonresponse rates proved to be relatively high and varied in different age and sex groups. The expanded population estimates and rates could be adjusted to allow for these differences, but the expansion factors varied widely for different age and sex groups; from 1
in 60 to 1 in 110 , instead of the total 1 in 92 factor. Thus sample frequencies could not readily be converted to population figures, and showing two sets of figures could be confusing. In this report both sample frequencies and population estimates, together with certain standardized rates and standard errors, are published.

A further policy decision concerned the extent to which urban-rural categories should be used in tabulating and analyzing the survey results. The difficulty arose from the fact that the term "rural" did not have the same meaning for the study populations in the United Kingdom and the United States as it did for the population in Yugoslavia. This was due to the fact that the population in the United States and the United Kingdom usually were not dependent on agriculture for their support and frequently commuted to urban areas for their livelihood. To approach comparability, the Chittenden unit planned originally to allocate one-third of each of their sampling units to rural farm households, rural nonfarm households, and urban households. However, the final decision was to postpone ruralurban comparisons between the three areas until more experience had been gained from the feasibility study.

It was agreed to structure the final tabulations in forms that recognized traditional influences on medical care utilization. Data would be presented by urban, rural, and total population categories, and by sex and major age breaks. Most analyses would be done in terms of "persons" as the basic count. Raw sample frequencies, expanded population frequencies, rates per 1,000 for the individual area population, and rates per 1,000 standardized to the Swedish midyear population of 1962 would be published.

Magnetic tapes were prepared at the National Center for Health Statistics where the programming and tabulation were completed. Tapes, printouts, and tables were made available to each agency or institution for additional analyses.

## ORGANIZATION

No formal organization was set up beyond designating a general chairman and at least one individual in each study area who would assume primary responsibility and devote the major part
of his research efforts to the project. The entire exercise was notable for its flexibility, permitting the participants to consult each other directly in any combination dictated by the problem at hand, unhampered by a fixed chain of command or protocol.

The study required the collaboration of experts in a number of fields; represented on the committee were physicians, statisticians, sociologists, and psychologists, and they were assisted in the field by numerous specialists in sampling and computer techniques. No one country or group of experts possessed a monopoly of skills or knowledge necessary for the study; the project can be truly characterized as both interdisciplinary and international.

Prompt and thorough communication was achieved through eight 1 -week working conferences and six additional visits by members of the team, together with extensive use of conference minutes, memoranda, correspondence, reports, numerous cables, and 10 transatlantic telephone calls. Special mention should be made of the use of itinerant consultants who played an extremely important role in solving problems in the field and in insuring comparability in the interviewing and coding.

At the outset 1 year was thought to be enough for preparation, field work, and analysis; in the end over 2 years were required. Even so, a superhuman effort was made by some of the members and field workers to meet the schedule.

General planning, sampling procedures, and preparation of the questionnaires and Interviewers' and Coders' Manuals required the better part of a year. Field work was conducted in May, June, and July of 1965 . Punchcard layouts, dummy tables, and the computer program were prepared in the spring and summer of 1965. Editing, coding, key punching, and verification were completed by September 1965 and the cards sent to the National Center for Health Statistićs. Final tabulations were examined at a conference in April 1966; from these, the tables in this report have been prepared.

## STUDY AREAS

It was agreed by the committee that the study areas for the pilot project would be limited
to regions with populations in the range of 70,000 to 90,000 , although it was clearly recognized that there is an inherent disadvantage in any small study area, especially when the health services available to a defined population constitute one of the variables under investigation.

The study areas agreed upon were:
United Kingdom: Chester, Cheshire County, England (Population, 87,592 in 1961)

United States: Burlington, Chittenden County, Vermont (Population, 74,425 in 1960)
Yugoslavia: Smederevo, Smederevo Commune, Serbia (Population, 83,862 in 1961)

These communities were chosen because they: (1) were of the appropriate size, (2) constituted medical catchment ${ }^{2}$ areas that were fairly well circumscribed geographically, (3) had both rural and urban components with one town of 25,000 or more, (4) contained or were close to a medical center, and (5) were within reasonable distance ( 40 miles ) of the investigators' institutions in each country.

Population estimates for the noninstitutionalized residents of the three sample areas by age, sex, and urban-rural classification are given in table 6.

## Chester

The Medical Research Unit of the University of Manchester was already committed to an investigation involving household surveys for the Liverpool Regional Hospitals Board and planned to integrate the Liverpool study with the international collaborative study. Chester City combined with Chester Rural District was the only area within the Liverpool Hospitals Board region meeting the agreed specifications. Chester City, with a population of 59,268 in the 1961 decennial census, is situated in the Cheshire plain across

[^1]the River Dee from Wales and is 18 miles from Liverpool and 38 miles from Manchester which are both medical centers. It is surrounded by good dairy farming country for which it acts as a market center.

The Chester Rural District surrounds the city for three-quarters of a mile of its perimeter, the remaining one-quarter being adjacent to Wales across the Dee. The maximum dimensions of the rural district are 12 by 10 miles. The population in 1961 was 28,300 . It is made up of 51 parishes of which three have no inhabitants and only six have more than 1,000 inhabitants. The district is a local administrative one within the county of Cheshire and has its own complement of administrative, health, and welfare people. The area is good farming land; however, it is becoming increasingly suburbanized and its population is growing at a faster rate than that of the city; only 6 percent of the residential accommodation is rated as being occupied by agricultural workers.

The city and rural districts together are comparatively wealthy, with average individual and household incomes well above the national average and above the average in other parts of the Liverpool Hospitals Board region.

## Chittenden

Chittenden County, with a population of 74,425 , of which 20,838 was rural according to the 1960 census, occupies a central location on the eastern shore of Lake Champlain in the long narrow valley with the Adirondack Mountains to the west and the Green Mountains to the east. It is an important educational, agricultural, and year-round recreational center. Burlington is the major city in the county and also its medical center. Burlington is the largest port on the eastern shore of Lake Champlain, is connected by ferry with the New York side of the lake, and is the meeting point of the main north-south route along the east side of the lake and the route across the mountains to the east. This strategic location has added greatly to its industrial and commercial prosperity.

The obvious advantage of Chittenden County as a study area was its accessibility to the unit from the University of Vermont, which is in

Burlington. The mountainous terrain, sparse distribution of population in some areas, and a high number of seasonal residents posed special sampling and interviewing p.coblems.

## Smederevo

The predominately urban commune of Smederevo ( 39,793 in the 1961 census) was combined with its rural subregions, Saraorci and Mala Krsna ( 44,069 ), to form the study area in Yugoslavia. Smederevo is situated on the Danube, 30 miles southeast of Belgrade, the nearest medical center. It is a noted historical town of tourist interest, famed for its vineyards and orchards. In contrast to the other two study areas, the rural population of the Smederevo area is largely engaged in farming; living conditions are mose primitive and some of the remote villages are inaccessible by vehicle during heavy rains.

The disadvantage of chosing Smederevo was that a certain proportion of the population obtains medical care at a neighboring town jist outiside the study area, so that it is probably less selfcontained in this respect than the other study areas. The advantages were that (1) it is not atypical of the country as a whole, (2) it contains a sufficient proportion of working population to provide an insight into utilization of medical care by that category of insured people (a point of special interest to the Belgrade unit), (3) the accessibility and distribution of health personnel within the study area varies considerably, permitting internal comparisons of the influence of these factors on utilization, and (4) it was close enough to Belgrade to simplify communications and staff problems and to keep down expenditures.

## DEVELOPMENT OF QUESTIONNAIRES

The interview questionnaires drew heavily on the experience of the U.S. National Health Survey and on other questionnaires developed by members of the group. A separate but similar questionnaire was constructed for children. The questionnaires were designed to permit two independent coding operations on the form, except for the coding of certain tabular material, for which separate code sheets were used.

Four different approaches to the problem of relating utilization of medical care services to the level of morbidity of the population were incorporated in the questionnaires: measures of reported general morbidity in the population; measures of more specific morbidity as reflected by reported prevalence of certain "symptomcondition" complexes recently associated with "great discomfort" (table A); measures of relatively stable objective "indicators" of morbidity, such as reported selected visual impairments; and measures of "activity limitation" and "bed dieability."

The utilization measures employed were doctor consultations, nurse consultations, and hospital and nursing home admissions. All measures were for a 2 -week-recall period except those ou general morbidity and eye examination, which were for a 12 -month-recall period, and hospitalization, which was recorded for a recall period of 16 to 18 months but tabulated for only a 12 month period. Related topics, such as the availability of "personal" doctors, the patients" attitudes and satisfaction with the care received, and the use of drugs, were also investigated.

The desire to achieve comparable data from respondents of three different nationalities re-
quired unusually careful attention to the phrasing of questions and to the definition of terms. The questionnaires, together with the Interviewers' Manual and a Coders' Manual, were translated into Serbo-Croatian. Independent translations back into English by two persons unfamiliar with the questionnaires, including one unfamiliar with medical terminology, revealed almost complete comparability. Two questions (Q. 1.1 and Q.31.2) had to be omitted from the final Serbo-Croatian version, since the pretesting showed that the Yugoslav respondents understood them in a different way than originally meant. For the same reason, several categories of health workers that do not exist in Yugoslavia were omitted as well. The inadvertent omission of part of one "symptom-condition" complex probably resulted in the underreporting of one condition (diarrhea) in adults in Smederevo (table A).

Two pretests of the questionnaires in each study area, with subsequent revisions, preceded the final field work.

The English version of the household folder, the adult questionnaire, and the child questionnaire are reproduced in appendix I of the report. Appendix II presents technical notes on statistical procedures.

Table A. Selected "symptom-condition" complexes for adults and children ${ }^{1}$

| Adults | Children |
| :---: | :---: |
| 1. Rupture or hernia | 1. Rupture or hernia |
| 2. Varicose veins | 2. Whooping cough |
| 3. Unusual shortness of breath, wheezing, or cough | 3. Unusual shortness of breath, wheezing, or cough |
| 4. Frequent stomach trouble, vomiting, or diarrhea | 4. Frequent stomach trouble, vomiting, or diarrhea |
| 5. Repeated attacks of backache, backstrain, lumbago, or sciatica | 5. Measles (regular or German) <br> 6. Chickenpox |
| 6. Repeated attacks of rheumatism, arthritis, or other joint pain | 7. Burn or scald <br> 8. Skin rash |
| 7. Frequent nervousness, worry, depression, or trouble sleeping | 9. Boils <br> 10. Joint pain |
| 8. Skin rash | 11. Frequent sore throats or colds |
| 9. Boils | 12. Frequent severe headaches |
| 10. Hemorrhoids or rectal bleeding |  |
| 11. Frequent sore throats or colds |  |
| 12. Frequent severe headaches |  |

${ }^{1}$ See conditions listed in adult and child questionnaires, appendix $I$, pages 62 and 70, table III.

## FIELD WORK

## SAMPLING DESIGN

Special requirements and local conditions, including the availability of census and other sampling information, dictated the choice of different sampling designs and sampling fractions in each of the three study areas. The one overall requirement was that the samples be true probability samples of approximately the same number of households. In Chester, a random sample based on the real estate tax rolls was used and the sampling fraction was $1 / 92$; in Smederevo, a two-stage stratified sample was drawn from electoral rolls and a special urban household census and the sampling fractions were $1 / 66$ for the urban population and $1 / 83$ for the rural; and in Chittenden, area sampling was employed with a sampling fraction of $1 / 66$. Residents of institutions, including general hospitals, were excluded from the sample.

Population estimates and sampling characteristics are summarized in table B .

## Chester

It was agreed internationally that the sample chosen would be a household sample and not a sample of individuals. The best and simplest form from which such sampling may be done in the United Kingdom is from the rating lists of each administrative district. A sample drawn from the rating lists contains not only houses, flats, and other places where people live, but also other ratable units such as warehouses, workshops, and garages. The proportions of each
are published annually and it is possible by taking a large enough sample of ratable units to achieve the number of households required.

The international agreement at the time the sampling was drawn in Chester (in February 1965) was that 200 households would be sampled in the urban area and 100 in the rural area. According to the latest proportions published (April 1964), 85.2 percent of the ratable units were domestic units in Chester City and 89.2 percent in Chester Rural District. This meant that 234 ratable units would need to be drawn to produce 200 dwelling units in the city, and 111 ratable units in the rural district to produce 100 dwelling units. Further allowance was made in the city for an estimated 800 demolished ratable units still on the lists by adding nine to the sample. In the rural district there were practically no demolished houses on the lists, but between 200 and 300 additional houses had been added since the 1964 count; accordingly the number of ratable units to be sampled in the rural district was not changed.

A systematic sample was drawn from each of the rating lists; the sampling ratio in the city was every 95 th unit; and the sampling ratio in the rural district was every 90 th unit. Random numbers were used to start the sampling in each case ( 25 and 17, respectively). At the conclusion of drawing, the sample had 243 ratable units in the city and 107 in the rural district. The description of the units showed that of these, 212 in the city and 95 in the rural district should be dwelling units.

The interviewers found that 12 units in the city and one in the rural district had been demolished or were vacant awaiting demolition.

Table B. Noninstitutional population estimates and sample characteristics for the study areas

| Area | Estimated population | Sampling fraction |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Sample } \\ & \text { size } \end{aligned}$ | Percentage interviewed |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Urban | Rural |  |  |
| Chester, U.K- | 81,790 | 1:92 | 1:92 | 890 | 87 |
| Smederevo, Yug | 90,370 | 1:66 | 1:83 | 1,198 | 98 |
| Chittenden, U.S.A | 73,800 | 1:66 | 1:66 | 1,118 | 97 |

This left 200 dwelling units in the city and 94 in the rural district at which interviews could be hoped for; the total in the sample was therefore 294. In addition, however, four units were vacant throughout the time of the survey, three in the city and one in the rural district, so that the sample denominator used in assessment of results was 290 household units (table C).

Validation of the sample with the electoral lists compiled in October 1964 showed that 86 percent of the adults 21 years or over in the sample were on the lists at the same address.

The sampling frame used is readily accessible and is often chosen by the British Social Survey (the major household interviewing organization in Britain), so that its defects have been studied. Each ratable unit has an equal chance of being included in the sample, and there are no difficulties introduced by different sizes of households, as there would be if either of the other available list sampling frames (Electoral Lists and Executive Council Lists) had been chosen.

The disadvantages are as follows. (1) It is not a household sample but a sample of ratable units which may contain several households. The Social Survey has developed a method to deal with this problem which was also used in this survey. The basic rules are that whenever a ratable unit contains two households, both are interviewed. Then the interviewer drops from the sample the next one or two ratable units on the assignment sheet that have not already been contacted in any way (one unit when there are two households, and two when there are three or more). In this survey five units were dropped for this reason. (2) Because the ratable units include nondomestic housing units, arrangement for getting the exact number of households needed is not possible. At one point it appeared that the sample would be too large; but when more demolished houses were found than expected it became clear that in the end the sample would be too small. (3) The sampling method left some responsibility in the hands of the interviewers to discover all the people living at the ratable units; they were instructed to ask at the end of the enumeration, "Now, is that everyone who lives in this (house), (bungalow with garage), (first floor flat), (etc.)?" and presumably they did so. Nevertheless this is a possible source of error, which could not be checked.

Table C. Sampling procedure: Chester, U.K.

| Item | Urban | Rural |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| A11 ratable units------ | 22,843 | 9,819 |
| Domestic units--------- | 19,454 | 8,759 |
| Percent domestic------- | 85.2 | 89.2 |
| Number needed to get desired number of domestic units---.---n-n- | 234 | 111 |
| Correction for demolished units---n--...-- | 9 | - |
| Sampling fraction of units | 1/95 | 1/90 |
| Actual number drawn---- | 243 | 107 |
| Domestic units--------- | 212 | 95 |
| Occupiable------------- | 200 | 94 |
| Estimated total number of domestic units----- | ${ }^{1} 18,353$ | ${ }^{2} 8,667$ |
| Final sampling fraction | 1/92 | 1/92 |

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& \frac{1}{\frac{200}{212} \times 19,454=18,353 .} \\
& \frac{294}{95} \times 8,759=8,667 .
\end{aligned}
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## Chittenden

The Vermont unit used the area sampling method, along the general lines described by Monroe and Finkner. ${ }^{3}$ The area was divided into two zones, town and open country. The two zones were subdivided geographically into equal-sized, contiguous strata. A sampling ratio of $1 / 66$ was applied to both zones. The allocation of sampling units is shown in table D.

Assignment of the town zone sampling units required the use of aerial photography, the city directory, and cruise counts. Of the 20 sample segments in the open country zone, 10 required a count unit prelisting before they could be identified, seven could be identified from Chittenden County road maps, and three from aexial photographs.

Seasonal residents were excluded through the use of standard U.S. Bureau of the Census questions at the beginning of each interview. The other exclusions were those usually living in group quarters (students, nursing home and certain hospital inmates, etc.) and active members of the Armed Forces.

[^2]Table D. Allocation of sampling units: Chittenden, U.S.A.

| Item | Total | Town | Country |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Population (1960) | 74,425 | 55,075 | 18,350 |
| Occupied dwelling units (1960) | 19, 724 | 15,677 | 4,047 |
|  | 50 | - 40 | 10 |
| Sample units: |  |  |  |
| Per strata- | 0 | 132 | 132 |
| Per zone- | 6,600 | 5,280 | 1,320 |
| Sample segments: |  |  |  |
| Per strata | - | 2 | 2 |
| Per zone | 100 | 80 | 20 |
| Sample unit siz | - | 2.9691 | 3.0659 |

The chief problems encountered were : (1) more cruising was necessary than expected; (2) segment or "cluster" sampling involved an occasional interviewing problem in that after the first interview in a segment, neighbors and other family members anticipated the interviewer's coming and some interview content; and (3) interpretation of some sketch maps proved difficult for inexperienced interviewers.

## Smederevo

The Yugoslav group used a two-stage stratified sample of a relatively homogeneous population consisting of 150 urban households and 150 rural ones. As a basis for sampling they used the voting lists of the relevant area. They were considered the most accurate sources of data, for the elections in the whole of Yugoslavia had been held as recently as April 1965.

In the rural subregion of Smederevo, there were no difficulties at all in finding the sample households by following the dwellings given on the voting lists. This was done by three statisticians and took about 1 week. Using the voting lists and consulting the heads of the so-called local offices (territorial administrative offices), they looked for the sample households in each of the villages in the study area. It is possible to say, therefore, that the households from the rural subregion were found quickly and the coverage was almost 100 percent.

In the urban region, however, the team was faced with a number of unexpected difficulties. The voting lists were not as accurate as in the rural area, and addresses of the sampled house-
holds were often incorrect. Having no other choice, they decided to engage five statisticians instead of three and to have them and the heads of the local offices in each town quarter check the dwellings of the sampled households. The checking took about 15 days. It amounted in the end to almost a complete census of the urban population in Smederevo and demonstrated that the technique used in finding the sample households on the basis of the voting lists is not very practicable so that other methods of sampling should probably be used in future studies.

## INTERVIEWING

To increase comparability, women 30 to 50 years of age with at least a high school education and no medical or nursing experience were recruited as interviewers, and one of the principal investigators visited all three areas to observe and assist in the interviewer training. Some 10 or 11 interviewers and two supervisors were enlisted in each area. About 10 days were devoted to instruction and practice interviewing, following, in general, the methods of the University of Michigan Survey Research Center. Training continued in varying degrees in each area during the course of the field work with periodic meetings of the interviewers and supervisors to discuss problems encountered in the field and the errors found by the supervisors in editing the completed questionnaires. In Yugoslavia, the whole team spent 2 hours together every day discussing and evaluating the previous day's work. The occurrence of the same questions, the same problems, and even the same jokes in all
three areas makes it likely that a fair degree of comparability was achieved through training.

The assignments of the interviewers were randomized to cover both urban and rural households in Chittenden and Smederevo, but this was not practicable, although admittedly desirable, in Chester because not all interviewers had cars at their disposal and the cost of interviewing would have placed a great strain on the limited budget.

Field work was conducted simultaneously in May, June, and July of 1965. All persons 18 years and over and all married persons under 18 were interviewed individually. Two-thirds of all respondents were interviewed privately. A separate but similar questionnaire was used for children, with the mother or another related, responsible adult acting as the respondent. Except for children and a few persons with language barriers, proxy interviews were not accepted; this led to some underreporting for a small number of senile, terminally ill, or mentally incompetent persons.

Three "call-backs" for incompleted interviews were made where necessary, and in Vermont and Yugoslavia available resources permitted additional "call-backs" in a large number of cases. This effort explains in part the higher response rates in those two areas- 98 percent in Yugoslavia and 97 percent in Vermont, compared with 87 percent in England.

As would be expected, the interviewing of the agriculcural population in Smederevo required the greatest expenditure of effort. It was often necessary to make repeated calls to reach the adult population before 6 a.m. or late at night. Since the working hours of the interviewers had to be adapted to the free time of the respondents, they were of necessity extremely long, which tends to increase the percentage of omissions and errors in the interviews.

In an effort to maintain a high level of quality in the field work, informal checks of the interviewers' work were made by the supervisors in all three areas, and in two areas, Chittenden and Smederevo, about 10 percent of the respondents in the samples were reinterviewed.

Ninety-three percent of the reported hospital admissions in Chester and Chittenden were checked in the local hospitals and no unreported
hospital admissions were found. Validation of physicians' consultations was attempted, but physicians' medical record systems were not sufficiently adequate in any of the three areas to permit this study.

It was observed that in all three areas there were, on the average, about 25 percent fewer doctor consultations, persons consulting doctors, and 'activity limitation" and "bed disability" days reported for the "week before last" than for "last week." "Procedures" performed, such as injections and X -rays, did not show as marked or consistent discrepancies between the 2 weeks.

## EDITING, CODING, AND KEY PUNCHING

Comparability in the coding was increased by having one member of the team assist in the training of coders in the three areas. Duplicate coding by independent coders was done on all questionnaires; discrepancies, usually reconciled by a supervisor, were less than 2 percent of all coded items.

Medical coding was handled by physicians or medical coders; it presented many problems that were never successfully overcome.

Between-county studies of the reliability of medical and nonmedical coding were attempted, but the problems of observer variations proved difficult to resolve by mail. Occupational coding presented the greatest problem as far as comparability between the data from the three study areas was concerned. One reason was the use of several different classifications: the Hollingshead scale in Chittenden and Chester, supplemented by the English Registrar General's Classification of Occupations in the case of Chester; and the Yugoslav Short List of Occupations in Smederevo. Future plans call for the uniform use of a new two-digit International Labor Organization code.

The key punching of every card was verified; error rates for this operation were kept at less than 1 percent.

The completed cards were sent to the Na tional Center for Health Statistics where they were put on magnetic tape. Errors and inconsistencies in the tapes were detected by the computer in Washington and corrected from information obtained by airmail and cable.

## SURVEY RESULTS

Since one of the objectives of the study was to relate medical care utilization to the resources available, it was important to estimate the ratios of practicing doctors, active nurses, and hospital and nursing home beds available to the defined populations. These figures take into account the use of doctors, nurses, and hospital beds within the areas by both residents and nonresidents of the areas, as well as the use of such services outside the areas by residents of the areas. The population ratios in each area are shown in table E. It is apparent that the population to doctor ratio in Chittenden is roughly half that in the other two areas, i.e., 1:470 in contrast to 1:950 in Chester and 1:1,170 in Smederevo. There are far fewer nurses available to the population in Smederevo than in the other two areas, i.e., $1: 1,030$ in contrast to $1: 140$ in each of the other two areas. The same relationship holds for hospital beds, i.e., $1: 150$ in Smederevo, compared with 1:80 in Chester and 1:90 in Chittenden.

Measurement of overall morbidity in general populations is not easy, whether it be done by household surveys, physical examinations, screening tests, or doctors' records. Several indirect measures that are internally consistent may be as valid as one or two direct measures that are subject to wide observer variation. Uncertainties about "condition" frequencies in populations and difficulties in coding lay responses
to questions about morbidity provide further complications. The questions asked in the present study about the presence or absence of 12 relatively common acute and chronic "symptomcondition" complexes for which, in all three areas, medical care is believed to be beneficial (table A) was an attempt to overcome some of these difficulties. Table $F$ shows the standardized annual rates per 1,000 population for persons reporting that they did not recall having had any of the 12 conditions in the previous 12 months, those who reported having had only one of the 12 conditions, those who reported having had one or more conditions, and the total number of conditions reported from the selected list of 12. The rates for persons with only one condition are about the same in the three areas. The rates for persons with "one or more conditions" and the rates for "all conditions ${ }^{11}$ are substantially higher in Smederevo (730 per 1,000 persons over 1 year old and 2,030 conditions per 1,000 persons over 1 year old) than in Chester ( 540 persons per 1,000 persons over 1 year old and 1,130 conditions per 1,000 persons over 1 year old) and Chittenden ( 610 persons per 1,000 persons over 1 year old and 1,330 conditions per 1,000 persons over 1 year old). The reverse is true for persons reporting that they had had none of the 12 conditions in the previous 12 months.

Rates for seven conditions in adults and for five conditions in children were higher in Smederevo than in the other two areas (table 15). Of

Table E. Medical-care resources available for the study areas

| Area | Population ratios |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Doctors ${ }^{1}$ in active practice | Nurses ${ }^{2}$ in active practice | Hospita1 ${ }^{3}$ nursinghome beds |
| Chester, U.K | 1:950 | 1:140 | 1:80 |
| Smederevo, Yug- | 1:1,170 | 1:1,030 | 1:150 |
| Chittenden, U.S.A | 1:470 | 1:140 | 1:90 |

[^3]Table F. Persons 1 year of age and over reporting specific conditions ${ }^{1}$ and specific conditions reported per year for the study areas

| Area | Persons without conditions |  | Persons with only 1 condition |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Sample frequency | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Standard- } \\ & \text { ized } \\ & \text { rate per } \\ & 1,000 \\ & \text { persons }{ }^{2} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Sample } \\ & \text { fre- } \\ & \text { quency } \end{aligned}$ | Standardized rate per 1,000 persons ${ }^{2}$ |
| Chester, U.K--.-. Smederevo, Yug--Chittenden, U.S.A | 347 333 443 | $\begin{aligned} & 460 \pm 18 \\ & 270 \pm 14 \\ & 390 \pm 17 \end{aligned}$ | 189 295 290 | $\begin{aligned} & 250 \pm 16 \\ & 240 \pm 13 \\ & 260 \pm 13 \end{aligned}$ |
| Area | Persons with 1+ conditions |  | All conditions |  |
|  | Sample frequency | ```Standard- ized rate per 1,000 persons }\mp@subsup{}{}{2``` | Sample frequency | Standardized rate per 1,000 persons ${ }^{2}$ |
| Chester, U.K--.-- <br> Smederevo, Yug-- <br> Chittenden, U.S.A | $\begin{aligned} & 411 \\ & 830 \\ & 629 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 540 \pm 18 \\ & 730 \pm 14 \\ & 610 \pm 17 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 855 \\ 2,203 \\ 1,327 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1,130 \pm 50 \\ & 2,030 \pm 58 \\ & 1,330 \pm 55 \end{aligned}$ |
| ${ }^{1} 12$ "symptom-condition" complexes (table A). ${ }^{2} \pm$ standard errors of rates. |  |  |  |  |

the 12 conditions, lower rates were observed only for varicose veins and hemorrhoids in adults and for skin rashes in children. The observed differences could, in part, be attributed to differences in perception or reporting, but they are also compatible with basic differences in general morbidity. If overreporting was the main factor contributing to the higher rates reported in Smederevo, it might be expected to be characteristic of most conditions for both adults and children. In fact, for those conditions reported for both adults and children, the patterns differed; for example, cough in relation to breathlessness, headaches, skin rashes, and boils. Table 15 shows that the rank order correlations between pairs of study areas were, for the most part, high, and the coefficients of concordance for all three areas were 0.94 for adults and 0.84 for children.

When the measures of morbidity are further refined by inquiry about the presence of the 12 "symptom-condition" complexes in adults during the previous 2 -week period, the relationship between Smederevo and the other two areas is maintained. The same is true when the measure is restricted to those conditions causing "great discomfort" in the previous 2 -week period; there were 410 conditions per 1,000 adults in Smederevo compared with 240 per 1,000 in Chester and 330 per 1,000 in Chittenden (table G).

In summary, the rates for persons reporting only one of 12 "conditions" present are similar; all other measures of morbidity employed, i.e., persons affected, number of conditions, discomfort, and prevalence of specific conditions, indicate substantially higher levels of reported morbidity in Smederevo. The possibility of cultural

Table G. Specific conditions ${ }^{1}$ and specific conditions associated with "great discomfort" in adults 18 years of age and over during a 2 -week period for the study areas

| Area | All conditions |  | Conditions associated with "great discomfort ${ }^{\prime}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Sample frequency | $\begin{gathered} \text { Standard - } \\ \text { ized } \\ \text { rate per } \\ 1,000 \\ \text { adults }^{2} \end{gathered}$ | Samp1e frequency | $\begin{gathered} \text { Standard - } \\ \text { ized } \\ \text { rate per } \\ 1,000 \\ \text { adults } \end{gathered}$ |
| Chester, U.K | 417 | $840 \pm 50$ | 122 | $240 \pm 18$ |
| Smederevo, Yug | 1,084 | $1,580 \pm 72$ | 316 | $410 \pm 27$ |
| Chittenden, U.S.A | 668 | 1,080 $\pm 63$ | 207 | $330 \pm 23$ |

${ }^{1} 12$ "symptom-condition" complexes (table A).
$2 \pm$ standard errors of rates.

Table H. Days of activity limitation and bed disability and persons with activity limitation and bed disability during a 2 -week period for the study areas

| Area | Days of limitation |  | Days of disability |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Sample frequency | Standard ized rate per 1,000 population ${ }^{1}$ | Sample frequency | $\begin{gathered} \text { Standard- } \\ \text { ized } \\ \text { rate per } \\ 1,000 \\ \text { popula- } \\ \text { tion }^{1} \end{gathered}$ |
| Chester, U.K----- Smederevo, Yug-- Chittenden, U.S.A | $\begin{array}{r} 372 \\ 1,433 \\ 590 \end{array}$ | $\left\lvert\, \begin{gathered} 490 \pm 74 \\ 1,360 \pm 111 \\ 620 \pm 85 \end{gathered}\right.$ | $\begin{array}{r} 87 \\ 682 \\ 219 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 110 \pm 24 \\ & 620 \pm 74 \\ & 210 \pm 43 \end{aligned}$ |
| Area | Persons with 1imitation |  | Persons with disability |  |
|  | Sample frequency | Standard ized rate per 1,000 population ${ }^{1}$ | Sample frequency | Standard ized rate per 1,000 population ${ }^{1}$ |
| Chester, U.K | 89 | $110 \pm 12$ | 45 | $60 \pm 9$ |
| Smederevo, Yug | 242 | $220 \pm 13$ | 125 | $110 \pm 10$ |
| Chittenden, U.S.A- | 126 | $120 \pm 10$ | 71 | $60 \pm 7$ |

[^4]differences in perception and reporting cannot be excluded. Whether this population does or does not have higher levels of true morbidity is perhaps less important from the viewpoint of organizing medical care than the observation that those questioned think that they have a substantial amount of morbidity.

A critical criterion for assessing the effectiveness of medical care is its capacity to improve function or at least diminish objective disability. Table $H$ gives the rates for a 2 -week period for days of "activity limitation" (i.e., inability to carry on normal daily activities because of illness), and for persons with "bed disability."

The differences are in the samedirection for both forms of disability; they parallel the differences observed for "all conditions" and for
those associated with "great discomfort" but are substantially larger (table G). It is of interest that higher rates for Smederevo are observed both for days of activity limitation and bed disability and for persons affected in each category. These differences are in contrast to the relative similarity between the other two areas for all these rates. The mean length of "activity limitation' in Smederevo is 5.9 days compared with 4.2 in Chester and 4.7 in Chittenden. Similarly the mean length of "bed disability" in Smederevo is 5.5 days compared with 1.9 in Chester and 3.1 in Chittenden. The higher levels in Smederevo do not appear to be a function of "malingering" by workers since the same patterns are observed for children who receive no sickness insurance benefits.

Table J. Visual impairments, eye examinations, and use of eyeglasses by adults 18 years of age and over for the study areas

| Area | Unable to "read newspapers"1 without eyeglasses |  | Unable to "recognize friends" without eyeglasses |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Sample frequency | ```Standard- ized rate per 1,000 adults}\mp@subsup{}{}{2``` | Sample frequency | ```Standard- ized rate per 1,0002 adults``` |
| Chester, U.K-----Smederevo, Yug--Chittenden, U.S.A | $\begin{aligned} & 171 \\ & 203 \\ & 217 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 350 \pm 17 \\ & 330 \pm 15 \\ & 380 \pm 15 \end{aligned}$ | 61 67 97 | $\begin{aligned} & 110 \pm 14 \\ & 100 \pm 12 \\ & 160 \pm 15 \end{aligned}$ |
| Area | Eye examinations during previous year |  | Use of eyeglasses some or all of time |  |
|  | Sample frequency | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Standard- } \\ & \text { ized } \\ & \text { rate per } \\ & 1,000 \\ & \text { adults }^{2} \end{aligned}$ | Sample frequency | $\begin{gathered} \text { Standard- } \\ \text { ized } \\ \text { rate per } \\ 1,000 \\ \text { adults }^{2} \end{gathered}$ |
| Chester, U.K | 87 | $170 \pm 17$ | 320 | $610 \pm 19$ |
| Smederevo, Yug | 100 | $120 \pm 11$ | 176 | $270 \pm 15$ |
| Chittenden, U.S.A- | 168 | $270 \pm 18$ | 372 | $610 \pm 17$ |

[^5]Table K. Persons with a personal doctor, ${ }^{1}$ persons consulting doctors, and doctor and nurse ${ }^{2}$ consultations during a'2-week period for the study areas

| Item | $\begin{gathered} \text { Chester, } \\ \text { U.K. } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Smederevo, } \\ \text { Yug. } \end{gathered}$ | Chittenden, U.S.A. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Persons without personal doctor |  |  |  |
| Sample frequency Standardized rate per 1,000 population ${ }^{3}$ Persons with single doctor | 30 $\begin{array}{r}25 \\ 7\end{array}$ | 208 $200 \pm 13$ | 1954 $160 \pm 12$ |
| Sample frequency Standardized rate per 1,000 population ${ }^{3}$ <br> Persons consulting all doctors | 637 $830 \pm 15$ | 683 $570 \pm 17$ | $\begin{array}{r} 800 \\ 710 \pm 16 \end{array}$ |
| Sample frequency Standardized rate per 1,000 population ${ }^{3}$ <br> All doctor consultations | 118 $150 \pm 13$ | 168 $130 \pm 10$ | 168 $160 \pm 11$ |
| Sample frequency Standardized rate per 1,000 population ${ }^{3}$-................... <br> Al1 nurse consultations | 158 $200 \pm 20$ | 268 $200 \pm 18$ | $\begin{array}{r} 239 \\ 230 \pm 21 \end{array}$ |
|  | $\begin{array}{r} 47 \\ 70 \pm 31 \end{array}$ | 89 $70 \pm 17$ | 23 $20 \pm 12$ |
| ${ }^{1}$ Includes osteopaths in Chittenden; similar professions not found in other two areas. <br> ${ }^{2}$ Includes public health nurses, visiting nurses, district nurses, office and clinic nurses, health visitors, and midwives. <br> ${ }^{3} \pm$ standard errors of rates. |  |  |  |

Visual impairments were selected as being relatively stable, widely prevalent indicators of disability, minimally influenced by cultural factors, which are more readily ascertainable by lay interviewers than other forms of disability. As such, they may indicate the potential demand for medical care. This notion is supported by the stability of the rates for adults unable to "read newspapers ${ }^{\prime \prime}$ without eyeglasses and for persons unable to "recognize friends" without eyeglasses (table J). Both these rates were remarkably similar in all three areas- -350 in Chester, 330 in Smederevo, and 380 in Chittenden for the former impairment; and 110 in Chester, 100 in Smederevo, and 160 in Chittenden for the latter. By contrast, however, the rates for persons who had had their eyes examined during the pre-
vious 12 months and rates for the use of eyeglasses were substantially higher in Chester and Chittenden than in Smederevo, perhaps reflecting differences in the availability of ophthalmologists and opticians. Why the rates for the use of eyeglasses should be identical in Chester and Chittenden is not readily apparent. The similarity of patterns in the visual impairment rates and the differences in the "eye examination" and "eyeglass use" rates suggests that the higher rates for general morbidity, specific morbidity, activity limitation, and bed disability in Smederevo are unlikely to be entirely explained as functions of differential reporting in the three areas. All the evidence from this study favors the conclusion that there is more morbidity and disability in Smederevo than in Chester or Chittenden.

Table K shows the rates for persons having a single "personal doctor" and for doctor consultations. As might be expected, in Chester, where the British National Health Service makes a general practitioner available for everyone, the rate ( 830 per 1,000 population) was substantially higher for persons who reported that they have a personal doctor than it was in the other two areas. Smederevo may have had a lower rate (570 per 1,000 population) because many patients attend health units and health centers, each staffed by several physicians, any one of whom a patient may see on successive visits. The Chittenden rate ( 710 per 1,000 population) was intermediate. Rates in the three areas for the number of persons consulting doctors during a 2 -week period and the rates for all doctor consultations during a 2 -week period are virtually identical. Rates for all nurse consultations were markedly less in Chittenden. None of the consultation rates appeared to be positively correlated with the ratio of physicians or nurses available to the populations of the three areas.

Table L gives selected characteristics of the personal doctors designated by the respondents. Most patients in all three areas were within 30 minutes ${ }^{\text {' }}$ travel time of their doctor, and most found him relatively "unhurried" and prepared to "listen" and "explain."

Data shown in table M reflect the propensity of the population to consult doctors in relation to reported levels of morbidity. Again, the proportion of all conditions for which no doctor was consulted during the previous 12 months was similar-a range of $22-34$ percent. The tendency for adults having one or more conditions not to consult a doctor appeared greater in Smederevo ( 69 percent) and Chittenden ( 66 percent) than in Chester (41 percent). The proportion of selected conditions in adults that caused "great discomfort" during the 2 -week period but for which no doctor was consulted was almost identical in the three areas. In each of the three areas about four out of five of those individuals who reported that they had experienced "great discomfort" in the past 2 weeks from one or more of the listed

Table L. Selected characteristics of doctor reported by adults 18 years of age and over having a personal doctor for the study areas

| Item | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Chester, } \\ & \text { U.K. } \end{aligned}$ | Smederevo, Yug. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Chittenden, } \\ & \text { U.S.A. } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Adults with single personal doctor |  |  |  |
|  | 493 | 613 | 502 |
| Percentage---------------------------------------------- | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Doctor's office within 30 minutes travel time |  |  |  |
|  | 370 | 520 | 463 |
| Percentage | 66 | 85 | 93 |
| Doctor "unhurried" most of time |  |  |  |
|  | 346 | 515 | 468 |
|  | 83 | 84 | 93 |
| Doctor "listens" most of time |  |  |  |
|  | 373 | 532 | 483 |
| Percentage---------------------------------------------- | 89 | 87 | 96 |
| Doctor "explains" most of time |  |  |  |
| Number | 322 | 495 | 466 |
| Percentage--------------------------------------------- | 78 | 81 | 93 |

Table M. Proportion of specific conditions ${ }^{1}$ and of adults 18 years of age and over with specific conditions for which no doctor was consulted for the study areas

| Area | A11 conditions ${ }^{2}$ |  |  | A11 adults with one condition or more 2 |  |  | A11 conditions causing "great discomfort ${ }^{11}$ in adults ${ }^{3}$ |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total | Doctor not consulted |  | Total | Doctor not consulted |  | Total | Doctor not consulted |  |
|  | Number |  | Percent | Number |  | Percent | Number |  | Percent |
| Chester, U.K---------- | 670 | 226 | 34 | 309 | 169 | 41 | 122 | 96 | 79 |
| Smederevo, Yug-------- | 1,829 | 397 | 22 | 602 | 418 | 69 | 316 | 271 | 86 |
| Chittenden, U.S.A----- | - 925 | 256 | 28 | 398 | 264 | 66 | 207 | 163 | 79 |

${ }^{1} 12$ "symptom-condition" complexes (table A).
${ }^{2} 12$-month period.
${ }^{3} 2$-week period.

Table N. Doctor consultations for persons 1 year of age and over without any conditions and with one or more conditions during a 2 -week period for the study areas

| Area | Persons without any conditions consulting doctors |  | Persons with one condition or more consulting doctors |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Sample frequency | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Standard- } \\ & \text { ized } \\ & \text { rate per } \\ & 1,000 \\ & \text { persons }^{1} \end{aligned}$ | Sample frequency | ```Standard - ized rate per 1,000 persons }\mp@subsup{}{}{1``` |
| Chester, U.K | 15 | $50 \pm 8$ | 103 | $100 \pm 10$ |
| Smederevo, Yug | 21 | $30 \pm 4$ | 147 | $100 \pm 9$ |
| Chittenden, U.S.A | 55 | $50 \pm 7$ | 113 | $110 \pm 9$ |

${ }^{1}+s t a n d a r d$ errors of rates.

12 acute and chronic conditions did not consult a physician during that interval.

The extent to which patients consulted doctors for curative services in contrast to preventive services is indicated in table $N$. Virtually identical rates for "persons without any conditions consulting doctors'" were found in Chester and Chittenden ( 50 per 1,000 persons). The rate for Smederevo was somewhat less
(30 per 1,000 persons). This suggests that the presence of a financial barrier to the use of medical care, sometimes associated with the fee-for-service system, was not an important deterrent. Doctors were consulted for checkups and possible preventive services as frequently in Chittenden as in Chester. The doctor consultation rates for persons with conditions were virtually identical in all three areas.

Table O shows the use of drugs (medicine, salves, or pills) by adults in the three areas. About twice as many adults had taken prescribed medicine in the previous 48 hours in Chester ( 38 percent) and Chittenden ( 48 percent) as in Smederevo (19 percent). The same relationship held for the proportion of persons who had taken medicines not prescribed by a doctor. In spite of apparently higher morbidity and disability rates, the use of drugs and self-medication was at lower levels in Smederevo than in Chester and Chittenden.

Table $P$ shows the standardized annual rates per 1,000 population for the use of all hospitals, including psychiatric hospitals, in the three areas; the rates are similar to the national rates for the respective countries. The annual admission rate per 1,000 population is much higher in Chittenden ( 170 per 1,000 ) than in Chester ( 90 per 1,000) and Smederevo ( 100 per 1,000) ; the rate for persons admitted is also higher. The annual rate of hospital days per 1,000 population is lowest in Chester, but the standard errors are large.

Table 0. Use of drugs ${ }^{1}$ by adults $\begin{gathered}18 \text { years of age and over during the previous } 2 \text { days } \\ \text { for the study areas }\end{gathered}$

| Area | Total |  | Using any drugs |  | Using only drugs prescribed by doctor |  | Using drugs not prescribed by doctor |  | Using both prescribed and nonprescribed drugs |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number | Per-centage | Number | Per-centage | Number | Per-centage | Number | Per-centage | Number | Per-centage |
| Chester, U.K- | 514 | 100 | 197 | 38 | 97 | 19 | 76 | 15 | 23 | 4 |
| Smederevo, Yug------ | 776 | 100 | 147 | 19 | 94 | 12 | 45 | 6 | 5 | 1 |
| Chittenden, U.S.A--- | 627 | 100 | 303 | 48 | 172 | 27 | 110 | 18 | 21 | 3 |

1"Medicines, salves, or pills."

Table P. Admissions, persons admitted, and hospital days for all persons 1 year of age and over per year and mean length of stay ${ }^{1}$ for the study areas

| Area | Admissions |  | Persons admitted |  | Hospital days |  | Mean <br> length of stay |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Sample frequency | $\begin{gathered} \text { Standard- } \\ \text { ized } \\ \text { rate per } \\ 1,000 \\ \text { popula- } \\ \text { tion }^{2} \end{gathered}$ | Sample frequency | ```Standard- ized rate per 1,000 popula- tion 2``` | Sample frequency | ```Standard- ized rate per 1,000 popula- tion2``` |  |
| Chester, U.K-------- | 69 | $90 \pm 12$ | 57 | $70 \pm 9$ | 669 | $850 \pm 184$ | 11 |
| Smederevo, Yug------ | 122 | $100 \pm 11$ | 102 | $80 \pm 8$ | 1,637 | $1,460 \pm 335$ | 14 |
| Chittenden, U.S.A--- | 168 | $170 \pm 15$ | 147 | $140 \pm 12$ | 1,358 | $1,500 \pm 276$ | 8 |

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## SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

In spite of substantial differences in ways of life, in organization of health services, and in reported morbidity and disability, people in the three study areas in England, Yugoslavia, and the United States appear to consult doctors in very much the same way. Tabulations by levels of educational achievement showed no important contrasts between the respective study areas. The possibility exists that there is some kind of propensity for consulting a doctor or a nurse for curative services. This propensity seems unrelated to the number of doctors available to the population. Different factors may influence the use of preventive and curative services.

On the other hand, it is apparent that patterns of hopital utilization vary substantially in the three areas, and these differences raise interesting questions about the ways in which hospitals are organized and used in the three areas.

On the basis of this study, the Committee for the International Collaborative Study of Medical Care Utilization has concluded that epidemiologic methods employing household interviews are feasible for undertaking international and regional studies of medical care utilization. The internal consistency of the rates observed with respect to both similarities and differences is reassuring; most of the standard errors are acceptable. The consistency of hospitalutilization data with national data in the three areas affords additional support for the committee's conclu-
sion. Validation studies indicate that the methods are responsive to the problem.

In the full-scale study now underway in 11 areas in Argentina, Canada, Finland, Poland, the United Kingdom, the United States, and Yugoslavia the same general methods will be employed, including the use of identical questionnaires and manuals (translated and retranslated), uniform training programs for interviewers and coders, coordination of activities in the field by traveling consultants, and communication among the participants by means of frequent large and small working sessions. The sample size in each study area will be expanded to at least 1,000 households. Many changes and improvements will be made in the questionnaires, manuals, and computer programs. The sampling design will continue to be a matter of local choice depending on prior experience and the availability of sampling information in each area. More refined methods will be introduced to obtain comparability between the study areas in the classification of occupations and in the measurement of health personnel and facilities. With the confidence gained from the feasibility study that the methods are suitable, it is now possible to progress to the examination of some of the original hypotheses of interest and to explore in greater depth the relationships between the availability of health personnel and resources, the methods of organizing medical care and paying for services, and the utilization of medical care.

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| Area, Urban-rural classification, and sex | All ages |  |  | Under 18 years |  |  | 18-44 years |  |  | 45-64 years |  |  | $65+$ years |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total | I | N-I | Total | I | N-I | Total | I | N-I | Total | I | N-I | Total | I | $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{I}$ |
| Chester, U.K. | Number of persons |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total---------- | 890 | 771 | 119 | 273 | 257 | 16 | 272 | 240 | 32 | 231 | 195 | 36 | 114 | 79 | 35 |
| Male---------------- | 413 | 353 | 60 | 136 | 128 | 8 | 129 | 108 | 21 | 107 | 90 | 17 | 41 | 27 | 14 |
| Female-------------- | 477 | 418 | 59 | 137 | 129 | 8 | 143 | 132 | 11 | 124 | 105 | 19 | 73 | 52 | 21 |
| Urban------------- | 584 | 499 | 85 | 161. | 155 | 6 | 179 | 157 | 22 | 159 | 130 | 29 | 85 | 57 | 28 |
| Ma1e---------------- | 269 | 228 | 41 | 78 | 77 | 1. | 90 | 76 | 14 | 74 | 58 | 16 | 27 | 17 | 10 |
| Female--------------- | 315 | 271 | 44 | 83 | 78 | 5 | 89 | 81 | 8 | 85 | 72 | 13 | 58 | 40 | 18 |
| Rural------------ | 306 | 272 | 34 | 112 | 102 | 10 | 93 | 83 | 10 | 72 | 65 | 7 | 29 | 22 | 7 |
| Male------------------ | 144 | 125 | 19 | 58 | 51 | 7 | 39 | 32 | 7 | $\begin{aligned} & 33 \\ & 39 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 32 \\ & 33 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 6 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 14 \\ & 15 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 10 \\ & 12 \end{aligned}$ | 3 |
| Female--------------- | 162 | 147 | 15 | 54 | 51 | 3 | 54 | 51 | 3 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Smederevo, Yug. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total---------- | 1,198 | 1,174 | 24 | 405 | 402 | 3 | 484 | 472 | 12 | 209 | 206 | 3 | 100 | 94 | 6 |
| Male- | 601 | 585 | 16 | 220 | 219 | 1 | 240 | 230 | 10 | 101 | 99 | 2 | 40 | 37 | 3 |
| Female--------.------- | 597 | 589 | 8 | 185 | 183 | 2 | 244 | 242 | 2 | 108 | 107 | 1 | 60 | 57 | 3 |
| Urban------------ | 533 | 520 | 13 | 201 | 199 | 2 | 233 | 227 | 6 | 65 | 63 | 2 | 34 | 31 | 3 |
| Male----------------- | 259 | 250 | 9 | 105 | 104 | 1 | 109 | 103 | 6 | 33 | 32 | 1 | 12 | 11 | 1 |
| Female--------------- | 274 | 270 | 4 | 96 | 95 | 1 | 124 | 124 | - | 32 | 31 | 1 | 22 | 20 | 2 |
| Rural------------ | 665 | 654 | 11 | 204 | 203 | 1 | 251 | 245 | 6 | 144 | 143 | 1 | 66 | 63 | 3 |
| Male---- | 342 | 335 | 7 | 115 | 115 | - | 131 | 127 | 4 | 68 | 67 | 1 | 28 | 26 | 2 |
| Female-------------- | 323 | 319 | 4 | 89 | 88 | 1 | 120 | 118 | 2 | 76 | 76 | - | 38 | 37 | 1 |
| Chittenden, U.S.A. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total---------- | 1,118 | 1,088 | 30 | 466 | 463 | 3 | 341 | 336 | 5 | 211 | 196 | 15 | 100 | 93 | 7 |
| Male---------------- | 566 | 551 | 15 | 254 | 251 | 3 | 167 | 164 | 3 | 105 | 99 | 6 | 40 | 37 | 3 |
| Female--------------- | 552 | 537 | 15 | 212 | 212 | - | 174 | 172 | 2 | 106 | 97 | 9 | 60 | 56 | 4 |
| Urban------------- | 889 | 863 | 26 | 361 | 359 | 2 | 269 | 265 | 4 | 170 | 157 | 13 | 89 | 82 | 7 |
| Male----------------- | 439 | 427 | 12 | 190 | 188 | 2 | 132 | 130 | 2 | $\begin{aligned} & 82 \\ & 88 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 77 \\ & 80 \end{aligned}$ | 5 | 35 | 32 | 3 |
| Female--------------- | 450 | 436 | 14 | 171 | 171 | - | 137 | 135 | 2 |  |  |  | 54 | 50 | $\begin{array}{r}4 \\ - \\ \hline\end{array}$ |
| Rural------------ | 229 | 225 | 4 | 105 | 104 | 1 | 72 | 71 | 1 | 41 | 39 | 2 | 11 | 11 |  |
| Ma1e------------------ | 127 | 124 | 3 | 64 | 63 | 1 | 35 | 34 | 1 | 23 | 22 | 1 | 5 | 5 | - |
| Female--------------- | 102 | 101 | 1 | 41 | 41 | - | 37 | 37 | - | 18 | 17 |  | 6 | 6 |  |

[^8]Table 2. Numbers of persons consulting doctors ${ }^{1}$ during a 2 -week period, by age and sex for the study areas
[Observed frequencies abtained in the interviews]

| Area and number of consultations | All ages | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Under } \\ & 18 \\ & \text { years } \end{aligned}$ | 18-44 years |  | 45-64 years |  | $65+$ years |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Male | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female |
| Chester, U.K. | Number of persons interviewed |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total persons----------------- | 771 | 257 | 108 | 132 | 90 | 105 | 27 | 52 |
| Persons with: <br> No consultation |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 653 | 217 | 100 | 105 | 76 | 87 | 24 | 44 |
|  | 87 | 32 | 6 | 21 | 9 | 10 | 3 | 6 |
| Two consultations----------------- | 26 | 7 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 7 | - | 2 |
| Three consultations or more------- | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | - | - |
| Smederevo, Yug. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total persons----------------- | 1,174 | 402 | 230 | 242 | 99 | 107 | 37 | 57 |
| Persons with: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No consultations---------------------1- | 1,006 | 328 | 211 | 198 | 91 | 92 | 37 | 49 |
| One consultation-------------------- | 107 | 50 | 10 | 29 | 4 | 9 | - | 5 |
| Two consultations----------------- | 38 | 12 | 4 | 12 | 3 | 5 | - | 2 |
| Three consultations or more------- | 23 | 12 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 1 | - | 1 |
| Chittenden, U.S.A. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total persons----------------- | 1,088 | 463 | 164 | 172 | 99 | 97 | 37 | 56 |
| Persons with: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No consultations------------------- | 920 | 397 | 143 | 138 | 87 | 80 | 29 | 46 |
| One consultation------------------- | 126 | 51 | 11 | 31 | 10 | 11 | 5 | 7 |
| Two consultations------------------ | 26 | 10 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 2 |
| Three consultations or more------- | 16 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 |

[^9]Table 3. Numbers of persons consulting health workers ${ }^{1}$ other than doctors and numbers of consultations during a 2 -week period, by age, sex, and type of consultation for the study areas
['bserved frequencies obtained in the interviews]

| Area and type of consultation | $\begin{aligned} & \text { A11 } \\ & \text { ages } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Under } \\ & 18 \\ & \text { years } \end{aligned}$ | 18-44 years |  | 45-64 years |  | $65+$ years |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Male | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female |
| Chester, U.K. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total persons----------------------- | 771 | 257 | 108 | 132 | 90 | 105 | 27 | 52 |
| Number of persons with one visit or more- | 88 | 29 | 15 | 16 | 7 | 8 | 4 | 9 |
| Number of nurse consultations------------ | 47 | 8 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 15 | 7 |
| Number of dentist consultations---------- | 43 | 19 | 8 | 9 | 5 | - | - | 2 |
| Number of other consultations------------ | 46 | 15 | 6 | 6 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 8 |
| Smederevo, Yug. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total persons------------------------ | 1,174 | 402 | 230 | 242 | 99 | 107 | 37 | 57 |
| Number of persons with one visit or more- | 66 | 22 | 8 | 23 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| Number of nurse consultations----------- | 89 | 35 | 3 | 38 | 3 | 3 | - | 7 |
| Number of dentist consultations---------- | 19 | 6 | 3 | 8 | - | - | 2 | - |
| Number of other consultations------------ | 38 | 3 | 16 | 11 | 5 | 1 | 1. | 1 |
| Chittenden, U.S.A. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total persons----------------------- | 1,088 | 463 | 164 | 172 | 99 | 97 | 37 | 56 |
| Number of persons with one visit or more- | 83 | 36 | 10 | 12 | 7 | 11 | 3 | 4 |
| Number of nurse consultations------------ | 23 | 10 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 5 | - | - |
| Number of dentist consultations---------- | 54 | 22 | 6 | 13 | 2 | 6 | 3 | 2 |
| Number of other consultations------------ | $29^{\circ}$ | 13 | 5 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 2 |

${ }^{1}$ Includes public health nurses, visiting nurses, district nurses, office and clinic nurses, health visitors, and midwives.

Table 4. Numbers of persons 1 year of age and over with selected conditions and number of conditions, by age and sex for the study areas
[Observed frequencies obtained in the interviews]


Table 5. Numbers of persons admitted to hospitals and number of admissions during a year, by age and sex for the study areas
[Observed frequencies obtained in the interviews]


Table 6. Population estimated from the sample, by age, urban-rural classification, and sex for
[Estimates of frequencies in the total population]


NOTE: Due to rounding, detailed figures may not add to the totals.

Table 7. Numbers and rates for persons having a personal doctor, ${ }^{1}$ by age, sex, and number of doctors for the study areas
[Estimates of frequencies in the total population]

| Area and number of personal doctors | $\begin{aligned} & \text { All } \\ & \text { ages } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Under } \\ & 18 \\ & \text { years } \end{aligned}$ | 18-44 years |  | 45-64 years |  | $65+$ years |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Male | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female |
| Chester, U.K. | Number of persons |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total persons--------------- | 81,790 | 25,070 | 11,870 | 13,180 | 9,830 | 11,370 | 3,770 | 6,700 |
| Persons with: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| One doctor------------------------ | 67,660 | 21,340 | 10,000 | 10,500 | 7,920 | 9,100 | 3,370 | 5,440 |
| Two doctors-----------------------1-1- | 7,290 | 2,330 | 550 | 1,190 | 770 | 1,300 | 150 | 990 |
| Three doctors or more---------- | 4,250 | 980 | 770 | 790 | 640 | 540 | 260 | 270 |
| No doctor-- | 2,590 | 410 | 550 | 700 | 500 | 430 | - | - |
| Smederevo, Yug. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total persons | 90,370 | 30,210 | 18,130 | 18,100 | 7,800 | 8,420 | 3,110 | 4,600 |
| Persons with: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| One doctor- | 51,830 | 17,200 | 10,220 | 11,330 | 3,900 | 4,900 | 1,800 | 2,490 |
| Two doctors | 1,670 | 670 | 160 | 550 | 150 | 150 | - | - |
| Three doctors or more | 20,180 | 8,710 | 4,070 | 3,190 | 1,670 | 1,350 | 440 | 750 |
| No doctor--------------------------- | 16,680 | 3,630 | 3,690 | 3,030 | 2,090 | 2,010 | 860 | 1,360 |
| Chittenden, U.S.A. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total persons---------------- | 73,800 | 30,770 | 11,020 | 11,490 | 6,910 | 7,030 | 2,630 | 3,950 |
| Persons with: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| One doctor------------------------ | 54,160 | 25,920 | 6,730 | 7,540 | 5,020 | 4,630 | 1,780 | 2,540 |
|  | 6,850 | 1,720 | 800 | 1,530 | 700 | 1,240 | 360 | 490 |
| Three doctors or more----------- | 2,170 | 1,000 | 130 | 600 | 70 | 220 | - | 140 |
| No doctor--------------------------- | 10,620 | 2,120 | 3,360 | 1,810 | 1,120 | 940 | 500 | 770 |

[^10]Table 7. Numbers and rates for persons having a personal doctor, ${ }^{1}$ by age, sex, and number of doctors for the study areas -Con.
[Fstivates of frequencies in the total population]

| $\begin{aligned} & \text { A11 } \\ & \text { ages } \end{aligned}$ | Under 18 years | 18-44 years |  | 45-64 years |  | $65+$ years |  | Standard- <br> ized rate <br> per 1,000 <br> persons |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Male | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female |  |
| Rate per 1,000 persons |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| 830 | 850 | 840 | 800 | 810 | 800 | 890 | 810 | 830 |
| 90 | 90 | 50 | 90 | 80 | 110 | 40 | 150 | 90 |
| 50 | 40 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 50 | 70 | 40 | 50 |
| 30 | 20 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 40 | - | - | 30 |
| 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| 570 | 570 | 560 | 630 | 500 | 580 | 580 | 540 | 570 |
| 20 | 20 | 10 | 30 | 20 | 20 | - | - | 20 |
| 220 | 290 | 220 | 180 | 210 | 160 | 140 | 160 | 210 |
| 180 | 120 | 200 | 170 | 270 | 240 | 280 | 300 | 200 |
| 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| 730 | 840 | 610 | 660 | 730 | 660 | 670 | 640 | 710 |
| 90 | 60 | 70 | 130 | 100 | 180 | 140 | 120 | 100 |
| 30 | 30 | 10 | 50 | 10 | 30 | - | 40 | 30 |
| 140 | 70 | 300 | 160 | 160 | 130 | 190 | 190 | 160 |

Table 8. Numbers and rates for persons consulting doctors ${ }^{1}$ during a 2 -week period, by age, sex, and number of consultations for the study areas
[Estimates of frequencies in the total population]

| Area and number of consultations | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Al1 } \\ & \text { ages } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Under } \\ & 18 \\ & \text { years } \end{aligned}$ | 18-44 years |  | 45-64 years |  | 65+ years |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Male | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female |
| Chestex, U.K. | Number of persons |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total persons-------------- | 81,790 | 25,070 | 11,870 | 13,180 | 9,830 | 11,370 | 3,770 | 6,700 |
| Persons with no consultations-- <br> Persons with one consultation or more- | 69,350 | 21,180 | 10,980 | 10,490 | 8,280 | 9,420 | 3,370 | 5,640 |
|  | 12,440 | 3,890 | 890 | 2,690 | 1,550 | 1,950 | 400 | 1,060 |
| Persons with one consultation--m- | 9,170 | 3,140 | 660 | 2,100 | 990 | 1,080 | 400 | 800 |
| Persons with two consultations--- | 2,740 | 660 | 110 | 490 | 450 | 760 | - | 270 |
| Persons with three consultations or more- | 530 | 90 | 110 | 100 | 120 | 110 | - |  |
| Smederevo, Yug. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 90,370 | 30,210 | 18,130 | 18,100 | 7,800 | 8,420 | 3,110 | 4,600 |
| Persons with no consultations-- | 77,880 | 24,670 | 16,670 | 14,980 | 7,200 | 7,280 | 3,110 | 3,960 |
| Persons with one consultation or more- | 12,490 | 5,530 | 1,460 | 3,120 | 600 | 1,140 | - | 640 |
| Persons with one consultation---- | 8,030 | 3,770 | 750 | 2,110 | 300 | 690 | - | 410 |
| Persons with two consultations--- | 2,800 | 930 | 300 | 810 | 220 | 380 | - | 150 |
| Persons with three consultations or more | 1,650 | 840 | 400 | 200 | 70 | 70 | - | 80 |
| Chittenden, U.S.A. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total persons---n-m-n--n-n- | 73,800 | 30,770 | 11,020 | 11,490 | 6,910 | 7,030 | 2,630 | 3,950 |
| Persons with no consultations-- | 62,390 | 26,380 | 9,610 | 9,210 | 6,070 | 5,800 | 2,060 | 3,240 |
| Persons with one consultation or more | 11,410 | 4,390 | 1,410 | 2,270 | 830 | 1,230 | 570 | 700 |
| Persons with one consultation---- | 8,540 | 3,400 | 740 | 2,070 | 700 | 800 | 360 | 490 |
| Persons with two consultations--- | 1,770 | 660 | 400 | 70 | 70 | 290 | 140 | 140 |
| Persons with three consultations or more- | 1,090 | 330 | 270 | 130 | 70 | 150 | 70 | 70 |

[^11]Table 8. Numbers and rates for persons consulting doctors ${ }^{1}$ during a 2 -week period, by age, sex, and number of consultations for the study areas-Con.
[Estimates of frequencies in the total population]

| $\begin{aligned} & \text { All } \\ & \text { ages } \end{aligned}$ | Under 18 years | 18-44 years |  | 45-64 years |  | $65+$ years |  | Standard- <br> ized rate <br> per 1,000 <br> persons |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Male | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female |  |
| Rate per 1,000 persons |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| 850 | 840 | 920 | 800 | 840 | 830 | 890 | 840 | 850 |
| 150 | 150 | 70 | 200 | 160 | 170 | 110 | 160 | 150 |
| 110 | 120 | 60 | 160 | 100 | 90 | 110 | 120 | 110 |
| 30 | 30 | 10 | 40 | 40 | 70 | - | 40 | 30 |
| 10 | - | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | - | - | 10 |
| 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| 860 | 820 | 920 | 830 | 920 | 860 | 1,000 | 860 | 870 |
| 140 | 180 | 80 | 170 | 80 | 130 | - | 140 | 130 |
| 90 | 120 | 40 | 120 | 40 | 80 | - | 90 | 80 |
| 30 | 30 | 20 | 40 | 30 | 50 | - | 30 | 30 |
| 20 | 30 | 20 | 10 | 10 | 10 | - | 20 | 20 |
| 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| 840 | 860 | 870 | 800 | 880 | 820 | 780 | 820 | 840 |
| 150 | 140 | 130 | 200 | 120 | 170 | 220 | 180 | 160 |
| 120 | 110 | 70 | 180 | 100 | 110 | 140 | 120 | 120 |
| 20 | 20 | 40 | 10 | 10 | 40 | 50 | 40 | 20 |
| 20 | 10 | 20 | 10 | 10 | 20 | 30 | 20 | 20 |

Table 9. Numbers and rates for consultations with doctors ${ }^{1}$ during a 2 -week period, by age and sex for the study areas
[Estimates of frequencies in the total population]

| Age and sex | Chester, U.K. |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total number of persons | Consultations |  |  |
|  |  | Total number | Rate per 1,000 persons | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Rate per } \\ & 1,000 \\ & \text { persons } \\ & \text { with } 1+ \\ & \text { consulta- } \\ & \text { tions } \end{aligned}$ |
| All ages |  |  |  |  |
|  | 81,790 | 16,680 | 200 | 1,340 |
| Under 18 years |  |  |  |  |
| Both sexes---------------------------------- | 25,070 | 4,740 | 190 | 1,020 |
| Male----------------------------------------------- | 11,870 | 1,340 | 110 | 1,510 |
|  | 13,180 | 3,380 | 260 | 1,260 |
| 45-64 years |  |  |  |  |
|  | 9,830 | 2,350 | 240 | 1,510 |
|  | 11,370 | 3,140 | 280 | 1,610 |
| $65+$ years |  |  |  |  |
| Male------------------------------------------------ | 3,770 | 400 | 110 | 1,000 |
|  | 6,700 | 1,330 | 200 | 1,250 |
| Standardized rate per 1,000 persons------------ | ... | ... | 200 | . . |

${ }^{1}$ Includes osteopaths in Chittenden; similar professions not found in other two areas. NOTE: Due to rounding, detailed figures may not add to the totals.

Table 9. Numbers and rates for consultations with doctors 1 during a 2 -week period, by age and sex for the study areas-Con.
[Estimates of frequencies in the total population]

| Smederevo, Yug. |  |  |  | Chittenden, U.S.A. |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total number of persons | Consultations |  |  | Total number of persons | Consultations |  |  |
|  | Total number | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Rate per } \\ & 1,000 \\ & \text { persons } \end{aligned}$ | Rate per 1,000 persons with l+ consultations |  | Total number | Rate per 1,000 persons | ```Rate per 1,000 persons with 1+ consulta- tions``` |
| 90,370 | 19, 710 | 220 | I, 580 | 73,800 | 16,270 | 220 | 1,430 |
| 30,210 | 8,600 | 280 | 1,550 | 30,770 | 5,790 | 190 | 1,320 |
| 18,130 | 2,810 | 150 | 1,930 | 11,020 | 2,620 | 240 | 1,860 |
| 18,100 | 4,520 | 250 | 1,450 | 11,490 | 2,670 | 230 | 1,180 |
| 7,800 | 950 | 120 | 1,600 | 6,910 | 1,180 | 170 | 1,410 |
| 8,420 | 1,870 | 220 | 1,640 | 7,030 | 2,030 | 290 | 1,650 |
| 3,110 | - | - | - | 2,630 | 920 | 350 | 1,620 |
| 4,600 | 960 | 210 | 1,490 | 3,950 | 1,060 | 270 | 1,500 |
| ... |  | 200 |  |  | - | 230 | - |

Table 10. Numbers and rates for consultations with doctors ${ }^{1}$ during a 2 -week period, by age, sex, and place of consultation for the study areas
[Estimates of frequencies in the total population]

| Area and place of consultation | A11 <br> ages | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Under } \\ & 18 \\ & \text { years } \end{aligned}$ | 18-44 years |  | 45-64 years |  | $65+$ years |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Male | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female |
| Chester, U.K. | Number of consultations |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total consultations | 16,680 | 4,740 | 1,340 | 3,380 | 2,350 | 3,140 | 400 | 1,330 |
| Not hospital based | 13,410 | 4,080 | 1,220 | 2,690 | 2,040 | 2,060 | 260 | 1,060 |
| Office, surgery, and health center-- | 8,710 | 2,060 | 1,000 | 1,890 | 1,340 | 1,620 | 130 | 660 |
|  | 3,250 | 1,350 | 110 | 600 | 1, 470 | 1, 330 | 130 | 270 |
| School, factory, and other | 1,450 | - 670 | 110 | 200 | 230 | 110 | - | 130 |
| Hospital based | 2,130 | 180 | 110 | 600 | 310 | 650 | 150 | 130 |
|  | 1,690 440 | 180 | 110 | 400 200 | 310 | 540 110 | 150 | $130^{-}$ |
| Telephone | 1,140 | 480 | - | 100 | - | 430 | - | 130 |
| Smederevo, Yug. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total consultations----------- | 19,710 | 8,600 | 2,810 | 4,520 | 950 | 1,870 | - | 960 |
| Not hospital based | 14,580 | 6,160 | 2,390 | 3,420 | 750 | 1,230 | - | 630 |
| Office, surgery, and health center-- | 10,030 220 | 4,350 |  | 2,890 | 240 | 1,150 | - | 410 220 |
| School, factory, and other---------- | 4,330 | 1,810 | 1,400 | 530 | 510 | 80 | - |  |
| Hospital based-------------------- | 5,120 | 2,440 | 410 | 1,110 | 210 | 630 | - | 330 |
|  | 3,620 1,500 | 1,340 1,100 | 410 | 910 200 | 140 70 | 490 140 | - | 330 |
| Telephone------------------------ | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |  |
| Chittenden, U.S.A. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total consultations----------- | 16,270 | 5,790 | 2,620 | 2,670 | 1,180 | 2,030 | 920 | 1,060 |
|  | 11,740 | 3,470 | 2,010 | 1,940 | 1,110 | 1,590 | 780 | 840 |
| Office, surgery, and health center-- | 10,250 | 2,930 | 1,480 | 1,870 | 1,040 | 1,520 | 780 | 630 |
|  | 750 740 | 270 270 | 130 400 | 70 | 70 | 70 | - | 210 |
| Hospital based--.----------------- | 2,110 | 1,000 | 400 | 200 | - | 440 | 70 | - |
| Outpatient clinic <br> Emergency and casualty | 770 1,340 | 200 800 | $400^{-}$ | 130 70 | - | 440 | 70 | - |
| Telephone------------------------1. | 2,420 | 1,330 | 200 | 530 | 70 | - | 70 | 210 |

${ }^{1}$ Includes osteopaths in Chittenden; similar professions not found in other two areas.
NOTE: Due to rounding, detailed figures may not add to the totals.

Table 10. Numbers and rates for consultations with doctors ${ }^{1}$ during a 2 -week period, by age, sex, and place of consultation for the study areas-Con.
[Estimates of frequencies in the total population]

| $\begin{aligned} & \text { A11 } \\ & \text { ages } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Under } \\ & 18 \\ & \text { years } \end{aligned}$ | 18-44 years |  | 45-64 years |  | $65+$ years |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Male | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female |

Rate per 1,000 consultations

| 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 790 | 860 | 920 | 800 | 870 | 660 | 650 | 800 |
| 520 | 430 | 750 | 560 | 570 | 520 | 320 | 500 |
| 190 | 280 | 80 | 180 | 200 | 100 | 320 | 200 |
| 80 | 140 | 80 | 60 | 100 | 30 | - | 100 |
| 130 | 40 | 80 | 180 | 130 | 200 | 370 | 100 |
| 100 | 40 | 80 | 120 | 130 | 170 | 370 | 10 |
| 70 | 100 | - | 30 | - | 140 | - | 100 |
| 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| 740 | 720 | 850 | 760 | 790 | 660 | - | 660 |
| 510 10 | 510 | 350 | $\begin{array}{r}640 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | 250 | 620 | - | 430 230 |
| 220 | 210 | 500 | 120 | 540 | 40 | - | - |
| 260 | 280 | 150 | 240 | 210 | 330 | - | 340 |
| 180 80 | 150 130 | 150 | 200 | 140 70 | 260 | - | 340 |
| - |  |  | - | - | - | - | - |
| 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| 720 | 600 | 770 | 730 | 940 | 780 | 850 | 790 |
| 630 | 500 |  | 700 | 880 | 750 | 850 | 590 |
| 50 | 50 | 50 | 20 | 6 | 40 | - | 200 |
| 40 | 50 | 150 | - | 60 | - | - | - |
| 130 | 180 | 150 | 70 | - | 220 | 80 | - |
| 50 80 | 40 140 | 150 | 50 20 | - | 220 | 80 | - |
| 150 | 230 | 80 | 200 | 60 | - | 80 | 200 |

Table 11. Numbers and rates for procedures ordered at consultations with doctors ${ }^{1}$ during a 2 -week period, by age, sex, and type of procedure for the study areas
[Estimates of frequencies in the total population]

${ }^{1}$ Includes osteopaths in Chittenden; similar professions not found in other two areas. NOTE: Due to rounding, detailed figures may not add to the totals.

Table 11. Numbers and rates for procedures ordered at consultations with doctors ${ }^{1}$ during a 2-week period, by age, sex, and type of procedure for the study areas-Con.
[Estimates of frequencies in the total population]

| All <br> ages | Under <br> years <br> years | $18-44$ years |  | $45-64$ years | 65+ years |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Male | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female |


| Rate per 1,000 consultations |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\begin{aligned} & 1,000 \\ & 1,090 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1,000 \\ 860 \end{array}$ | 1,000 1,330 | 1,000 910 | 1,000 1,480 | $\begin{aligned} & 1,000 \\ & 1,100 \end{aligned}$ | 1,000 1,640 | $\begin{aligned} & 1,000 \\ & 1,300 \end{aligned}$ |
| 60 | 80 | 340 | - | - | - | - | 100 |
| 60 | - | - | 60 | 140 | - | 680 | 100 |
| 20 | 56 | $5{ }^{-}$ | 30 | 50 | - | - | 100 |
| 650 | 560 | 580 | 680 | 620 | 720 | 640 | 900 |
| 50 | 60 | - | - | 50 | 70 | 320 | 100 |
| 70 | 60 | 80 | 60 | 90 | 140 | - |  |
| 50 | 40 | - | 30 | 50 | 140 | - |  |
| 130 | 60 | 330 | 60 | 480 | 30 | - |  |
| 110 | 200 | - | 180 | 100 | 30 | - | - |
| 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| 1,700 | 1,520 | 2,120 | 1,640 | 1,800 | 1,780 | - | 2,050 |
| 270 | 310 | 310 | 260 | 70 | 180 | - | 150 |
| 100 | 50 | 160 | 150 | 160 | 110 | - |  |
| 120 | 130 | 110 | 90 | 230 | 110 | - | 160 |
| 620 | 590 | 670 | 600 | 540 | 730 | - | 750 |
| 240 | 120 | 280 | 310 | 410 | 310 | - | 400 |
| 180 | 140 | 210 | 130 | 160 | 270 | - | 490 |
| 50 | 30 | 50 | 40 | 70 | 70 | - | 90 |
| 130 | 150 | 320 | 50 | 170 | - | - | - |
| 60 | 100 | 20 | 40 | - | - | - | - |
| 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| 1,150 | 1,050 | 1,180 | 1,000 | 1,060 | 1,320 | 1,470 | 1,530 |
| 310 | 360 | 150 | 170 | 230 | 460 | 460 | 460 |
| 60 | 30 | 50 | 70 | - | 110 | 160 | 60 |
| 60 | 40 | 130 | 20 | 60 | 110 | 230 | 70 |
| 310 | 220 | 260 | 500 | 290 | 280 | 310 | 530 |
| 260 | 190 | 360 | 150 | 350 | 360 | 230 | 330 |
| 70 | 60 | 150 | 20 | 60 | 70 | - | 70 |
| 60 30 | 70 80 | 80 | 50 | 60 | 40 | 80 | - |
| 190 | 160 | 280 | 220 | 290 | 70 | 230 | 70 |

Table 12. Numbers and rates for persons and for consultations with health workers ${ }^{1}$ other than doctors during a 2 -week period, by age, sex, and type of consultation for the study areas

| Area and type of consultation | $\begin{aligned} & \text { A11 } \\ & \text { ages } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Under } \\ & 18 \\ & \text { years } \end{aligned}$ | 18-44 years |  | 45-64 years |  | $65+$ years |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Male | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female |
| Chester, U.K. | Number of persons or consultations |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total persons-------------- | 81,790 | 25,070 | 11,870 | 13, 180 | 9,830 | 11,370 | 3,770 | 6,700 |
| Persons with one visit or more--- | 9,560 | 2,870 | 1,650 | 1,600 | 820 | 870 | 580 | 1,180 |
| Nurse consultations- | 5,750 | 780 | 220 | 390 | 590 | 650 | 2,190 | 930 |
| Dentist consultations------------ | 4,520 | 1,870 | 890 | 910 | 590 | - | - | 270 |
| Other consultations--------------- | 5,040 | 1,440 | 650 | 590 | 470 | 540 | 290 | 1,050 |
| Smederevo, Yug. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total persons-------------- | 90,370 | 30,210 | 18,130 | 18,100 | 7,800 | 8,420 | 3,110 | 4,600 |
| Persons with one visit or more--- | 4,890 | 1,660 | 610 | 1,630 | 370 | 150 | 160 | 320 |
| Nurse consultations-------------- | 6,610 | 2,640 | 210 | 2,670 | 250 | 250 | - | 580 |
| Dentist consultations------------ | 1,390 | 440 | 230 | 580 | - | - | 140 | - |
| Other consultations | 2,910 | 230 | 70 | 1,330 | 360 | 70 | 90 | 70 |
| Chittenden, U.S.A. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total persons-------------- | 73,800 | 30,770 | 11,020 | 11,490 | 6,910 | 7,030 | 2,630 | 3,950 |
| Persons with one visit or more--- | 5,650 | 2,390 | 670 | 800 | 490 | 790 | 220 | 280 |
| Nurse consultations--------------- | 1,560 | 660 | 330 | 70 | 140 | 360 | - | - |
| Dentist consultations------------- | 3,660 | 1,460 | 400 | 870 | 140 | 430 | 220 | 140 |
| Other consultations---.............- | 1,980 | 870 | 330 | 130 | 280 | 150 | 70 | 140 |

${ }^{1}$ Includes public health nurses, visiting nurses, district nurses, office and clinic nurses, health visitors, and midwives.

NOTE: Due to rounding, detailed figures may not add to the totals.

Table 12. Numbers and rates for persons and for consultations with health workers ${ }^{1}$ other than doctors during a 2 -week period, by age, sex, and type of consultation for the study areas-Con.
[Estimates of frequencies in the total population]

| $\begin{aligned} & \text { All } \\ & \text { ages } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Under } \\ & 18 \\ & \text { years } \end{aligned}$ | 18-44 years |  | 45-64 years |  | $65+$ years |  | Standardized rate per 1,000 persons |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Male | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female |  |
| Rate per 1,000 persons or consultations |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| 120 | 110 | 140 | 120 | 80 | 80 | 150 | 180 | 120 |
| 70 | 30 | 20 | 30 | 60 | 60 | 580 | 140 | 70 |
| 50 | 70 | 70 | 70 | 60 | - | - | 40 | 50 |
| 60 | 60 | 60 | 40 | 50 | 50 | 80 | 160 | 60 |
| 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| 50 | 50 | 30 | 90 | 50 | 20 | 50 | 70 | 50 |
| 70 | 90 | 10 | 150 | 30 | 30 | - | 130 | 70 |
| 10 | 10 | 10 | 30 | - | - | 50 | - | 10 |
| 30 | 10 | 70 | 40 | 50 | 10 | 30 | 20 | 30 |
| 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| 80 | 80 | 60 | 70 | 70 | 110 | 80 | 70 | 80 |
| 20 | 20 | 30 | 10 | 20 | 50 | - | - | 20 |
| 50 | 50 | 40 | 80 | 20 | 60 | 80 | 40 | 50 |
| 30 | 30 | 30 | 10 | 40 | 20 | 30 | 40 | 30 |

Table 13. Numbers and rates for persons 1 year of age and over with selected conditions ${ }^{1}$ during a year and number of conditions, by age and sex for the study areas
[Estimates of frequencies in the total population]


See footnote at end of table.

Table 13. Numbers and rates for persons 1 year of age and over with selected conditions ${ }^{1}$ during a year and number of conditions, by age and sex for the study areas-Con.
[Estimates of frequencies in the tothl renulation]

${ }^{1}$ See conditions listed in adult and child questionnaires, appendix $I$, pages 62 and 70 , table III.
NOTE: Due to rounding, detailed figures may not add to the totals.

Table 14. Numbers and rates for persons 1 year of age and over who had not consulted a doctor ${ }^{1}$ for selected conditions ${ }^{2}$ during a year and number of conditions, by age and sex for the study areas
[Estimates of frequencies in the total population]


See footnotes at end of table.

Table 14. Numbers and rates for persons 1 year of age and over who had not consulted a doctor ${ }^{1}$ for selected conditions during a year and number of conditions, by age and sex for the 'study areas-con.
[Estimates of frequencies in the total population]


[^12][Estimates of frequencies in the total population]

${ }^{1}$ See conditions listed in adult and child questionnaires, appendix $I$, pages 62 and 70 , table III.

Table 16. Numbers and rates for persons with and without conditions consulting a doctor ${ }^{1}$ during a 2-week period and number of conditions for all consultations, by age and sex, for the study areas
[Estimates of frequencies in the total population]


[^13]Table 17. Numbers and rates for persons with activity limitation during a 2 -week period and number of days per 1,000 persons, by age and sex for the study areas
[Estimates of frequencies in the total population]

| Area and duration | $\begin{aligned} & \text { A11 } \\ & \text { ages } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Under } \\ 18 \\ \text { years } \end{gathered}$ | 18-44 years |  | 45-64 years |  | $65+$ years |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Male | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female |
| Chester, U.K. | Number of persons |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total persons---------------- | 81,790 | 25,070 | 11,870 | 13,180 | 9,830 | 11,370 | 3,770 | 6,700 |
| Persons with no days--------- | 72,410 | 21,290 | 10,880 | 11,780 | 8,930 | 10,510 | 3,200 | 5,800 |
| Persons with 1 day or more---- | 9,380 | 3,780 | 990 | 1,400 | 890 | 870 | 570 | 890 |
| Persons with $1-7$ days------------------- Persons with 8-13 days---- | 8,020 200 | 3,590 90 | 990 | 1,400 | 420 | 430 100 3 | 420 150 | 760 |
| Persons with 14 days or more------- | 1,160 | 90 |  |  | 470 | 320 | 150 | 130 |
| Days per 1,000 persons--- | ... | $\ldots$ | ... | ... | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ | ... |
| ```Days per 1,000 persons with activity limitation``` | ... |  | ... | ... | ... | ... | . $\cdot$ | $\cdots$ |
| Smederevo, Yug. <br> Total persons $\qquad$ | 90,370 | 30,210 | 18,130 | 18,100 | 7,800 | 8,420 | 3,110 | 4,600 |
| Persons with no days- | 71,990 | 25,270 | 16,120 | 13,710 | 6,000 | 5,280 | 2,570 | 3,040 |
| Persons with 1 day or more | 18,370 | 4,940 | 2,010 | 4,390 | 1,800 | 3,130 | 530 | 1,570 |
| Persons with 1-7 days Persons with 8-13 days | 13,400 1,790 | 3,790 750 | 1,750 | 3,520 400 4 | 1,030 250 520 | 2,200 320 620 | 180 | 940 70 560 |
| Persons with 14 days or more------ | 3,180 | 400 | 260 | 470 | 520 | 620 | 360 | 560 |
| Days per 1,000 persons-- | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | ... | ... | $\cdots$ |
| Days per 1,000 persons with <br> activity limitation- |  |  | $\ldots$ | ... | ... | $\cdots$ | . |  |
| Chittenden, U.S.A. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total persons-------- | 73,800 | 30,770 | 11,020 | 11,490 | 6,910 | 7,030 | 2,630 | 3,950 |
| Persons with no days.- | 65,230 | 27,380 | 9,880 | 9,890 | 6,420 | 6,010 | 2,140 | 3,520 |
| Persons with 1 day or more | 8,560 | 3,390 | 1,140 | 1,600 | 490 | 1,020 | 500 | 430 |
| Persons with 1-7 days------------- | 6,900 | 3,130 | 940 | 1,400 | 420 |  |  | 210 |
| Persons with $8-13$ days---.-.-.-.--- | 340 1,330 | 130 130 | $\begin{array}{r}70 \\ 130 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | 200 | 70 | 70 360 | 220 | 210 |
| Days per 1,000 persons------------ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | ... | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | ... | ... | ... |
| Days per 1,000 persons with activity limitation |  | ... |  | $\ldots$ | ... | $\ldots$ |  |  |

NOTE: Due to rounding, detailed figures may not add to the totals.

Table 17. Numbers and rates for persons with activity limitation during a 2 -week period and number of days per 1,000 persons, by age and sex for the study areas-Con.
[Estimates of frequencies in the total population]

| $\begin{aligned} & \text { All } \\ & \text { ages } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Under } \\ 18 \\ \text { years } \end{gathered}$ | 18-44 years |  | 45-64 years |  | $65+$ years |  | Standardized rate per 1,000 persons |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Male | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female |  |
| Rate per 1,000 persons |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| 890 | 850 | 920 | 890 | 910 | 920 | 850 | 870 | 890 |
| 110 | 150 | 80 | 110 | 90 | 80 | 150 | 130 | 110 |
| 100 | 150 | 80 | 110 | 40 | 40 | 110 | 110 | 100 |
| 10 | - | - | - | 50 | 30 | 40 | 20 | 10 |
| 500 | 460 | 160 | 240 | 830 | 590 | 1,150 | 750 | 490 |
| 4,340 | 3,020 | 1,890 | 2,280 | 9,200 | 7,750 | 7,630 | 5,590 | -.. |
| 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| 790 | 820 | 890 | 760 | 770 | 630 | 830 | 660 | 780 |
| 210 | 160 | 110 | 240 | 230 | 370 | 170 | 340 | 220 |
| 160 | 130 | 100 | 190 | 130 | 260 | 60 | 200 | 150 |
| 20 | 30 | - | 20 | 30 | 40 | - | 20 | 20 |
| 30 | 10 | 10 | 30 | 70 | 70 | 110 | 120 | 40 |
| 1,220 | 880 | 530 | 1,220 | 1,680 | 2,460 | 1,920 | 2,690 | 1,360 |
| 6,010 | 5,390 | 4,760 | 5,030 | 7,280 | 6,660 | 1,170 | 7,900 | -•• |
| 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| 880 | 890 | 900 | 860 | 930 | 860 | 810 | 890 | 880 |
| 120 | 110 | 100 | 140 | 70 | 140 | 190 | 110 | 120 |
| 90 | 100 | 80 | 120 | 60 | 80 | 80 | 50 | 90 |
| 10 | - | 10 | - | - | 10 | 30 | - | 10 |
| 20 | - | 10 | 20 | 10 | 50 | 80 | 50 | 20 |
| 550 | 350 | 480 | 640 | 280 | 1,030 | 1,720 | 1,030 | 620 |
| 4,730 | 3,170 | 4,640 | 4,610 | 3,980 | 7,120 | 9,110 | 9,500 | -•• |

Table 18. Numbers and rates for persons with bed disability during a 2 -week period and number of days per 1,000 persons, by age and sex for the study areas
[Estimates of frequencies in the total population]


NOTE: Due to rounding, detailed figures may not add to the totals.

Table 18. Numbers and rates for persons with bed disability during a 2 -week period and number of days per 1,000 persons, by age and sex for the study areas-Con.
[Estimates of frequencies in the total population]

| A11 <br> ages | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Under } \\ & 18 \\ & \text { years } \end{aligned}$ | 18-44 years |  | 45-64 years |  | $65+$ years |  | Standard <br> ized rate <br> per 1,000 <br> persons |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Male | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female |  |
| Rate pex 1,000 persons |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| 940 | 920 | 930 | 950 | 980 | 930 | 970 | 960 | 940 |
| 60 | 80 | 70 | 50 | 20 | 70 | 30 | 40 | 60 |
| 30 | 50 | 60 | 30 | 0 | 10 | 30 | 20 | 30 |
| 20 | 30 | 10 | 20 | 20 | 50 | - | 20 | 20 |
|  | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |  |
| 110 | 110 | 80 | 70 | 60 | 270 | 30 | 160 | 110 |
| 1,990 | 1,340 | 1,290 | 1,500 | 2,500 | 4,010 | 1,000 | 4,000 | -•• |
| 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| 900 | 880 | 960 | 900 | 860 | 890 | 940 | 770 | 890 |
| 100 | 120 | 40 | 100 | 140 | 110 | 60 | 230 | 110 |
| 10 | 20 | - | 20 | 20 | 10 | - | - | 10 |
| 70 | 90 | 40 | 50 | 80 | 60 | - | 170 | 70 |
| 10 | 10 | - | 20 | 10 | 30 | - | 20 | 10 |
| 10 | 10 | - | 10 | 30 | 10 | 60 | 30 | 10 |
| 570 | 570 | 210 | 560 | 930 | 650 | 800 | 1,390 | 620 |
| 5,520 | 4,740 | 4,830 | 5,240 | 6,430 | 6,070 | 4,000 | 6,330 | -•• |
| 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| 930 | 930 | 940 | 910 | 960 | 940 | 940 | 980 | 940 |
| 70 | 70 | 60 | 90 | 40 | 60 | 60 | 20 | 60 |
| 30 | 40 | 30 | 30 | 10 | 30 | - | 20 | 30 |
| 30 | 30 | 30 | 50 | 30 | 10 | 30 | - | 30 |
| 10 | - | - | 10 | - | 20 | 30 | - | 10 |
| 200 | 160 | 110 | 390 | 90 | 340 | 460 | 20 | 210 |
| 3,100 | 2,290 | 1,800 | 4,230 | 2,250 | 5,440 | 8,500 | 1,000 | -•• |

Table 19. Visual acuity, use of eyeglasses, and eye examinations among adults 18 years of age and over, by age and sex for the study areas
[Estimates of frenuencies in the total population]

| Area and vision characteristic | All 18+ years | 18-44 years |  | 45-64 years |  | $65+$ years |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Male | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female |
| Chester, U.K. | Number of persons |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total adults, 18+ years-------------1-1 | 56,720 | 11,870 | 13,180 | 9,830 | 11, 370 | 3,770 | 6,700 |
| Persons unable to "read newspaper" <br> without glasses | 19,940 | 870 | 890 | 4,010 | 6,930 | 2,930 | 4,300 |
| Persons unable to "recognize friend across street" without glasses | 6,900 | 660 | 1,300 | 910 | 2,170 | 420 | 1,440 |
| Persons using glasse | 36,250 | 3,400 | 5,000 | 7,820 | 10,180 | 3,770 | 6,070 |
| Persons without eye examination during last 12 months | 46,850 | 9,890 | 11,780 | 7,790 | 9,310 | 2,650 | 5,420 |
| Smederevo, Yug. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total adults, $18+$ years | 60,160 | 18,130 | 18,100 | 7,800 | 8,420 | 3,110 | 4,600 |
| Persons unable to "read newspaper" without glasses | 15,780 | 750 | 810 | 4,860 | 5,160 | 2,220 | 1,990 |
| Persons unable to "recognize friend across street' without glasses------------ | 5,210 | 310 | 480 | 810 | 1,570 | 590 | 1,450 |
| Persons using glass | 13, 390. | 940 | 990 | 3,600 | 3,930 | 2,040 | 1,900 |
| Persons without eye examination during last 12 months | 52,710 | 15,260 | 16,410 | 6,810 | 7,220 | 3,030 | 3,970 |
| Chittenden, U.S.A. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total adults, $18+$ years | 43,030 | 11,020 | 11,490 | 6,910 | 7,030 | 2,630 | 3,950 |
| Persons unable to "read newspaper" without glasses | 15,330 | 470 | 1,000 | 3,910 | 4,780 | 1,640 | 3,520 |
| Persons unable to "recognize friend across street" without glasses-----.------ | 6,720 | 1,280 | 1,600 | 560 | 1,520 | 280 | 1,480 |
| Persons using glasses | 25,860 | 3,430 | 5,610 | 5,300 | 6,300 | 1,770 | 3,450 |
| Persons without eye examination <br>  | 31,360 | 7,860 | 9,020 | 4,820 | 4,850 | 1,850 | 2,960 |

NOTE: Due to rounding, detailed figures may not add to the totals.

Table 19. Visual acuity, use of eyeglasses, and eye examinations among adults 18 years of age and over, by age and sex for the study areas-Gon.
[Estimates of frequencies in the total population]

| A11 ages, 18+ years | 18-44 years |  | 45-64 years |  | $65+$ years |  | Standardized rate per 1,000 persons |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Male | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female |  |
| Rate per 1,000 persons |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| 350 | 70 | 70 | 410 | 610 | 780 | 640 | 330 |
| 120 | 50 | 100 | 90 | 190 | 110 | 220 | . 110 |
| 640 | 290 | 380 | 800 | 890 | 1,000 | 910 | 610 |
| 830 | 830 | 890 | 790 | 820 | 700 | 810 | 830 |
| 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| 260 | 40 | 40 | 620 | 610 | 710 | 430 | 330 |
| 90 | 20 | 30 | 100 | 190 | 190 | 310 | 100 |
| 220 | 50 | 50 | 460 | 470 | 660 | 410 | 270 |
| 880 | 840 | 910 | 870 | 860 | 980 | 860 | 880 |
| 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| 360 | 40 | 90 | 560 | 680 | 620 | 890 | 370 |
| 160 | 120 | 140 | 80 | 220 | 110 | 370 | 160 |
| 600 | 310 | 490 | 770 | 900 | 670 | 870 | 610 |
| 730 | 710 | 780 | 700 | 690 | 700 | 750 | 730 |

Table 20. Numbers and rates of conditions among 12 selected conditions ${ }^{1}$ reported by adults 18 years of age and over, by degree of discomfort and whether or not a doctor ${ }^{2}$ was consulted during a 2 -week period for the study areas
[Estimates of frequencies in the total population]

| Degree of discomfort | Chester, U.K. |  |  | Smederevo, Yug. |  |  | Chittenden, U.S.A. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Doctor consultations during a 2-week period |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Total | One or more | None | Total | One or more | None | Total | One or more | None |
| Total conditions reported--- | Number of conditions |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 71,650 | 5,770 | 65,880 | 137,400 | 5,300 | 132,100 | 62,900 | 4,440 | 58,460 |
| Conditions with great discomfort-- | 13,380 | 2,820 | 10,560 | 24,030 | 3,470 | 20,560 | 14,060 | 2,900 | 11,160 |
| Conditions with some discomfort--- | 32,430 | 2,510 | 29,920 | 64,420 | 1,680 | 62,740 | 37,500 | 1,270 | 36,230 |
| Conditions with no discomfort----- | 25,840 | 440 | 25,400 | 48,950 | 150 | 48,800 | 11,340 | 270 | 11,070 |

Rate of doctor consultations per 1,000 conditions

| Total conditions reported--- | 1,000 | 80 | 920 | 1,000 | 40 | 960 | 1,000 | 70 | 930 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Conditions with great discomfort-- | 1,000 | 210 | 790 | 1,000 | 140 | 860 | 1,000 | 210 | 790 |
| Conditions with some discomfort--- | 1,000 | 80 | 920 | 1,000 | 30 | 970 | 1,000 | 30 | 970 |
| Conditions with no discomfort----- | 1,000 | 20 | 980 | 1,000 | - | 1,000 | 1,000 | 20 | 980 |
|  | Rate of relative discomfort per 1,000 conditions |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total conditions reported--- | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| Conditions with great discomfort-- | 190 | 490 | 160 | 170 | 650 | 160 | 220 | 650 | 190 |
| Conditions with some discomfort--- | 450 | 430 | 450 | 460 | 320 | 460 | 600 | 290 | 610 |
| Conditions with no discomfort----- | 360 | 80 | 390 | 370 | 30 | 380 | 280 | 60 | 200 |

${ }^{1}$ See conditions listed in adult questionnaire, appendix $I$, page 62, table III.
${ }^{2}$ Includes osteopaths in Chittenden; similar professions not found in other two areas.
NOTE: Total numbers of adults 18 years of age and over were 56,720 in Chester; 60,160 in Smederevo; and 43,030 in Chittenden.

Due to rounding, detailed figures may not add to the totals.

Table 21. Hypothetical behavior for a hypothetical condition compared with actual behavior for an actual condition ${ }^{1}$ for adults for the study areas


[^14]Table 22. Utilization of hospitals during a year, by age and sex for the study areas

| [Estimates of frequencies in the total population] |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Area and hospital utilization | $\begin{aligned} & \text { A11 } \\ & \text { ages } \end{aligned}$ | Under <br> 18 <br> years | 18-44 years |  | 45-64 years |  | $65+$ years |  |
|  |  |  | Male | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female |
| Chester, U.K. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total persons------------ | 81,790 | 25,070 | 11,870 | 13,180 | 9,830 | 11,370 | 3,770 | 6,700 |
| Total number of hospital days-- | 72,760 | 21,610 | 430 | 14,720 | 16,410 | 4,970 | 5,110 | 9,500 |
| Number of persons hospitalized- | 5,840 | 1,850 | 110 | 2,500 | 560 | 430 | 150 | 250 |
| Number of admissions---------- | 6,760 | 1,940 | 110 | 2,600 | 910 | 540 | 150 | 510 |
| Days per 1,000 persons--------- | 890 | 860 | 40 | 1, 120 | 1,670 | 440 | 1,360 | 1,420 |
| Mean length of stay in days-.-- | 11 | 11 | 4 | 6 | 18 | 9 | 35 | 18 |
| Smederevo, Yug. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total persons------------ | 90,370 | 30,210 | 18,130 | 18,100 | 7,800 | 8,420 | 3,110 | 4,600 |
| Total number of hospital days-- | 132,050 | 47,750 | 21,350 | 32,770 | 21,610 | 4,070 | - | 4,500 |
| Number of persons hospitalized- | 7,930 | 3,220 | 1,010 | 2,670 | 520 | 330 | - | 170 |
| Number of admissions----------- | 9,500 | 3,940 | 1,090 | 3,200 | 680 | 330 | - | 250 |
| Days per 1,000 persons--------- | 1,460 | 1,580 | 1,180 | 1,810 | 2,770 | 480 | - | 980 |
| Mean length of stay in days---- | 14 | 12 | 20 | 10 | 32 | 12 | - | 18 |
| Chittenden, U.S.A. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total persons------------ | 73,800 | 30,770 | 11,020 | 11,490 | 6,910 | 7,030 | 2,630 | 3,950 |
| Total number of hospital days-- | 93,660 | 12,940 | 17,020 | 15,350 | 18,650 | 7,510 | 7,560 | 14,630 |
| Number of persons hospitalized- | 10,020 | 3,250 | 810 | 2,470 | 910 | 1,080 | 720 | 780 |
| Number of admissions----------- | 11,350 | 3,320 | 880 | 2,670 | 1,390 | 1,370 | 940 | 780 |
| Days per 1,000 persons--------- | 1,270 | 420 | 1,540 | 1,340 | 2,700 | 1,070 | 2,870 | 3,700 |
| Mean length of stay in days---- | 8 | 4 | 19 | 6 | 13 | 5 | 8 | 19 |

NOTE: Due to rounding, detailed figures may not add to the totals.

Table 23. Numbers and rates for persons hospitalized during a year and number of admissions, by age and sex for the study areas
[Estimates of frequencies in the total population]

| Area and number of admissions | $\begin{aligned} & \text { All } \\ & \text { ages } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Under } \\ 18 \\ \text { years } \end{gathered}$ | 18-44 years |  | 45-64 years |  | $65+$ years |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Male | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female |
| Chester, U.K. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total persons- | 81,790 | 25,070 | 11,870 | 13,180 | 9,830 | 11,370 | 3,770 | 6,700 |
| Number of persons with: <br> One admission or more | 5,840 | 1,850 | 110 | 2,500 | 560 | 430 | 150 | 250 |
| One admission- | 4,660 | 1,750 | 110 | 2,000 | 210 | 320 | 150 | 110 |
| Two admissions | 1,050 | 90 | - | 500 | 350 | 110 | - | - |
| Three admissions or more | 130 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 130 |
| Total number of admissions-- <br> Smederevo, Yug. | 6,760 | 1,940 | 110 | 2,600 | 910 | 540 | 150 | 510 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total persons- | 90,370 | 30,210 | 18,130 | 18,100 | 7,800 | 8,420 | 3,110 | 4,600 |
| Number of persons with: One admission or more | 7,930 | 3,220 | 1,010 | 2,670 | 520 | 330 | - | 170 |
|  | 6,440 | 2,510 | 920 | 2,220 | 370 | 330 | - | 80 |
|  | 1,410 | 720 | 90 | 370 | 150 | - | - | 80 |
| Three admissions or more <br> Total number of admissions | 80 | - | - | 80 | - | - | - | - |
|  | 9,500 | 3,940 | 1,090 | 3,200 | 680 | 330 | - | 250 |
| Chittenden, U.S.A. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total persons | 73,800 | 30,770 | 11,020 | 11,490 | 6,910 | 7,030 | 2,630 | 3,950 |
| Number of persons with: One admission or more | 10,020 | 3,250 | 810 | 2,470 | 910 | 1,080 | 720 | 780 |
| One admission----------------------------- | 8,830 | 3,180 | 670 | 2,270 | 560 | 790 | 580 | 780 |
| Two admissions------------------------- | 970 | 70 | 140 | 200 | 210 | 290 | 70 | - |
| Three admissions or more------------ | 210 | - | - | - | 140 | - | 70 | - |
| Total number of admissions-------------111,350 |  | 3,320 | 880 | 2,670 | 1,390 | 1,370 | 940 | 780 |

See note at end of table.

Table 23. Numbers and rates for persons hospitalized during a year and number of admissions, by age and sex for the study areas-Con.
[Estimates of frequencies in the total population]

| Area and number of admissions | $\begin{aligned} & \text { A11 } \\ & \text { ages } \end{aligned}$ | Under 18 years | 18-44 years |  | 45-64 years |  | 65+ years |  | Standardized rate per 1,000 persons |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Male | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female |  |
| Chester, U.K. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total persons------------- | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| Rate per 1,000 persons with: One admission or more | 70 | 70 | 10 | 190 | 60 | 40 | 40 | 40 | 70 |
| One admission- | 60 | 70 | 10 | 150 | 20 | 30 | 40 | 20 | 60 |
| Two admissions | 10 | - | - | 40 | 40 | 10 | - | 20 | 10 |
| Three admissions or more---- | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total number of admissions per 1,000 persons | 80 | 80 | 10 | 200 | 90 | 50 | 40 | 80 | 90 |
| Smederevo, Yug. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total persons------------- | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| Rate per 1,000 persons with: One admission or more | 90 | 110 | 50 | 150 | 70 | 40 | - | 40 | 80 |
| One admission- | 70 | 80 | 50 | 120 | 50 | 40 | - | 20 | 60 |
| Two admissions-- | 20 | 20 | - | 20 | 20 | - | - | 20 | 10 |
| Three admissions or more---- | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total number of admissions per 1,000 persons | 100 | 130 | 60 | 180 | 90 | 40 | - | 50 | 100 |
| Chittenden, U.S.A. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total persons------------ | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| Rate per 1,000 persons with: One admission or more- | 140 | 100 | 70 | 210 | 130 | 150 | 270 | 200 | 140 |
| One admission---------------- | 120 | 100 | 60 | 200 | 80 | 110 | 220 | 200 | 120 |
| Two admissions-------------- | 10 | - | 10 | 20 | 30 | 40 | 30 | - | 20 |
| Three admissions or more---- | - | - | - | - | 20 | - | 30 | - | - |
| Total number of admi.ssions per 1,000 persons | 150 | 110 | 80 | 230 | 200 | 190 | 360 | 200 | 170 |

NOTE: Due to rounding, detailed figures may not add to the totals.

## APPENDIX 1. QUESTIONNAIRES

## INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATIVE STUDY OF MEDICAL CARE UTILIZATION Feasibility Study

Division of Medical Care and Hospitals of $\quad$ Department of Epidemiology and Community Medicine of the
The Johns Hopkins University

All information which would permit identification of the individual will be held strictly confidential,
will be used only by persons engaged in and for the purpose of this survey.




${ }^{1}$ A variation of this question was asked in Chester and Smederevo; see page 72.



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## Alternative Questions Used in Chester and Smederevo

QUESTION 6

## Chester version

| 6. | Was this under the National Health <br> Service or under a work scheme or <br> privately? | NHS | Work <br> scheme | Pri- <br> vately | NHS | Work <br> scheme | Pri- <br> vately | NHS | Work <br> scheme | Pri- <br> vately |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 3 |

Smederevo version

| 6.1 | na li su troškovi posete (konsultacije) placeni od strane socijalnog osiguranja, radne organizacije ili opštinske skupštine? | Ne | na | Ne | Da | Ne | Da |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 6.2 | AKO .DA", PTTAJ7E: <br> Jesu li ti troškovi polriveni u celini ili delimično? | u celini | delimično | u celini | delininično | u celini | delinuično |
|  |  | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 |

TABLE IV

## Chester version

| Table IV - HOSPITAL/NURSING HOME ADMISSIONS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | When was the . . . time you entered? |  | How many nights were there? | For what condition were you there? <br> (Try to get precise description or medical name) |  | Did you <br> have an <br> opera- <br> tion? <br> -2 <br> No <br> or <br> Yes | IF YES, ASK: <br> What was the name of the operation? | What is the name and address of the hospital or nursing home you were in? <br> Name and city | Was this under the National Health Service? |  | IF NO, ASK: Has it cavered by insurance at all? |  |
|  | No. | Yr. |  |  |  | No |  |  | Yes | In. <br> sur- <br> ance | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Purely } \\ & \text { pri- } \\ & \text { vate } \end{aligned}$ |
| 1 |  |  |  |  | 1 1 1 1 1 1 |  | $\begin{array}{ll}\mathrm{N} & \\ \\ & \\ \\ & Y\end{array}$ | $\left\|\begin{array}{l}1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1\end{array}\right\|$ |  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |

Smederevo version

| Tabela IV - PRIJEMI U BOLAICU (SANATORIJUM) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Kada ste ...... put bili primljeni |  | Koliko ste no cí ta mo prc veli? | Zbog kakve bolesti ste tamo bili ? <br> (Pokušajle da dobijete precizni opis oboljenja ili medicinski $n a=i v)$ | Da 1 l ste bili operisani? | AKO „DA", PITAJTE: Od čega ste bili operisani? | Zate li naziv i adresu bolnice ili sanatorijuma gde ste ležali? | Da li socijalno osiguranje ili opstinska skupština plaća za taj boravak u bolnici? |  |  |  |
| $\stackrel{\ddot{E}}{\stackrel{\rightharpoonup}{E}}$ |  |  |  |  | Ne |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Mesec |  |  |  | Da | Šİta | Naxiv Grad | Nista | Sve | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \hline \text { Yedan } \\ \text { deo } \end{array}$ | $\underset{\mathrm{Ne}}{\mathrm{Ne}}$ |
| 1 |  |  |  | I | Ne $\begin{array}{ll} \\ & \\ & \\ & \\ \text { Da }\end{array}$ | I |  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |

QUESTION 32

## Chester version



Smederevo version


| Chester version |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| EDUCATION |  |
| 32. | At what age did you leave school? |
|  | (Specify)__years of age |
|  | Deduct 5 from age and code |
|  | Less than 9 . . . . . . . . . . . . 1 |
|  | 9 .............. . 2 |
|  | 10-11 . . . . . . . . . . . 3 |
|  | 12 . . . . . . . . . . . 4 |
|  | More than 12 . . . . . . . . . . . . 5 |

Smederevo version


## APPENDIX II

## TECHNICAL NOTES ON STATISTICAL PROCEDURES

## Standard Population and Standardized Rates

Age-sex specific rates for the selected conditions, activity limitation, visual impairments, persons with personal doctors, doctor consultations, and hospital utilization were amalgamated within each of three study areas by conventional standardization. The population of Sweden in 1962 was taken as a standard.

| Age at last birthday | Standard 100,000 population |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total | Male | Female |
| Total, a11 ages- | 100,000 | 49,892 | 50,108 |
| Under 15 years------ | 21,541 | 11,062 | 10,479 |
| 15-17 years-------- | 5,056 | 2,584 | 2,472 |
| 18-44 years-----.--- | 35,676 | 18,039 | 17,637 |
| 45-64 years--------- | 25,594 | 12,679 | 12,915 |
| 65 years and over--- | 12,133 | 5,528 | 6,605 |

As an example, let $r_{i}$ be the survey estimated rate of disability days per person in the $i$ th age-sex class in Chester, U.K. Let $P_{i}$ be the number of persons in the $i$ th age-sex class in the standard population of 100,000 . Then the standardized rate per 1,000 persons is $R=\left(10^{-2}\right) \sum P_{i} r_{i}=110$, where the summation extends over all 10 age-sex classes. (See table $H$, page 14.)

## Estimates of Population Totals

Simple expansions of sample totals by the inverse of the sampling rates were used as estimates of population totals. In Chester the sample totals were multiplied by 92 for both the urban and rural zones; for Chittenden the multiplier was 66; and for Smederevo urban sample totals were expanded by 66 and rural sample totals were expanded by the factor 83.

## Standard Errors of Standardized Rates

The usual approximations for estimating standard errors of ratios were employed. Let $h$ index strata
(two in Chester and Smederevo and 50 in Chittenden) and let $j$ index the selected sampling units within strata. The form of the estimated rate $r_{i}$ is $\left(\hat{Y}_{i} / \hat{X}_{i}\right)$, where, e.g., $\hat{Y}_{i}$ is an estimate of the total number of disability days for the $i$ th age-sex class, and $\hat{X}_{i}$ is an estimate of the total number of persons in that age-sex class. $\hat{Y}_{i}$ and $\hat{X}_{i}$ are weighted sums over strata of sample values. The variance of $r_{i}$ was estimated as

$$
\operatorname{var}\left(r_{i}\right)=\frac{1}{\hat{X}_{i}^{2}} \sum_{h} \frac{N_{h}^{2}}{n_{h}}\left[s_{y h}^{2}+r_{i}^{2} s_{x h}^{2}-2 r_{i} s_{h y h}\right]
$$

where $N_{h}$ and $n_{h}$ are the total and sample numbers of sampling units, respectively, of the $h$ th stratum and the s's are the usual within stratum mean squares and products of numerator and denominator variables. The variances of the standardized rates (per 1,000 persons) were estimated by

$$
\operatorname{var}(R)=\left(10^{-4}\right) \sum_{i} P_{i}^{2} \operatorname{var}\left(r_{i}\right),
$$

and the estimated standard errors were given as $\sqrt{\operatorname{var(R)} \text {. }}$

## Standard Errors of Detailed Tables

Standard exrors for the estimates shown in the detailed tables are not presented. Estimates based on 10 or less observations have sampling errors of the order of 25 percent or more for each of the three areas. In general, estimates based on sample frequencies of less than 50 observations should be approached with great caution.

## Treatment of Noninterviews

Based on the best internal evidence available from interview schedules, the numbers of persons eligible for interview in each study area were classified by urbanrural residence and age-sex classification. For analytical purposes a missing interview was represented by average values of actual data in the appropriate urban-rural age-sex category of the missing interview.


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[^1]:    ${ }^{2}$ A geographic territory, the great majority of whose population obtains its medical services within that territory

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    ${ }^{3}$ Includes beds in psychiatric, tuberculosis and chronic-disease hospitals, and in convalescent, maternity, and nursing homes.

[^4]:    $1_{ \pm}$standard errors of rates.

[^5]:    1 "Read" understood and interpreted to mean "see ordinary newspaper print."
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[^12]:    ${ }^{1}$ Includes osteopaths in Chittenden; similar professions not found in other two areas.
    "See conditions listed in adult and child questionnaires, appendix $I$, pages 62 and 70 , table III. NOTE: Due to rounding, detailed figures may not add to the totals.

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[^14]:    ${ }^{1}$ See appendix $I$, adult questionnaire, questions 17-19 on page 64 for hypothetical conditions and table III on page 62 for actual conditions.
    inot applicable because rusty nail injury was not one of the conditions used in the questionnaire.

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