

Table 156. Professional Distribution of Number of Visits to Health Care Professionals by Selected Characteristics: 2000 and 2005

[Covers ambulatory visits to doctor's offices and emergency departments, and home health care visits during a 12-month period. Based on the National Health Interview Survey, a sample survey of the civilian noninstitutionalized population. See Appendix III]

Characteristic	None		1-3 visits		4-9 visits		10 or more visits	
	2000	2005	2000	2005	2000	2005	2000	2005
All persons ^{1, 2}	16.6	15.6	45.4	46.2	24.7	24.6	13.3	13.7
AGE								
Under 18 years old	12.2	10.2	53.7	56.3	26.4	26.1	7.7	7.4
18 to 44 years old	23.2	23.1	45.3	46.0	19.2	18.8	12.2	12.1
45 to 64 years old	15.0	14.1	43.4	43.1	25.7	26.4	15.8	16.4
65 to 74 years old	9.0	6.0	34.5	34.8	34.4	35.1	22.1	24.1
75 years old and over	5.8	5.3	29.3	26.9	39.3	38.5	25.6	29.2
SEX ²								
Male	21.5	20.4	46.0	46.9	22.4	21.9	10.1	10.8
Female	11.9	10.8	44.8	45.5	27.0	27.3	16.4	16.4
RACE ^{2, 3}								
Race alone:								
White	16.0	15.2	45.1	46.0	25.3	24.9	13.7	14.0
Black or African American	17.3	16.0	46.7	47.5	23.4	23.6	12.6	12.9
American Indian or Alaska Native	21.2	20.5	42.9	36.6	20.0	29.4	15.8	13.4
Asian	20.2	21.6	49.2	49.5	20.9	20.5	9.7	8.5
Two or more races	12.1	15.6	41.6	37.9	28.3	26.7	17.9	19.9
HISPANIC ORIGIN AND RACE ^{2, 3, 4}								
Hispanic or Latino	26.5	24.0	41.8	42.4	20.0	21.7	11.7	11.9
Mexican	30.7	26.7	40.9	41.7	18.0	20.5	10.4	11.1
Not Hispanic or Latino	15.2	13.9	45.9	46.8	25.3	25.2	13.6	14.0
White, non-Hispanic	14.5	13.1	45.4	46.7	26.0	25.7	14.1	14.6
Black, non-Hispanic	17.2	16.0	46.9	47.5	23.4	23.6	12.6	12.9

¹ Includes other categories not shown separately. ² Estimates are age adjusted to the year 2000 standard using six age groups: Under 18 years, 18-44 years, 45-54 years, 55-64 years, 65-74 years, and 75 years and over. ³ Estimates by race and Hispanic origin are tabulated using the 1997 standards for federal data on race and ethnicity. Estimates for specific race groups are shown when they meet requirements for statistical reliability and confidentiality. The categories "White only," "Black or African American only," "American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) only," and "Asian only" include persons who reported only one racial group; and the category "2 or more races" includes persons who reported more than one of the five racial groups in the 1997 standards or one of the five racial groups and "Some other race." ⁴ Persons of Hispanic or Latino origin may be of any race or combination of races.

Source: U.S. National Center for Health Statistics, *Health, United States*, annual. See also <www.cdc.gov/nchs/hus.htm>.