

Table 168. Ambulatory Care Visits to Physicians' Offices and Hospital Outpatient and Emergency Departments: 2008

[1,189.6 represents 1,189,600,000. Based on the annual National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey and National Hospital Ambulatory Medical Care Survey and subject to sampling error; see source for details]

Characteristic	Number of visits (mil.)				Visits per 100 persons			
	Total	Physician offices	Out-patient dept.	Emergency dept.	Total	Physician offices	Out-patient dept.	Emergency dept.
Total	1,189.6	956.0	109.9	123.8	398.3	320.1	36.8	41.4
Age:								
Under 15 years old	192.7	147.2	22.3	23.2	315.5	241.0	36.6	37.9
15 to 24 years old	105.3	73.9	11.6	19.8	253.3	177.8	27.8	47.7
25 to 44 years old	256.0	194.6	26.2	35.2	314.8	239.4	32.2	43.3
45 to 64 years old	341.6	284.1	31.1	26.3	440.7	366.5	40.2	34.0
65 to 74 years old	144.9	127.1	10.3	7.5	728.8	639.5	51.7	37.6
75 years old and over	149.2	129.0	8.4	11.8	859.7	743.5	48.3	67.9
Sex:								
Male	482.5	383.3	42.5	56.7	329.9	262.1	29.1	38.8
Female	707.1	572.7	67.4	67.0	463.9	375.7	44.2	44.0
Race: ¹								
White	970.9	802.4	79.2	89.4	406.5	335.9	33.1	37.4
Black/African American	158.4	104.0	25.4	29.0	420.9	276.4	67.5	77.0
Asian	43.9	38.4	2.9	2.6	325.7	285.1	21.6	19.0
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	² 5.6	² 4.5	0.3	² 0.8	² 1,019.4	² 820.7	² 60.3	² 138.4
American Indian/Alaska Native	4.4	3.0	² 0.4	² 1.1	145.1	98.9	² 13.3	² 32.9
More than one race reported	6.4	3.6	² 1.7	² 1.1	124.3	71.1	² 32.5	² 20.6
Expected sources of payment: ³								
Private insurance	729.3	631.6	45.8	51.9	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Medicare	275.1	231.4	20.9	22.8	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Medicaid/SCHIP ⁴	175.9	111.6	34.6	29.7	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Worker's compensation	13.1	10.5	1.0	1.6	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
No insurance: ⁵	71.3	43.5	8.7	19.1	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Self pay	64.0	40.1	6.1	17.9	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
No charge	7.7	3.6	² 2.7	1.5	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Other	39.7	27.5	6.5	5.7	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Unknown	39.1	28.7	2.9	7.5	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)

X Not applicable. ¹ Race data were missing for 30.2 percent of ambulatory care visits, including 33.0 percent of visits to physician offices, 21.1 percent of visits to hospital outpatient departments, and 16.0 percent of visits to emergency departments. Missing data were imputed, and readers are advised to treat the resulting estimates with caution. More information is available at the Web site below. ² Figure does not meet standards of reliability or precision. ³ Estimates include all expected sources of payment reported at the visit. ⁴ SCHIP is State Children's Health Insurance Program. ⁵ "No insurance" is defined as having only "self-pay" or "no charge/charity" as payment sources.

Source: U.S. National Center for Health Statistics, *National Health Statistics Reports*, <<http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/ahcd.htm>>.

Table 169. Visits to Office-Based Physicians and Hospital Outpatient Departments by Diagnosis: 2003 and 2008

[405.5 represents 405,500,000. Based on the International Classification of Diseases, 9th Revision, Clinical Modification, (ICD-9-CM). See headnote, Table 168]

Leading diagnosis	Number (mil.)		Rate per 1,000 persons ¹		Leading diagnosis	Number (mil.)		Rate per 1,000 persons ¹	
	2003	2008	2003	2008		2003	2008	2003	2008
Male, all ages	405.5	425.8	2,908	2,911	Female, all ages	595.1	640.1	4,074	4,199
Under 15 years old²	89.1	89.6	2,870	2,869	Under 15 years old²	78.0	79.9	2,630	2,679
Routine infant or child health check	16.8	23.1	541	740	Routine infant or child health check	14.0	21.9	472	733
Acute upper respiratory infections ³	7.8	8.1	250	259	Acute upper respiratory infections ³	7.8	7.1	262	239
Otitis media and Eustachian tube disorders	8.4	7.4	269	236	Otitis media and Eustachian tube disorders	6.4	6.2	217	209
Acute pharyngitis	2.1	3.4	66	107	Acute pharyngitis	3.3	3.1	110	105
15 to 44 years old²	104.0	93.4	1,710	1,524	15 to 44 years old²	208.3	212.8	3,386	3,458
General medical examination	4.4	4.8	72	78	Normal pregnancy	25.6	24.7	415	401
Acute upper respiratory infections ³	4.0	3.2	65	53	Gynecological examination	9.8	10.1	160	165
Spinal disorders	3.4	3.2	56	52	Complications of pregnancy, childbirth, and the puerperium	7.4	7.7	121	124
Essential hypertension	2.1	2.8	35	46					
45 to 64 years old²	112.6	127.2	3,404	3,376	45 to 64 years old²	167.9	188.1	4,781	4,720
Essential hypertension	7.6	8.6	231	227	Essential hypertension	8.2	12.0	234	302
Diabetes mellitus	5.2	6.4	156	171	Arthropathies and related disorders	8.1	7.9	231	198
Spinal disorders	4.7	5.4	143	144	Rheumatism, excluding back	6.0	6.4	170	161
Arthropathies and related disorders	4.5	4.1	135	110					
65 years old and over²	99.8	115.5	6,881	7,211	65 years old and over²	140.9	159.3	7,123	7,509
Essential hypertension	7.2	8.8	496	546	Essential hypertension	11.1	15.4	563	728
Heart disease ⁴	3.7	6.7	256	416	Arthropathies and related disorders	8.1	7.7	408	364
Malignant neoplasms	6.3	6.3	434	392	Heart disease ⁴	4.3	6.9	218	328
Ischemic heart disease	3.6	6.0	250	376					

¹ Based on U.S. Census Bureau estimated civilian population as of July 1. ² Includes other first-listed diagnoses, not shown separately. ³ Excluding pharyngitis. ⁴ Excluding ischemic.

Source: U.S. National Center for Health Statistics, *National Health Statistics Reports*, <<http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/ahcd.htm>>.