

Table 10. Emergency Department (ED) Visits Triaged Immediate/Emergent at which Patient Waited to See a Physician for One Hour or More [by Patient Race and Selected Characteristics], United States, 2007-2008

Patient Characteristics	Unweighted Sample Size	Number of Visits (in thousands)	Standard Error (in thousands)	Percent Waited One Hour or More	Standard Error Of Percent
All Races	9,301	31,808	2,080	15.4	1.2
..Age					
....0-17 years	1,414	4,972	452	13.3	1.6
....18-44 years	3,361	10,858	908	17.6	1.7
....45-64 years	2,297	7,970	511	16.1	1.7
....65 years and over	2,229	8,008	509	13.1	1.1
..Sex					
....Female	4,857	16,329	1,103	15.9	1.3
....Male	4,444	15,479	1,008	14.9	1.2
..Expected Payment Source By Age Group					
....Private, age less than 65	2,846	10,638	980	14.7	1.7
....Public, age less than 65	2,520	7,377	565	17.2	1.9
....Uninsured, age less than 65	1,058	3,660	356	19.3	2.1
....Medicare and Private, age 65 and over	986	3,629	342	13.9	1.7
....Medicare and Medicaid, age 65 and over	278	876	94	12.9	2.8
....Medicare only, age 65 and over	871	3,173	295	12.3	1.3
....Other/unknown	742	2,454	295	14.6	1.8
..Location					
....Within Metropolitan Statistical Area	8,078	25,934	2,051	16.3	1.4
....Outside Metropolitan Statistical Area	1,223	5,874	865	11.7	2.4

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White	6,673	23,725	1,790	14.5	1.4
..Age					
....0-17 years	935	3,394	324	13.1	1.8
....18-44 years	2,295	7,861	793	16.8	1.8
....45-64 years	1,631	5,836	436	14.5	1.9
....65 years and over	1,812	6,635	452	12.3	1.2
..Sex					
....Female	3,427	11,990	951	14.6	1.5
....Male	3,246	11,736	878	14.3	1.5
..Expected Payment Source By Age Group					
....Private, age less than 65	2,221	8,389	914	14.0	2.0
....Public, age less than 65	1,511	4,648	413	16.5	2.2
....Uninsured, age less than 65	710	2,600	296	18.3	2.3
....Medicare and Private, age 65 and over	855	3,161	323	13.0	1.9
....Medicare and Medicaid, age 65 and over	*	*	*	*	*
....Medicare only, age 65 and over	695	2,603	277	10.7	1.4
....Other/unknown	494	1,704	208	13.8	2.4
..Location					
....Within Metropolitan Statistical Area	5,562	18,605	1,747	15.4	1.6
....Outside Metropolitan Statistical Area	1,111	* 5,121	* 864	11.1	2.7

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Black or African-American	2,202	7,176	747	19.1	1.7
..Age					
....0-17 years	385	1,327	210	14.5	3.0
....18-44 years	892	2,704	322	20.4	2.8
....45-64 years	577	1,942	223	21.7	2.9
....65 years and over	348	1,204	161	17.0	2.6
..Sex					
....Female	1,206	3,912	445	19.9	2.2
....Male	996	3,263	330	18.1	1.9
..Expected Payment Source By Age Group					
....Private, age less than 65	512	1,949	267	18.5	3.0
....Public, age less than 65	836	2,456	322	19.4	2.7
....Uninsured, age less than 65	313	969	116	21.7	3.5
....Medicare and Private, age 65 and over	*	*	*	*	*
....Medicare and Medicaid, age 65 and over	*	*	*	*	*
....Medicare only, age 65 and over	153	511	80	19.3	3.9
....Other/unknown	208	657	132	17.9	2.7
..Location					
....Within Metropolitan Statistical Area	2,099	6,458	717	19.5	1.8
....Outside Metropolitan Statistical Area	*	*	*	*	*

*Figure does not meet standards of reliability or precision.

Patient wait defined as time from arrival to time seen by a physician. Excludes patients not seen by a physician, who left before being seen, or are dead on arrival. Also excluded 11.4% of those triaged immediate or emergent because wait time was missing.

Payment source classified based on all expected payment sources. Public insurance includes Medicare, Medicaid, and State Children's Health Insurance Program. No insurance is defined as having only 'self-pay' or 'no charge/charity' as payment sources.

Race data were missing for 11.1% of total visits included in this table. Missing race data were imputed. Standard errors were inflated as described at '2007 NAMCS Microdata File Documentation' ftp://ftp.cdc.gov/pub/Health_Statistics/NCHS/Dataset_Documentation.

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics, National Hospital Ambulatory Medical Care Survey.

Note: For general information about survey methodology, reliability of estimates, and other technical information, readers can refer to the National Hospital Ambulatory Medical Care Survey: 2006 Emergency Department Summary (<http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nhsr/nhsr007.pdf>).

Contact the Ambulatory and Hospital Care Statistics Branch, 301-458-4600, for more information.