

Table 13. Emergency Department (ED) Visits Triaged as Urgent at which Patient Waited to See a Physician for One Hour or More [by Payment Source and Age Group and Selected Characteristics], United States, 2007-2008

Patient Characteristics	Unweighted Sample Size	Number Visits (in thousands)	Standard Error (in thousands)	Percent Waited One Hour or More	Standard Error Of Percent
All Payment Sources and Age Groups	23,064	78,518	3,571	29.3	1.2
..Age					
....0-17 years	4,845	16,391	1,138	27.9	1.8
....18-44 years	9,420	31,771	1,696	30.4	1.4
....45-64 years	5,078	17,221	772	30.9	1.5
....65 years and over	3,721	13,134	630	26.7	1.5
..Sex					
....Female	12,715	44,055	2,123	30.0	1.3
....Male	10,349	34,462	1,526	28.5	1.3
..Race					
....White	15,917	56,682	3,030	27.6	1.3
....Black or African-American	5,781	18,346	1,472	34.9	2.3
....Asian	651	1,568	217	25.5	2.6
....Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	159	* 377	* 104	23.2	5.3
....American Indian or Alaskan Native	177	* 713	* 221	28.7	4.9
....Multiple races	379	* 831	* 349	38.7	9.8
..Location					
....Within Metropolitan Statistical Area	20,127	65,331	3,434	31.3	1.4
....Outside Metropolitan Statistical Area	2,937	13,187	1,501	19.8	3.4

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Private, age less than 65	7,986	28,498	1,665	27.1	1.4
..Age					
....0-17 years	1,789	6,524	573	26.5	2.2
....18-44 years	3,695	13,223	843	26.6	1.6
....45-64 years	2,502	8,751	465	28.5	1.6
..Sex					
....Female	4,333	15,747	957	27.9	1.5
....Male	3,653	12,750	764	26.2	1.5
..Location					
....Within Metropolitan Statistical Area	6,934	24,013	1,733	29.0	1.8
....Outside Metropolitan Statistical Area	1,052	* 4,485	* 650	17.2	3.4
Public, age less than 65	6,615	20,042	1,105	31.3	1.7
..Age					
....0-17 years	2,340	7,286	573	28.9	2.2
....18-44 years	2,697	7,652	478	32.3	2.0
....45-64 years	1,578	5,105	317	33.1	2.3
..Sex					
....Female	3,788	11,588	663	30.9	1.8
....Male	2,827	8,454	489	31.8	2.1
..Race					
....White	3,743	12,263	820	29.5	2.0
....Black or African-American	2,340	6,469	572	34.8	2.6
....Asian	181	* 354	* 61	21.0	4.8
....Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander					
....American Indian or Alaskan Native					
....Multiple races	245	* 533	* 247	*38.4	*12.2
..Location					
....Within Metropolitan Statistical Area	5,843	16,332	1,094	32.6	1.8
....Outside Metropolitan Statistical Area	772	* 3,710	* 605	25.4	5.9

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No insurance, age less than 65	3,098	10,795	743	32.3	1.8
..Age					
....0-17 years	414	1,470	174	29.6	3.9
....18-44 years	2,083	7,416	533	32.6	2.1
....45-64 years	601	1,909	139	33.1	2.9
..Sex					
....Female	1,551	5,569	430	35.1	2.2
....Male	1,547	5,226	359	29.3	2.1
..Location					
....Within Metropolitan Statistical Area	2,701	8,732	701	35.1	2.3
....Outside Metropolitan Statistical Area	397	* 2,063	* 433	20.3	4.1
Medicare and Private, age 65 and over	1,643	5,870	372	25.1	1.7
..Sex					
....Female	953	3,481	248	24.9	2.0
....Male	690	2,388	176	25.2	2.4
..Location					
....Within Metropolitan Statistical Area	1,372	4,839	390	26.8	2.0
....Outside Metropolitan Statistical Area	271	1,031	143	16.7	4.1
Medicare and Medicaid, age 65 and over	471	1,472	136	25.4	3.3
..Sex					
....Female	310	985	93	25.7	3.5
....Male	161	486	68	24.9	4.9

Table 13. Emergency Department (ED) Visits Triageed as Urgent at which Patient Waited to See a Physician for One Hour or More [by Payment Source and Age Group and Selected Characteristics], United States, 2007-2008

Patient Characteristics	Unweighted Sample Size	Number Visits (in thousands)	Standard Error (in thousands)	Percent Waited One Hour or More	Standard Error Of Percent
Medicare only, age 65 and over	1,438	5,151	379	27.6	2.3
..Sex					
....Female	856	3,081	249	29.7	2.6
....Male	582	2,070	161	24.5	2.7
..Location					
....Within Metropolitan Statistical Area	1,242	4,281	378	29.6	2.8
....Outside Metropolitan Statistical Area	196	* 870	* 220	17.9	4.0
Other/unknown	1,813	6,691	923	34.2	2.7
..Age					
....0-17 years	302	1,112	162	28.2	3.6
....18-44 years	945	3,480	514	35.6	3.3
....45-64 years	397	1,457	230	34.4	3.8
....65 years and over	169	642	125	36.8	4.8
..Sex					
....Female	924	3,603	535	35.2	3.2
....Male	889	3,087	427	33.2	2.7

*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 leave before being seen, or are dead on arrival. Also excluded 9.4% of those triaged urgent 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 13.3% 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>).

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