

Table 17. Emergency Department Visits Involving Hospital Admission or Transfer with Length of Visit 6 Hours or More [by Payment Source and Age Group and Selected Characteristics], United States, 2007-2008

Patient Characteristics	Unweighted Sample Size	Number Visits Admitted or Transferred (in thousands)	Standard Error (in thousands)	Percent 6 Hours or More	Standard Error Of Percent
All Payment Sources And Age Groups	10,712	35,321	1,672	29.4	1.2
..Age					
....0-17 years	805	2,733	210	25.3	2.5
....18-44 years	2,846	8,278	457	30.4	1.6
....45-64 years	3,026	10,144	543	32.0	1.6
....65 years and over	4,035	14,166	718	27.7	1.4
..Sex					
....Female	5,622	18,429	924	30.3	1.4
....Male	5,090	16,892	815	28.4	1.3
..Location					
....Within Metropolitan Statistical Area	9,481	30,306	1,715	31.7	1.3
....Outside Metropolitan Statistical Area	1,231	5,015	536	15.2	2.4
Private insurance, age less than 65	2,584	9,041	522	28.8	1.5
..Age					
....0-17 years	318	1,169	118	24.7	3.5
....18-44 years	944	3,191	221	27.5	1.9
....45-64 years	1,322	4,681	291	30.7	1.9
..Sex					
....Female	1,281	4,504	284	30.6	2.0
....Male	1,303	4,537	283	27.0	1.7
..Location					
....Within Metropolitan Statistical Area	2,317	7,874	518	30.6	1.6
....Outside Metropolitan Statistical Area	267	1,167	138	16.5	2.9

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Public insurance, Age less than 65	2,607	7,033	430	33.3	1.8
..Age					
....0-17 years	357	1,112	119	27.8	3.4
....18-44 years	1,129	2,564	180	35.8	3.1
....45-64 years	1,121	3,357	226	33.2	2.1
..Sex					
....Female	1,388	3,493	215	34.3	2.2
....Male	1,219	3,540	255	32.3	2.2
..Location					
....Within Metropolitan Statistical Area	2,351	6,004	419	36.5	2.0
....Outside Metropolitan Statistical Area	256	1,029	154	14.4	3.2
No insurance, Age less than 65	788	2,591	215	28.0	2.5
..Age					
....0-17 years					
....18-44 years	459	1,470	135	28.0	3.0
....45-64 years	286	993	101	26.7	3.4
..Sex					
....Female	315	1,080	107	34.2	3.8
....Male	473	1,510	148	23.5	2.9
Medicare and Private, Age 65 and over	1,681	5,895	392	25.4	1.8
..Sex					
....Female	952	3,403	282	26.0	2.3
....Male	729	2,492	157	24.5	2.4
..Location					
....Within Metropolitan Statistical Area	1,394	4,818	382	28.2	2.0
....Outside Metropolitan Statistical Area	287	1,077	138	12.7	3.2

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Medicare and Medicaid, Age 65 and over	489	1,453	126	25.9	2.9
..Sex					
....Female	295	889	85	25.0	3.4
....Male	194	564	59	27.2	4.3
Medicare only, Age 65 and over	1,666	5,946	446	30.4	1.9
..Sex					
....Female	965	3,448	284	30.9	2.2
....Male	701	2,498	216	29.7	2.6
..Location					
....Within Metropolitan Statistical Area	1,469	5,110	449	32.1	1.9
....Outside Metropolitan Statistical Area	197	* 837	* 161	19.9	5.7
Other/unknown payment source	897	3,362	446	30.6	2.6
..Age					
....0-17 years					
....18-44 years	314	1,053	151	29.4	3.8
....45-64 years	297	1,113	140	38.7	3.6
....65 years and over	199	872	167	27.9	3.5
..Sex					
....Female	426	1,611	242	28.6	3.4
....Male	471	1,751	227	32.5	3.3

*Figure does not meet standards of reliability or precision.

Length of visit is defined as time from arrival to time of discharge from emergency department.

Payment source classified by 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 13.2% of total visits included in this table. Missing race data were imputed. Standard errors were inflated as described in '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.