

Table 75 (page 1 of 3). Emergency department visits within the past 12 months among children under 18 years of age, according to selected characteristics: United States, selected years 1997–2001

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Characteristic	Under 18 years of age			Under 6 years of age			6–17 years of age		
	1997	1999	2001	1997	1999	2001	1997	1999	2001
Percent of children with 1 or more emergency department visits ¹									
All children ²	19.9	17.9	20.7	24.3	23.3	24.9	17.7	15.3	18.6
Race ³									
White only	19.4	17.1	20.2	22.6	21.9	24.2	17.8	14.8	18.2
Black or African American only	24.0	22.5	22.6	33.1	32.3	29.2	19.4	18.2	19.7
American Indian and Alaska Native only	*24.1	33.3	27.0	*24.3	*29.5	*	*24.0	*36.2	*26.5
Asian only	12.6	9.4	11.4	20.8	*13.4	*8.6	8.6	*7.4	*13.0
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander only	---	*	*	---	*	*	---	*	*
2 or more races	---	23.3	31.1	---	28.7	33.7	---	*19.7	29.2
Hispanic origin and race ³									
Hispanic or Latino	21.1	15.9	19.4	25.7	21.4	26.1	18.1	12.6	15.4
Not Hispanic or Latino	19.7	18.3	20.9	24.0	23.8	24.7	17.6	15.7	19.2
White only	19.2	17.4	20.6	22.2	22.1	24.3	17.7	15.3	18.9
Black or African American only	23.6	22.5	22.6	32.7	32.5	28.8	19.2	18.2	19.8
Poverty status ⁴									
Poor	25.4	24.4	25.2	29.9	31.6	28.1	22.5	20.6	23.5
Near poor	22.6	22.2	22.1	28.8	30.4	28.5	19.4	17.8	18.6
Nonpoor	17.4	15.4	19.5	21.0	19.0	23.5	15.8	13.8	17.7
Hispanic origin and race and poverty status ^{3,4}									
Hispanic or Latino:									
Poor	22.0	16.4	21.7	24.8	21.0	26.3	20.1	13.0	18.7
Near poor	20.8	15.2	17.4	28.9	21.7	24.8	15.6	11.6	13.1
Nonpoor	20.3	17.2	21.0	22.7	23.0	28.4	18.9	14.3	16.8
Not Hispanic or Latino:									
White only:									
Poor	26.3	26.3	28.2	28.0	34.9	30.0	25.1	22.4	27.2
Near poor	23.0	24.5	23.0	26.5	33.0	28.7	21.2	20.1	19.8
Nonpoor	17.4	15.1	19.4	20.6	18.1	23.1	15.9	13.8	17.7
Black or African American only:									
Poor	29.8	29.8	26.2	40.9	42.5	31.9	22.8	23.4	23.3
Near poor	23.6	23.5	26.0	33.6	33.7	35.8	19.1	18.7	21.2
Nonpoor	17.8	18.8	20.2	23.8	27.1	27.0	15.5	15.6	17.3
Health insurance status ⁵									
Insured	19.8	18.1	21.0	24.4	23.1	25.1	17.5	15.7	18.9
Private	17.5	15.4	18.6	20.9	18.9	22.0	15.9	13.9	17.1
Medicaid	28.2	28.8	28.5	33.0	35.2	32.4	24.1	24.2	25.9
Uninsured	20.2	16.4	17.4	23.0	25.5	22.1	18.9	12.7	15.5
Poverty status and health insurance status ⁴									
Poor:									
Insured	26.6	26.9	27.6	31.4	32.8	30.3	23.2	23.4	26.0
Uninsured	20.9	15.8	15.0	20.9	25.8	*16.7	20.9	11.9	14.2
Near poor:									
Insured	22.7	23.3	22.6	29.2	31.2	28.8	19.2	18.7	19.0
Uninsured	22.2	18.3	19.3	27.3	26.6	*25.8	20.1	14.8	16.7
Nonpoor:									
Insured	17.3	15.4	19.3	20.8	18.7	23.3	15.7	13.9	17.5
Uninsured	18.8	16.1	19.8	23.7	25.8	24.3	16.7	12.0	18.3
Geographic region									
Northeast	18.5	17.1	20.1	20.7	20.3	23.7	17.4	15.5	18.6
Midwest	19.5	18.4	21.2	26.0	24.1	25.6	16.4	15.8	19.2
South	21.8	19.2	22.2	25.6	25.7	27.0	19.9	16.1	19.8
West	18.5	15.9	18.1	23.5	21.4	22.1	15.9	13.1	15.9
Location of residence									
Within MSA ⁶	19.7	16.7	19.8	23.9	22.0	24.1	17.4	14.0	17.6
Outside MSA ⁶	20.8	22.4	24.3	26.2	29.1	28.5	18.6	19.7	22.4

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Characteristic	Under 18 years of age			Under 6 years of age			6–17 years of age		
	1997	1999	2001	1997	1999	2001	1997	1999	2001
Percent of children with 2 or more emergency department visits ¹									
All children ²	7.1	5.5	6.8	9.6	8.7	9.5	5.8	4.0	5.5
Race ³									
White only	6.6	4.7	6.4	8.4	7.3	8.9	5.7	3.4	5.2
Black or African American only	9.6	9.1	8.5	14.9	15.8	14.3	6.9	6.1	5.9
American Indian and Alaska Native only	*	*	*13.5	*	*	*	*	*	*
Asian only	*5.7	*	*4.9	*12.9	*	*	*	*	*
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander only	---	*	*	---	*	*	---	*	*
2 or more races	---	10.5	8.8	---	*15.7	*9.3	---	*	*8.4
Hispanic origin and race ³									
Hispanic or Latino	8.9	5.2	6.4	11.8	7.9	8.7	7.0	3.6	5.1
Not Hispanic or Latino	6.8	5.5	6.9	9.2	8.8	9.7	5.7	4.0	5.6
White only	6.2	4.7	6.5	7.8	7.4	9.3	5.5	3.4	5.2
Black or African American only	9.3	9.1	8.4	14.6	15.9	14.0	6.8	6.1	5.9
Poverty status ⁴									
Poor	11.2	10.5	10.5	14.4	15.5	12.9	9.1	7.7	9.2
Near poor	8.6	7.6	8.5	12.7	12.4	13.1	6.4	5.0	6.0
Nonpoor	5.2	3.9	5.6	6.7	6.1	8.0	4.6	3.0	4.4
Hispanic origin and race and poverty status ^{3,4}									
Hispanic or Latino:									
Poor	10.6	5.7	7.8	13.9	*8.1	7.9	8.4	*	7.7
Near poor	8.1	6.0	5.7	12.2	*9.9	8.8	*5.4	*	*3.9
Nonpoor	7.4	5.5	6.0	8.2	*9.2	9.8	7.0	*3.6	*3.8
Not Hispanic or Latino:									
White only:									
Poor	11.0	10.8	12.5	12.4	18.5	*16.0	10.1	*7.3	10.7
Near poor	8.4	7.7	9.0	11.8	13.0	14.7	6.6	*5.0	5.9
Nonpoor	5.0	3.5	5.3	6.0	5.2	7.6	4.5	2.8	4.3
Black or African American only:									
Poor	12.9	14.6	11.6	19.6	22.2	17.3	*8.7	10.9	*8.7
Near poor	9.5	9.5	10.0	*14.0	*15.7	*16.5	*7.5	*	*6.8
Nonpoor	5.1	6.3	6.7	*8.1	*13.1	12.1	*4.0	*3.7	*4.3
Health insurance status ⁵									
Insured									
Private	7.0	5.6	6.9	9.6	8.6	9.6	5.7	4.1	5.6
Medicaid	5.2	3.8	5.4	6.8	5.7	7.4	4.5	3.0	4.5
Uninsured									
Medicaid	13.1	12.6	11.7	16.2	17.1	14.6	10.4	9.4	9.8
Uninsured	7.7	4.9	5.6	9.8	9.0	8.3	6.8	*3.2	4.5
Poverty status and health insurance status ⁴									
Poor:									
Insured	12.0	12.1	11.8	15.4	16.9	14.0	9.6	9.2	10.5
Uninsured	8.0	*4.8	*5.5	*8.7	*	*	*7.7	*	*4.5
Near poor:									
Insured	8.6	8.3	8.9	12.7	13.4	14.1	6.4	5.4	6.0
Uninsured	8.3	*5.1	*6.5	*12.2	*	*	6.8	*	*
Nonpoor:									
Insured	5.1	3.9	5.5	6.4	5.9	7.8	4.5	3.0	4.4
Uninsured	7.1	*4.5	*5.5	*11.8	*	*	*5.0	*	*

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	1997	1999	2001	1997	1999	2001	1997	1999	2001
Geographic region									
Percent of children with 2 or more emergency department visits ¹									
Northeast	6.2	4.9	6.1	7.6	6.5	6.8	5.4	4.0	5.8
Midwest	6.6	5.8	7.1	10.4	9.8	11.3	4.8	4.0	5.1
South	8.0	6.1	7.8	10.1	9.8	11.3	6.9	4.3	6.0
West	7.1	4.7	5.6	10.0	7.6	7.0	5.6	3.3	4.8
Location of residence									
Within MSA ⁶	7.2	5.0	6.8	9.6	8.0	9.2	5.9	3.4	5.5
Outside MSA ⁶	6.8	7.4	7.1	9.7	11.3	10.8	5.6	5.8	5.5

* Estimates are considered unreliable. Data preceded by an asterisk have a relative standard error (RSE) of 20–30 percent. Data not shown have a RSE of greater than 30 percent.

--- Data not available.

¹See Appendix II, Emergency department visit.

²Includes all other races not shown separately, unknown poverty status, and unknown health insurance status.

³The race groups, white, black, American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN), Asian, Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander, and 2 or more races, include persons of Hispanic and non-Hispanic origin. Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race. Starting with data year 1999 race-specific estimates are tabulated according to 1997 Standards for Federal data on Race and Ethnicity and are not strictly comparable with estimates for earlier years. The five single race categories plus multiple race categories shown in the table conform to 1997 Standards. The 1999 race-specific estimates are for persons who reported only one racial group; the category “2 or more races” includes persons who reported more than one racial group. Prior to data year 1999, data were tabulated according to 1977 Standards with four racial groups and the category “Asian only” included Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander. Estimates for single race categories prior to 1999 included persons who reported one race or, if they reported more than one race, identified one race as best representing their race. The effect of the 1997 Standard on the 1999 estimates can be seen by comparing 1999 data tabulated according to the two Standards: Estimates based on the 1977 Standard of the percent of children under 18 years of age with 1 or more emergency department visits are: 0.1 percentage points higher for white children; 0.2 percentage points higher for black children; 2.1 percentage points lower for AI/AN children; and 2.0 percentage points higher for Asian and Pacific Islander children than estimates based on the 1997 Standards. See Appendix II, Race.

⁴Poor persons are defined as below the poverty threshold. Near poor persons have incomes of 100 percent to less than 200 percent of the poverty threshold. Nonpoor persons have incomes of 200 percent or greater than the poverty threshold. Poverty status was unknown for 17 percent of children in the sample in 1997, 21 percent in 1998, 24 percent in 1999, 23 percent in 2000, and 23 percent in 2001. See Appendix II, Family income; Poverty level.

⁵Health insurance categories are mutually exclusive. Persons who reported both Medicaid and private coverage are classified as having private coverage. Starting in 1997 Medicaid includes state-sponsored health plans and State Child Health Insurance Program (SCHIP). The category “insured” also includes military, other State, and Medicare coverage. See Appendix II, Health insurance coverage.

⁶MSA is metropolitan statistical area.

NOTES: Some numbers in this table for health insurance estimates were revised and differ from previous editions of *Health, United States*. Data for additional years are available (see Appendix III). Standard errors for selected years are available in the spreadsheet version of this table. See www.cdc.gov/nchs/hus.htm.

SOURCE: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics, National Health Interview Survey, family core and sample child questionnaires.