

**Table 77 (page 1 of 2). Emergency department visits within the past 12 months among adults 18 years of age and over, according to selected characteristics: United States, selected years 1997–2001**

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Characteristic	1 or more emergency department visits				2 or more emergency department visits			
	1997	1999	2000	2001	1997	1999	2000	2001
Percent of adults with emergency department visit <sup>1</sup>								
All adults 18 years of age and over <sup>2,3</sup>	19.6	17.2	20.2	19.7	6.7	5.2	6.9	6.4
Age								
18–44 years	20.7	17.7	20.6	19.8	6.8	5.6	7.0	6.5
18–24 years	26.3	21.7	25.9	24.0	9.1	7.3	8.9	8.7
25–44 years	19.0	16.5	18.9	18.4	6.2	5.0	6.4	5.8
45–64 years	16.2	14.6	17.6	18.0	5.6	4.3	5.6	5.6
45–54 years	15.7	14.3	17.9	17.7	5.5	4.3	5.8	5.5
55–64 years	16.9	15.1	17.0	18.5	5.7	4.3	5.3	5.9
65 years and over	22.0	19.9	23.7	22.3	8.1	5.6	8.6	7.5
65–74 years	20.3	17.3	21.6	19.7	7.1	4.7	7.4	7.1
75 years and over	24.3	23.1	26.2	25.4	9.3	6.7	10.1	8.0
Sex <sup>3</sup>								
Male	19.1	16.1	18.8	18.9	5.9	4.3	5.8	5.7
Female	20.2	18.2	21.6	20.5	7.5	6.0	8.0	7.2
Race <sup>3,4</sup>								
White only	19.0	16.6	19.4	19.1	6.2	4.7	6.4	6.1
Black or African American only	25.9	22.2	26.5	25.2	11.1	8.8	10.7	9.4
American Indian and Alaska Native only	24.8	29.2	30.5	33.9	13.1	*11.7	*12.8	15.5
Asian only	11.6	9.7	13.6	12.7	*2.9	*	*3.8	*2.6
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander only	---	*	*	*	---	*	*	*
2 or more races	---	24.4	32.9	25.5	---	11.4	11.4	8.8
American Indian and Alaska Native; White	---	26.0	33.9	25.4	---	*13.9	*9.2	*6.1
Hispanic origin and race <sup>3,4</sup>								
Hispanic or Latino	19.2	15.3	18.4	18.4	7.4	4.5	7.1	7.0
Mexican American	17.8	14.4	17.4	15.6	6.4	4.1	7.1	5.6
Not Hispanic or Latino	19.7	17.5	20.6	20.0	6.7	5.3	6.9	6.4
White only	19.1	16.9	19.8	19.4	6.2	4.8	6.4	6.1
Black or African American only	25.9	22.2	26.5	25.3	11.0	8.8	10.7	9.4
Poverty status <sup>3,5</sup>								
Poor	29.2	27.6	30.2	27.5	13.7	11.7	14.3	13.1
Near poor	24.9	21.7	25.1	26.2	10.0	8.0	10.6	10.4
Nonpoor	17.5	15.4	18.6	18.2	5.0	4.1	5.3	5.1
Hispanic origin and race and poverty status <sup>3,4,5</sup>								
Hispanic or Latino:								
Poor	22.9	17.1	24.4	19.9	10.2	6.6	11.3	10.1
Near poor	19.2	15.9	19.4	20.1	8.4	5.0	7.6	7.7
Nonpoor	17.9	14.5	17.1	17.6	5.5	3.8	6.1	5.3
Not Hispanic or Latino:								
White only:								
Poor	30.8	29.4	30.6	29.6	14.1	11.7	14.3	13.7
Near poor	25.5	22.2	26.8	27.9	9.8	7.6	11.5	11.0
Nonpoor	17.2	15.5	18.2	18.0	4.8	4.1	5.0	5.1
Black or African American only:								
Poor	35.5	33.5	38.0	32.1	17.9	16.8	19.0	15.7
Near poor	30.8	27.8	29.9	28.8	12.9	13.0	13.1	12.8
Nonpoor	20.7	18.4	24.1	22.3	7.8	5.7	8.4	7.0
Health insurance status <sup>6,7</sup>								
18–64 years of age:								
Insured	18.8	16.1	19.5	19.2	6.1	4.7	6.4	6.2
Private	16.9	14.5	17.6	17.2	4.7	3.7	5.1	4.7
Medicaid	37.6	35.4	42.3	39.7	19.7	17.4	21.0	21.7
Uninsured	20.0	18.3	19.6	18.9	7.5	7.0	7.0	6.6
65 years of age and over:								
Medicare HMO	20.2	20.1	24.4	23.6	6.7	5.7	8.5	8.8
Private	21.3	19.3	23.3	21.0	6.9	5.3	7.9	6.4
Medicaid	35.2	30.0	35.9	36.0	20.2	12.8	18.3	18.7
Medicare fee-for-service only	22.0	19.2	20.1	21.5	9.4	4.4	7.3	6.9

See footnotes at end of table.

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	1997	1999	2000	2001	1997	1999	2000	2001
Poverty status and health insurance status <sup>5,6</sup>								
Percent of adults with emergency department visit <sup>1</sup>								
18–64 years of age:								
Poor:								
Insured . . . . .	32.1	29.8	33.6	30.8	15.9	13.3	17.4	15.5
Uninsured . . . . .	24.4	22.7	26.0	20.0	10.0	10.3	10.6	8.5
Near poor:								
Insured . . . . .	26.6	23.1	27.3	28.0	10.3	8.7	11.6	11.7
Uninsured . . . . .	21.3	18.6	20.1	23.6	9.1	7.5	7.7	9.0
Nonpoor:								
Insured . . . . .	16.6	14.7	17.6	17.2	4.5	3.7	4.9	4.6
Uninsured . . . . .	19.0	16.3	19.2	17.8	5.4	6.5	6.4	5.0
Geographic region <sup>3</sup>								
Northeast . . . . .	19.5	16.9	20.0	19.8	6.9	5.1	6.2	6.1
Midwest . . . . .	19.3	17.2	20.1	19.6	6.2	5.1	6.9	6.0
South . . . . .	20.9	17.7	21.3	20.9	7.3	5.7	7.6	7.3
West . . . . .	17.7	16.4	18.7	17.6	6.0	4.5	6.3	5.6
Location of residence <sup>3</sup>								
Within MSA <sup>8</sup> . . . . .	19.1	16.6	19.6	19.4	6.4	4.9	6.6	6.3
Outside MSA <sup>8</sup> . . . . .	21.5	19.5	22.5	21.3	7.8	6.4	7.8	7.0

\* 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.

<sup>1</sup>See Appendix II, Emergency department visit.

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

<sup>3</sup>Estimates are for persons 18 years of age and over and are age adjusted to the year 2000 standard using five age groups: 18–44 years, 45–54 years, 55–64 years, 65–74 years, and 75 years and over. See Appendix II, Age adjustment.

<sup>4</sup>The 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 years 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: Age-adjusted estimates based on the 1977 Standard of the percent of adults with 1 or more emergency department visits are: 0.1 percentage points higher for white and black adults; 2.0 percentage points lower for AI/AN adults; and 0.3 percentage points higher for Asian and Pacific Islander adults than estimates based on the 1997 Standards. See Appendix II, Race.

<sup>5</sup>Poor 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 22 percent of adults in the sample in 1997, 27 percent in 1998, 29 percent in 1999 and 2000, and 30 percent in 2001. See Appendix II, Family income; Poverty level.

<sup>6</sup>Estimates for persons 18–64 years of age are age adjusted to the year 2000 Standard using three age groups: 18–44 years, 45–54 years, and 55–64 years of age. Estimates for persons 65 years of age and over are age adjusted to the year 2000 Standard using two age groups: 65–74 years and 75 years and over. See Appendix II, Age adjustment.

<sup>7</sup>Health insurance categories are mutually exclusive. Persons who reported both Medicaid and private coverage are classified as having private coverage. Persons 65 years of age and over who reported Medicare HMO (health maintenance organization) and some other type of health insurance coverage are classified as having Medicare HMO. 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.

<sup>8</sup>MSA 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](http://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 adult questionnaires.