

**Table 82 (page 1 of 2). Ambulatory care visits to physician offices and hospital outpatient and emergency departments by selected characteristics: United States, selected years 1995–2001**

[Data are based on reporting by a sample of office-based physicians and hospital outpatient and emergency departments]

Age, sex, and race	All places <sup>1</sup>				Physician offices			
	1995	1999	2000	2001	1995	1999	2000	2001
Number of visits in thousands								
Total . . . . .	860,859	944,122	1,014,848	1,071,692	697,082	756,734	823,542	880,487
Under 18 years . . . . .	194,644	183,072	212,165	216,202	150,351	135,627	163,459	168,663
18–44 years . . . . .	285,184	300,051	315,774	317,826	219,065	227,005	243,011	244,288
45–64 years . . . . .	188,320	240,688	255,894	279,955	159,531	201,911	216,783	239,106
45–54 years . . . . .	104,891	130,824	142,233	154,518	88,266	108,597	119,474	130,795
55–64 years . . . . .	83,429	109,864	113,661	125,437	71,264	93,315	97,309	108,310
65 years and over . . . . .	192,712	220,311	231,014	257,709	168,135	192,190	200,289	228,430
65–74 years . . . . .	102,605	106,066	116,505	126,828	90,544	92,642	102,447	112,978
75 years and over . . . . .	90,106	114,245	114,510	130,881	77,591	99,548	97,842	115,452
Number of visits per 100 persons								
Total, age adjusted <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	334	352	374	385	271	283	304	316
Total, crude . . . . .	329	347	370	383	266	279	300	314
Under 18 years . . . . .	275	254	293	298	213	188	226	233
18–44 years . . . . .	264	277	291	289	203	209	224	222
45–64 years . . . . .	364	410	422	437	309	344	358	373
45–54 years . . . . .	339	368	385	397	286	305	323	336
55–64 years . . . . .	401	477	481	499	343	405	412	431
65 years and over . . . . .	612	679	706	764	534	592	612	678
65–74 years . . . . .	560	596	656	702	494	521	577	625
75 years and over . . . . .	683	779	766	837	588	679	654	739
Sex and age								
Male, age adjusted <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	290	309	325	337	232	246	261	275
Male, crude . . . . .	277	297	314	325	220	235	251	264
Under 18 years . . . . .	273	255	302	302	209	189	231	235
18–44 years . . . . .	190	206	203	207	139	150	148	152
45–54 years . . . . .	275	300	316	327	229	247	260	273
55–64 years . . . . .	351	427	428	429	300	361	367	371
65–74 years . . . . .	508	580	614	670	445	510	539	598
75 years and over . . . . .	711	758	771	852	616	663	670	758
Female, age adjusted <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	377	393	420	431	309	317	345	356
Female, crude . . . . .	378	396	424	437	310	320	348	362
Under 18 years . . . . .	277	252	285	295	217	187	221	231
18–44 years . . . . .	336	345	377	370	265	267	298	291
45–54 years . . . . .	400	432	451	464	339	361	384	397
55–64 years . . . . .	446	522	529	563	382	445	453	485
65–74 years . . . . .	603	610	692	728	534	530	609	648
75 years and over . . . . .	666	792	763	828	571	689	645	726
Race and age <sup>3</sup>								
White, age adjusted <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	339	356	380	402	282	292	315	338
White, crude . . . . .	338	357	381	407	281	293	316	343
Under 18 years . . . . .	295	258	306	322	237	197	243	260
18–44 years . . . . .	267	284	301	305	211	222	239	242
45–54 years . . . . .	334	368	386	410	286	312	330	354
55–64 years . . . . .	397	474	480	513	345	410	416	451
65–74 years . . . . .	557	597	641	722	496	526	568	651
75 years and over . . . . .	689	781	764	858	598	687	658	764
Black or African American, age adjusted <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	309	355	353	327	204	239	239	212
Black or African American, crude . . . . .	281	322	324	302	178	211	214	189
Under 18 years . . . . .	193	237	264	201	100	144	167	102
18–44 years . . . . .	260	267	257	266	158	155	149	154
45–54 years . . . . .	387	398	383	397	281	277	269	286
55–64 years . . . . .	414	543	495	476	294	404	373	341
65–74 years . . . . .	553	611	656	567	429	485	512	426
75 years and over . . . . .	534	780	745	632	395	608	568	473

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 82 (page 2 of 2). Ambulatory care visits to physician offices and hospital outpatient and emergency departments by selected characteristics: United States, selected years 1995–2001**

[Data are based on reporting by a sample of office-based physicians and hospital outpatient and emergency departments]

Age, sex, and race	Hospital outpatient departments				Hospital emergency departments			
	1995	1999	2000	2001	1995	1999	2000	2001
Number of visits in thousands								
Total . . . . .	67,232	84,623	83,289	83,715	96,545	102,765	108,017	107,490
Under 18 years . . . . .	17,636	21,758	21,076	21,299	26,657	25,688	27,630	26,239
18–44 years . . . . .	24,299	29,514	26,947	27,430	41,820	43,532	45,816	46,109
45–64 years . . . . .	14,811	20,891	20,772	21,590	13,978	17,886	18,339	19,260
45–54 years . . . . .	8,029	11,541	11,558	12,016	8,595	10,686	11,201	11,707
55–64 years . . . . .	6,782	9,350	9,214	9,574	5,383	7,200	7,138	7,552
65 years and over . . . . .	10,486	12,461	14,494	13,396	14,090	15,659	16,232	15,883
65–74 years . . . . .	6,004	6,969	7,515	7,299	6,057	6,455	6,543	6,551
75 years and over . . . . .	4,482	5,493	6,979	6,097	8,033	9,205	9,690	9,332
Number of visits per 100 persons								
Total, age adjusted <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	26	31	31	30	37	38	40	39
Total, crude . . . . .	26	31	30	30	37	38	39	38
Under 18 years . . . . .	25	30	29	29	38	36	38	36
18–44 years . . . . .	22	27	25	25	39	40	42	42
45–64 years . . . . .	29	36	34	34	27	31	30	30
45–54 years . . . . .	26	32	31	31	28	30	30	30
55–64 years . . . . .	33	41	39	38	26	31	30	30
65 years and over . . . . .	33	38	44	40	45	48	50	47
65–74 years . . . . .	33	39	42	40	33	36	37	36
75 years and over . . . . .	34	37	47	39	61	63	65	60
Sex and age								
Male, age adjusted <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	21	26	26	25	37	37	38	37
Male, crude . . . . .	21	25	25	24	36	37	38	37
Under 18 years . . . . .	25	29	29	29	40	37	41	38
18–44 years . . . . .	14	18	17	16	37	38	38	39
45–54 years . . . . .	20	25	26	26	26	29	30	29
55–64 years . . . . .	26	37	32	30	25	30	30	28
65–74 years . . . . .	29	35	38	35	34	35	36	38
75 years and over . . . . .	34	34	42	37	61	61	59	57
Female, age adjusted <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	31	37	35	35	37	39	41	40
Female, crude . . . . .	31	37	35	35	37	39	41	40
Under 18 years . . . . .	25	31	29	29	35	34	35	34
18–44 years . . . . .	31	36	33	34	40	42	46	45
45–54 years . . . . .	32	40	36	36	29	31	31	31
55–64 years . . . . .	38	44	45	45	26	32	31	32
65–74 years . . . . .	36	43	46	45	32	37	37	35
75 years and over . . . . .	34	39	49	40	61	64	69	61
Race and age <sup>3</sup>								
White, age adjusted <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	23	28	28	28	34	35	37	36
White, crude . . . . .	23	28	28	28	34	35	37	36
Under 18 years . . . . .	23	28	27	28	35	33	36	34
18–44 years . . . . .	20	25	23	23	36	37	39	40
45–54 years . . . . .	23	28	28	28	25	27	28	28
55–64 years . . . . .	28	36	36	34	24	28	28	28
65–74 years . . . . .	29	36	38	37	32	34	35	33
75 years and over . . . . .	31	34	44	36	60	61	63	58
Black or African American, age adjusted <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	48	54	51	51	58	62	62	65
Black or African American, crude . . . . .	45	51	48	49	58	60	62	64
Under 18 years . . . . .	39	42	40	44	53	51	57	55
18–44 years . . . . .	38	45	40	41	64	68	68	71
45–54 years . . . . .	55	66	61	56	51	55	53	56
55–64 years . . . . .	73	83	70	79	47	57	52	56
65–74 years . . . . .	*77	69	85	70	47	58	59	71
75 years and over . . . . .	66	*79	85	67	73	93	92	91

\* Estimates are considered unreliable. Data preceded by an asterisk have a relative standard error of 20–30 percent.

<sup>1</sup>All places includes visits to physician offices and hospital outpatient and emergency departments.

<sup>2</sup>Estimates are age adjusted to the year 2000 standard population using six age groups: under 18 years, 18–44 years, 45–54 years, 55–64 years, 65–74 years, and 75 years and over. See Appendix II, Age adjustment.

<sup>3</sup>Beginning in 1999 the instruction for the race item on the Patient Record Form was changed so that more than one race could be recorded. In previous years only one racial category could be checked. Estimates for racial groups presented in this table are for visits where only one race was recorded. Estimates for visits where multiple races were checked are unreliable and are not presented.

NOTES: Some numbers were revised and differ from the previous edition of *Health, United States*. Rates for 1995–2000 were computed using 1990-based postcensal estimates of the civilian noninstitutionalized population as of July 1 adjusted for net underenumeration using the 1990 National Population Adjustment Matrix from the Bureau of the Census. Rates for 2001 were computed using 2000-based postcensal estimates of the civilian noninstitutionalized population as of July 1. The difference between rates for 2000 computed using 1990-based postcensal estimates and rates computed using estimates based on 2000 census counts is minimal. See [www.cdc.gov/nchs/about/major/ahcd/census2000.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/about/major/ahcd/census2000.htm). Rates will be overestimated to the extent that visits by institutionalized persons are counted in the numerator (for example, hospital emergency department visits by nursing home residents) and institutionalized persons are omitted from the denominator. Data for additional years are available. See Appendix III.

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