

**Table 159. Ambulatory Care Visits to Physicians' Offices and Hospital Outpatient and Emergency Departments: 2006**

[(1,123.4 represents 1,123,400,000.) Based on the annual National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey and National Hospital Ambulatory Medical Care Survey and subject to sampling error; see source for details]

Characteristic	Number of visits (mil.)				Visits per 100 persons			
	Total	Physician offices	Outpatient dept.	Emergency dept.	Total	Physician offices	Outpatient dept.	Emergency dept.
<b>Total</b> . . . . .	<b>1,123.4</b>	<b>902.0</b>	<b>102.2</b>	<b>119.2</b>	<b>381.9</b>	<b>306.6</b>	<b>34.7</b>	<b>40.5</b>
Age:								
Under 15 years old . . . . .	199.7	157.9	19.9	21.9	328.9	260.1	32.7	36.0
15 to 24 years old . . . . .	104.0	72.4	12.0	19.5	250.9	174.8	29.0	47.1
25 to 44 years old . . . . .	245.4	185.3	25.1	35.0	299.0	225.8	30.6	42.7
45 to 64 years old . . . . .	310.7	256.5	28.7	25.5	417.8	345.0	38.6	34.3
65 to 74 years old . . . . .	124.1	108.1	8.9	7.1	664.5	578.7	47.8	38.0
75 years old and over . . . . .	139.6	121.8	7.6	10.2	823.5	718.6	44.8	60.2
Sex:								
Male . . . . .	463.2	368.7	40.3	54.2	321.7	256.0	28.0	37.7
Female . . . . .	660.2	533.3	62.0	65.0	439.6	355.1	41.3	43.3
Race:								
White . . . . .	923.7	764.6	73.8	85.3	391.3	323.9	31.3	36.1
Black/African American . . . . .	140.1	87.0	23.5	29.6	378.8	235.4	63.5	79.9
Asian . . . . .	43.7	38.7	2.7	2.4	334.2	295.5	20.4	18.2
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander . . . . .	3.9	3.0	0.5	<sup>1</sup> 0.5	756.8	580.4	90.1	<sup>1</sup> 86.3
American Indian/Alaska Native . . . . .	7.7	6.2	0.4	<sup>1</sup> 1.1	270.3	216.6	14.0	<sup>1</sup> 39.7
More than one race reported . . . . .	4.2	2.4	1.4	0.4	89.7	51.5	29.7	8.4
Expected sources of payment <sup>2</sup> :								
Private insurance . . . . .	636.2	545.7	43.2	47.3	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Medicare . . . . .	251.1	212.5	17.9	20.7	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Medicaid . . . . .	188.5	126.4	31.8	30.4	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Worker's compensation . . . . .	18.3	15.5	0.8	2.1	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Self pay . . . . .	61.1	35.5	6.5	19.0	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
No charge . . . . .	12.0	<sup>1</sup> 4.9	4.0	2.6	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Other . . . . .	35.1	26.3	4.6	4.2	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Unknown . . . . .	35.5	28.2	3.0	4.3	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)

X Not applicable. <sup>1</sup> Figures do not meet standard of reliability or precision. <sup>2</sup> Starting with 2006 data, more than one source of payment could be reported per visit. Prior years showed "primary source of payments."

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