

Table 8. Emergency Department Visits at Which Patients Left Before Being Seen [by Patient Race and Selected Characteristics], United States, 2007-2008

Patient Characteristics	Unweighted Sample Size	Number Visits (in thousands)	Standard Error (in thousands)	Percent Left	Standard Error Of Percent
All Races	69,624	240,563	9,048	2.7	0.2
..Age					
....0-17 years	15,367	54,772	3,243	2.7	0.2
....18-44 years	28,877	98,169	4,018	3.4	0.2
....45-64 years	15,023	50,827	1,921	2.6	0.2
....65 years and over	10,357	36,796	1,424	0.7	0.1
..Sex					
....Female	37,357	130,190	5,007	2.6	0.2
....Male	32,267	110,374	4,161	2.7	0.2
..Expected Payment Source By Age Group					
....Private, age less than 65	23,383	84,078	3,858	1.9	0.1
....Public, age less than 65	19,518	60,183	2,601	2.9	0.2
....No insurance, age less than 65	10,356	36,590	2,122	4.6	0.4
....Medicare and Private, age 65 and over	4,589	16,402	853	0.6	0.1
....Medicare and Medicaid, age 65 and over	*	*	*	*	*
....Medicare only, age 65 and over	3,922	14,142	844	0.6	0.1
....Other/unknown	6,591	25,303	2,988	4.7	0.5
..Location					
....Within Metropolitan Statistical Area	60,685	201,809	9,426	2.9	0.2
....Outside Metropolitan Statistical Area	8,939	38,755	3,724	1.3	0.2

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White	48,830	174,576	8,240	2.3	0.2
..Age					
....0-17 years	10,235	37,943	2,524	2.7	0.3
....18-44 years	19,636	69,172	3,611	2.9	0.3
....45-64 years	10,542	36,863	1,851	2.1	0.3
....65 years and over	8,417	30,599	1,431	0.7	0.1
..Sex					
....Female	25,858	93,271	4,558	2.3	0.2
....Male	22,972	81,305	3,782	2.4	0.2
..Expected Payment Source By Age Group					
....Private, age less than 65	17,925	64,573	3,570	1.6	0.2
....Public, age less than 65	11,644	38,140	2,140	2.6	0.3
....No insurance, age less than 65	6,862	25,076	1,765	4.0	0.4
....Medicare and Private, age 65 and over	*	*	*	*	*
....Medicare and Medicaid, age 65 and over	*	*	*	*	*
....Medicare only, age 65 and over	*	*	*	*	*
....Other/unknown	4,425	18,096	2,328	4.7	0.6
..Location					
....Within Metropolitan Statistical Area	40,864	142,298	8,540	2.6	0.2
....Outside Metropolitan Statistical Area	7,966	32,278	3,638	1.2	0.2

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Black or African-American	17,066	56,855	3,710	3.9	0.3
..Age					
....0-17 years	4,155	14,145	1,300	2.9	0.4
....18-44 years	7,746	25,426	1,664	5.0	0.5
....45-64 years	3,704	12,175	900	3.9	0.5
....65 years and over	*	*	*	*	*
..Sex					
....Female	9,466	32,014	2,187	3.8	0.3
....Male	7,600	24,840	1,603	4.0	0.4
..Expected Payment Source By Age Group					
....Private, age less than 65	4,215	16,175	1,363	2.8	0.4
....Public, age less than 65	6,593	19,248	1,367	4.0	0.5
....No insurance, age less than 65	3,145	10,525	849	6.0	0.7
....Medicare and Private, age 65 and over	*	*	*	*	*
....Medicare and Medicaid, age 65 and over	*	*	*	*	*
....Medicare only, age 65 and over	*	*	*	*	*
....Other/unknown	1,754	6,149	1,010	5.1	0.8
..Location					
....Within Metropolitan Statistical Area	16,183	50,806	3,305	4.1	0.3
....Outside Metropolitan Statistical Area	*	*	*	*	*
Asian	2,030	* 4,689	* 608	1.8	0.5

*Figure does not meet standards of reliability or precision.

Payment source classified by all expected payment sources. Public insurance includes Medicare, Medicaid, and State Children's Program. No insurance is defined as having only 'self-pay' or 'no charge/charity' as payment sources.

Race data were missing for 15.5% of total visits included in this table. Missing race data were imputed. Standard errors for estimates by race 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 2006 Emergency Department Summary (<http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nhsr/nhsr007.pdf>).

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