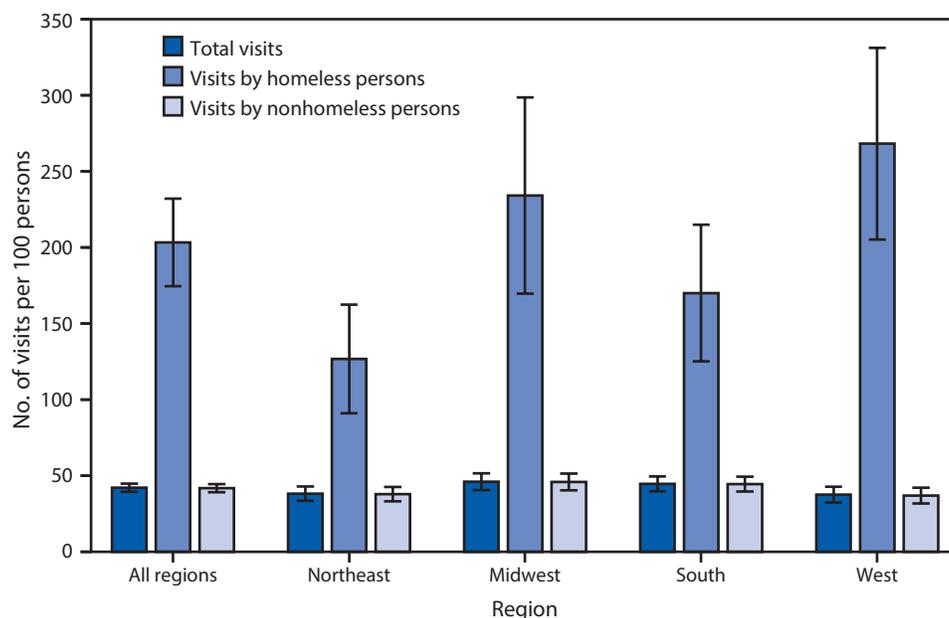


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Rate of Emergency Department (ED) Visits,* by Homeless Status[†] and Geographic Region[§] — National Hospital Ambulatory Medical Care Survey, United States, 2015–2018[¶]



* Visit rates for the homeless population are based on sets of estimates of the U.S. homeless population, reported by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, from data collected on a single night in January of each year during 2015–2018. Visit rates for the total population are based on sets of estimates of the U.S. civilian, noninstitutionalized population developed by the U.S. Census Bureau's Population Division and reflect the population as of July 1 of each year during 2015–2018. The nonhomeless population was computed by subtraction. Error bars indicate 95% confidence intervals.

[†] Homeless persons are identified as being homeless or living in a homeless shelter. Nonhomeless persons are identified as having a private residence, living in a nursing home, or having some other living arrangement. Patient residence was missing for 2.3% of ED visits; these records were excluded from the analysis.

[§] *Northeast:* Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Vermont. *Midwest:* Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin. *South:* Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia. *West:* Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.

[¶] Based on a sample of visits to EDs in noninstitutional general and short-stay hospitals, exclusive of federal, military, and Veterans Administration hospitals, located in U.S. states and the District of Columbia.

During 2015–2018, there were annual averages of 42 ED visits per 100 total population, 42 ED visits per 100 nonhomeless persons, and 203 ED visits per 100 homeless persons. Within each region, the rate of ED visits among homeless persons was higher than the rate for nonhomeless persons. The rates of visits for nonhomeless persons did not differ by region; however, among homeless persons, visit rates were higher in the West (268) than in the Northeast (127) and South (170) and higher in the Midwest (234) than in the Northeast.

Source: National Center for Health Statistics, National Hospital Ambulatory Medical Care Survey, 2015–2018. https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/ahcd/ahcd_questionnaires.htm.

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