

Data Brief 438. Characteristics of Visits to Health Centers: United States, 2020

Data table for Figure 1. Health center visit rates, by selected demographics: United States, 2020

Patient characteristic	Visit rate per 100 people (standard error)	95% confidence interval
Total visits	12.4 (2.4)	7.5–17.2
Age group		
Under 26	10.3 (2.4)	5.4–15.1
26–44.	14.1 (3.0)	7.9–20.2
45 and over	13.0 (3.5)	5.9–20.0
Sex		
Female.	16.3 (3.4)	9.4–23.2
Male.	8.2 (1.7)	4.8–11.7

NOTES: Based on a sample of 1,667 community health center visits, representing 40,095,680 visits. Visit rates are based on the July 1, 2020, set of estimates of the U.S. civilian noninstitutionalized population, from the U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division. Total visits includes all visits by patients of all ages.

SOURCE: National Center for Health Statistics, National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey—Community Health Centers, 2020.

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Data table for Figure 2. Percentage of visits to health centers, by primary expected source of payment: United States, 2020

Primary expected source of payment	Percent (standard error)	95% confidence interval
Private insurance	23.6 (3.6)	16.6–31.9
Medicare	17.6 (4.3)	9.7–28.3
Medicaid	49.9 (6.0)	37.1–62.7
Uninsured	6.2 (1.8)	3.1–11.1

NOTES: Based on a sample of 1,667 community health center visits, representing 40,095,680 visits. All sources of payment were combined into one mutually exclusive primary source of payment using the following hierarchy: Medicare, Medicaid or Children’s Health Insurance Program, or other state-based program; private insurance; and no insurance. No insurance was defined as having only self-pay, no charge, or charity as payment sources. Numbers may not add to 100% because other sources of payment were not included in this figure. Figure excludes 4.7% (weighted) of visits for which data were missing or blank.

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Data table for Figure 3. Percentage of visits to health centers, by major reason for visit: United States, 2020

Major reason for visit	Percent (standard error)	95% confidence interval
Preventive	33.4 (4.7)	24.0–44.0
Chronic problem	32.1 (4.9)	22.4–43.2
New problem	32.8 (4.1)	24.7–41.8
Pre- or postsurgery	1.6 (0.5)	0.7–3.1

NOTES: Based on a sample of 1,667 community health center visits, representing 40,095,680 visits. Figure excludes 0.6% (weighted) of visits for which data were missing or blank.

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Data table for Figure 4. Percentage of visits to health centers, by selected services ordered or provided: United States, 2020

Selected services ordered or provided	Percent (standard error)	95% confidence interval
Examinations, screenings, and health education	60.0 (5.7)	47.4–71.6
Laboratory tests	40.5 (2.7)	35.0–46.1
Imaging services	11.0 (1.6)	8.0–14.8
Procedures	8.1 (1.7)	5.0–12.3

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