

Table 4. Ambulatory services^a: median and mean expenditures per person with expense and distribution of expenditures by source of payment, U.S., 1997

Population characteristic	Total population (in thousands)	Percent with expense	Annual total expense per person with expense		Percent distribution of total expenses by source of payment						
			Median	Mean	Total expenses (in millions)	Out of Pocket	Private Insurance ^b	Medicare	Medicaid	Other public programs ^c	Other ^d
Total	271,279	72.4	\$271	\$923	\$181,285	17.3	47.4	17.0	6.2	2.5	9.6
Age in years											
Under 65	237,093	69.8	237	818	135,526	19.8	55.6	3.4	7.5	2.5	11.2
Under 6	23,791	83.8	179	422	8,416	19.5	54.8	1.1*	16.9	1.2	6.4
6-17	48,127	65.2	130	434	13,631	27.7	52.7	0.9*	12.5	1.4*	4.8
18-44	108,879	64.5	259	836	58,744	19.5	53.6	2.4	7.3	1.6	15.6
45-64	56,295	78.2	391	1,244	54,735	18.1	58.6	5.4	5.0	3.9	8.9
65 and over	34,185	89.9	570	1,489	45,759	9.8	23.0	57.4	2.4	2.7	4.8
Sex											
Male	132,605	65.9	239	900	78,649	17.2	45.5	17.9	4.6	4.2	10.6
Female	138,673	78.5	300	942	102,636	17.3	48.8	16.3	7.4	1.3	8.9
Race/ethnicity											
White and other	206,082	76.0	298	988	154,807	17.6	49.0	17.1	4.6	2.2	9.6
Black	34,086	62.2	206	660	13,997	12.7	36.9	19.8	17.1	3.5	9.9
Hispanic	31,111	59.2	175	678	12,481	19.0	39.2	12.4	14.3	5.5*	9.6
Health insurance status^{ae}											
Under age 65:											
Any private	173,962	73.7	252	860	110,338	19.5	67.8	1.5	1.4	1.4	8.4
Public only	29,828	73.1	219	787	17,168	8.8	3.1*	16.8	50.2	7.0	14.1
Uninsured	33,304	46.6	164	517	8,019	47.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.6	44.3
Age 65 and over:											
Medicare only	8,550	86.1	511	1,277	9,399	12.1	0.0	65.8	0.0	8.4	13.6
Medicare and private	21,690	92.4	604	1,566	31,372	9.9	32.3	54.6	0.3*	1.3	1.6
Medicare and other public	3,486	86.7	518	1,546	4,672	4.0*	3.0*	63.1	21.1	0.6*	8.3*
Poverty status^g											
Poor	36,415	66.4	248	846	20,463	13.4	18.6	21.6	32.5	3.7	10.1
Near-poor	12,233	67.4	246	1,058	8,730	21.1*	30.8	21.3	13.7	4.4*	8.8
Low income	38,723	67.7	251	907	23,785	16.1	35.0	26.7	6.5	3.8*	12.0
Middle income	89,981	73.2	263	906	59,684	15.9	49.3	18.5	2.4	2.4	11.5
High income	93,926	76.5	295	956	68,623	19.6	60.6	10.4	0.6	1.7	7.1
Metropolitan statistical area (MSA)^e											
MSA	215,782	72.1	270	912	141,797	17.7	48.9	15.5	5.9	2.5	9.4
Non-MSA	52,621	74.0	270	960	37,373	15.8	42.7	21.4	7.1	2.3	10.7
Census Region											
Northeast	52,394	72.1	280	962	36,348	15.1	51.5	16.7	6.9	1.2	8.6
Midwest	63,090	76.1	265	930	44,633	16.2	48.8	16.6	3.8	2.3	12.3
South	94,929	71.5	255	862	58,452	20.0	43.2	18.4	7.4	3.5	7.6
West	60,865	70.2	299	980	41,851	16.5	48.0	15.8	6.5	2.7	10.5
Perceived health status^h											
Under 65 years											
Excellent, very good, or good	217,904	68.5	218	702	104,733	20.9	58.9	1.3	6.0	1.7	11.2
Fair or Poor	18,876	85.7	609	1,891	30,597	16.0	44.5	10.4	12.8	5.0	11.5
65 years and over											
Excellent, very good, or good	24,864	89.1	505	1,306	28,920	11.0	22.2	57.3	1.8	2.5	5.2
Fair or Poor	8,890	94.0	804	1,989	16,615	7.9	24.6	57.6	3.5	2.7	3.8

^aExpenses for visits to medical providers seen in office-based settings or clinics, hospital outpatient departments, emergency rooms (except visits resulting in an overnight hospital stay), and clinics owned and operated by hospitals, as well as expenses for events reported as hospital admissions without an overnight stay, are included.

^bPrivate insurance includes CHAMPUS and CHAMPVA (Armed-Forces-related coverage).

^cOther public programs include Department of Veterans Affairs (except CHAMPVA); other Federal sources (Indian Health Service, military treatment facilities, and other care provided by the Federal Government); other State and local sources (community and neighborhood clinics, State and local health departments, and State programs other than Medicaid); and other public (Medicaid payments reported for persons who were not enrolled in the Medicaid program at any time during the year).

^dOther includes Worker's Compensation; other unclassified sources (e.g., automobile, homeowner's, liability, and other miscellaneous or unknown sources); and other private insurance (any type of private insurance payments reported for persons without private health insurance coverage during the year, as defined in MEPS).

^eNumber of persons and amount of expenses do not add to overall total because data on this variable were not available for some sample persons.

^fUninsured refers to persons uninsured during the entire year. Public and private health insurance categories refer to individuals with public or private insurance at any time during the period; individuals with both public and private insurance and those with CHAMPUS or CHAMPVA (Armed-Forces-related coverage) are classified as having insurance.

^gPoor refers to incomes below the Federal poverty line; near poor, over the poverty line through 125 percent of the poverty line; low income, over 125 percent through 200 percent of the poverty line; middle income, over 200 percent to 400 percent of the poverty line; and high income, over 400 percent of the poverty line.

*Relative standard error equal to or greater than 30 percent.

Note: These estimates are for a target population of approximately 271.3 million persons who were in the civilian noninstitutionalized population for all or part of 1997. Percents may not add to 100 because of rounding.

Source: Center for Cost and Financing Studies, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality: Medical Expenditure Panel Survey, 1997.