

Table 1. Number of visits to emergency departments (EDs), ratios of visits and percentage of all ED visits using five alternative definitions: U.S., 1995-2004

Year	NHAMCS-ED all injury-related visits in thousands [definition 1]	Modified recommended injury visits in thousands [definition 2]	Recommended initial injury visits in thousands [definition 3]	1st-listed injury diagnosis in thousands [definition 4]	NEISS-AIP visits in thousands [definition 5]
1995	37,222	33,695	...	29,237	...
1996	34,941	32,644	...	27,347	...
1997	35,111	32,339	...	27,286	...
1998	37,111	33,848	...	28,833	...
1999	37,611	34,313	...	28,208	...
2000	40,447	36,319	...	29,783	...
2001	39,389	33,577	30,481	27,833	29,729
2002	39,157	32,952	29,834	27,510	28,418
2003	40,194	33,603	30,670	27,848	29,238
2004	41,390	34,303	31,314	27,794	29,654

	NHAMCS-ED injury: Modified recommended (ratio of definitions 1:2)	NHAMCS-ED injury: Recommended initial injury (ratio of definitions 1:3)	Modified recommended: Recommended initial injury (ratio of definitions 2:3)	1st listed injury diagnosis: Recommended initial injury (ratio of definitions 4:3)	NEISS-AIP: Recommended initial injury (ratio of definitions 5:3)
1995	1.1	...	...	...	...
1996	1.1	...	...	...	...
1997	1.1	...	...	...	...
1998	1.1	...	...	...	...
1999	1.1	...	...	...	...
2000	1.1	...	...	...	...
2001	1.2	1.3	1.1	0.9	1.0
2002	1.2	1.3	1.1	0.9	1.0
2003	1.2	1.3	1.1	0.9	1.0
2004	1.2	1.3	1.1	0.9	0.9

	Percent of all NHAMCS-ED visits				
1995	38.6	34.9	...	30.3	...
1996	38.7	36.1	...	30.3	...
1997	37.0	34.1	...	28.7	...
1998	37.0	33.7	...	28.7	...
1999	36.6	33.4	...	27.5	...
2000	37.4	33.6	...	27.6	...
2001	36.6	31.2	28.4	25.9	...
2002	35.5	29.9	27.1	25.0	...
2003	35.3	29.5	26.9	24.4	...
2004	37.6	31.1	28.4	25.2	...

... not applicable

SOURCES: CDC/NCHS, NHAMCS-ED data 1995-2004 data files and NEISS-AIP from WISQARS (see <http://webappa.cdc.gov/sasweb/ncipc/nfirates2001.html>).

NOTES: Each of the data columns are described in the text numbered one through five. Ratios and percents were calculated on unrounded numbers of visits.

Table 2. Derivation of estimate using recommended definition of initial injury visits to emergency departments, 2004

Episode	First-listed diagnosis	External cause code	Number of visits in thousands	Percent
Initial visit	Injury**	missing	3,236	10.3
Initial visit	Injury**	Valid E-code***	22,392	71.5
Initial visit	ICD-9-CM codes <800****	Valid E-code***	<u>5,686</u>	<u>18.2</u>
			31,314	100.0

** ICD-9-CM diagnosis codes 800.0-909.2, 909.4, 909.9-994.9, 995.50-995.59, or 995.80-995.85.

*** ICD-9-CM codes E800-E869, E880-E929, E950-E999.

****Includes V-codes.

NOTE: Number of visits may not add to total because of rounding.

SOURCE: CDC/NCHS, NHAMCS-ED, 2004 data.