

Table 3. Number, percent distribution, and rate of ambulatory surgery visits, by sex, age, and region: United States, 1996

[Excludes ambulatory surgery patients admitted to hospitals as inpatients]

Age and region	Both sexes		Male		Female	
	Estimate	Standard error	Estimate	Standard error	Estimate	Standard error
Number in thousands						
Total	20,838	861	9,113	400	11,725	470
Age						
Under 15 years	1,754	98	1,036	59	718	43
15–44 years	6,329	294	2,417	122	3,913	178
45–64 years	5,756	259	2,612	126	3,144	139
65 years and over	6,998	328	3,048	149	3,949	188
Region						
Northeast	4,536	402	2,037	196	2,499	211
Midwest	5,295	405	2,321	194	2,974	214
South	6,865	560	2,887	241	3,978	324
West	4,142	319	1,868	160	2,274	163
Percent distribution						
Total	100.0	...	100.0	...	100.0	...
Age						
Under 15 years	8.4	0.5	11.4	0.6	6.1	0.4
15–44 years	30.4	1.4	26.5	1.3	33.4	1.5
45–64 years	27.6	1.2	28.7	1.4	26.8	1.2
65 years and over	33.6	1.6	33.5	1.6	33.7	1.6
Region						
Northeast	21.8	1.9	22.4	2.2	21.3	1.8
Midwest	25.4	1.9	25.5	2.1	25.4	1.8
South	32.9	2.7	31.7	2.6	33.9	2.8
West	19.9	1.5	20.5	1.8	19.4	1.4
Rate per 1,000 population						
Total	78.9	3.3	70.8	3.1	86.7	3.5
Age						
Under 15 years	30.4	1.7	35.1	2.0	25.5	1.5
15–44 years	53.3	2.5	40.8	2.1	65.8	3.0
45–64 years	107.2	4.8	100.6	4.8	113.4	5.0
65 years and over	206.7	9.7	219.6	10.7	197.7	9.4
Region						
Northeast	88.0	7.8	81.9	7.9	93.8	7.9
Midwest	85.4	6.5	76.8	6.4	93.6	6.7
South	74.3	6.1	64.6	5.4	83.5	6.8
West	71.3	5.5	64.6	5.5	77.8	5.6

... Category not applicable.