

Other Medical Equipment and Services^a-Median and Mean Expenses per Person With Expense and Distribution of Expenses by Source of Payment: United States, 1999 All Other Medical Equipment and Services

Population Characteristic	Population (in thousands)	Percent with expense	Per person with an expense		Total Expenses (in millions)	Percent distribution of total expenses by source of payment				
			Median	Mean		Out of pocket	Private insurance ^b	Medicare	Medicaid	Other ^c
Total	276,411	18.0	179	336	16,662	50.6	24.2	15.5*	5.9	3.8
Age in years										
Under 65	241,735	16.9	172	251	10,255	62.4	25.5	1.4*	7.6*	3.1
Under 6	23,849	3.9	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
6-17	48,783	14.0	140	183	1,250	62.3	27.8	0.0*	8.8	1.1*
18-44	108,964	16.8	152	208	3,807	64.2	25.1	0.4*	6.4*	3.9*
45-64	60,139	24.6	210	334	4,949	62.2	24.1	2.5*	8.1*	3.1*
65 and over	34,676	25.4	200	727	6,407	31.6	22.1	38.0*	3.3*	5.0*
Sex										
Male	134,603	15.8	189	380	8,090	42.8	23.0	21.9*	6.3*	6.0
Female	141,808	20.0	172	302	8,572	57.9	25.4	9.4*	5.6	1.7
Race/ethnicity										
White and Other	208,599	19.8	183	334	13,814	53.4	24.1	15.1*	3.5	3.9
Black	34,781	13.5	160	325	1,533*	37.0	19.3*	31.3*	8.7*	3.6*
Hispanic	33,031	10.8	150	367*	1,315*	36.3*	31.1*	1.1*	28.7*	2.9*
Health insurance status^d										
<65, Any private	184,520	18.5	182	247	8,459	64.7	31.0	0.9*	0.8	2.7
<65, Public only	27,148	13.5	130	367*	1,346*	39.5*	0.0*	4.7*	53.0	2.8*
<65, Uninsured	30,067	9.8	125	153	450	89.2	0.0*	0.0*	0.0*	10.9
65+, Medicare only	10,853	20.9	174	826*	1,877*	22.3*	0.0*	66.8	0.0*	10.8*
65+, Medicare and private	19,884	27.7	240	760*	4,186*	36.6*	33.9	26.8*	0.3*	2.4*
65+, Medicare and other public	3,808	27.0	150	335	344	20.9	0.0*	16.7*	57.4	4.9*
65+, Missing	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Poverty status^e										
Negative or Poor	32,795	14.3	146	355	1,661	36.1	33.2*	7.7*	20.2	2.8*
Near-poor	12,322	13.3	160	675*	1,109*	16.4*	3.7*	44.3*	32.3*	3.4*
Low income	38,928	13.9	155	360*	1,950*	35.8*	10.9*	37.0*	11.4*	4.8*
Middle income	86,182	17.1	174	302	4,447	57.8	29.9	5.9	1.2	5.2*
High income	106,184	21.8	198	324	7,495	58.4	25.4	12.9*	0.3*	3.0*
Metropolitan statistical area (MSA)										
MSA	221,447	18.0	175	334	13,318	48.8	25.0	17.8*	5.5*	3.0
Non-MSA	52,084	18.6	185	344	3,324	57.7	21.4	6.2*	7.8	7.0*
Missing	2,879	2.7*	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Census Region										
Northeast	51,867	17.8	188	470	4,333	49.9	17.2*	26.5*	2.9*	3.5*
Midwest	64,230	20.0	189	284	3,648	56.6	33.4	2.5*	2.9	4.7*
South	97,176	17.7	160	247	4,243	62.6	22.0	6.5*	5.4	3.5
West	63,138	16.4	180	428	4,437	34.8	25.7	23.9*	11.9*	3.6*

Standard Errors for Other Medical Equipment and Services^a-Median and Mean Expenses per Person With Expense and Distribution of Expenses by Source of Payment: United States, 1999
All Other Medical Equipment and Services

Population Characteristic	Population (in thousands)	Percent with expense	Per person with an expense		Total Expenses (in millions)	Percent distribution of total expenses by source of payment				
			Median	Mean		Out of pocket	Private insurance ^b	Medicare	Medicaid	Other ^c
Total	†	0.4	4	35	1,886	5.4	2.6	6.9*	1.7	0.8
Age in years										
Under 65	†	0.4	4	13	648	2.9	1.9	0.8*	2.5*	0.7
Under 6	†	0.6	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
6-17	†	0.7	6	13	126	3.3	3.3	0.0*	1.5	0.4*
18-44	†	0.5	8	10	250	2.8	2.2	0.2*	1.9*	1.2*
45-64	†	0.7	6	32	506	4.9	3.1	1.6*	5.0*	1.0*
65 and over	†	1.0	10	188	1,746	8.1	6.2	12.2*	1.2*	2.0*
Sex										
Male	†	0.4	7	65	1,440	7.5	2.5	9.9*	3.3*	1.7
Female	†	0.4	5	26	821	4.6	3.9	4.8*	1.1	0.4
Race/ethnicity										
White and Other	†	0.4	5	36	1,602	5.7	2.2	6.4*	0.8	0.9
Black	†	0.7	8	95	467*	10.8	6.4*	20.0*	3.1*	1.8*
Hispanic	†	0.7	11	112*	402*	11.1*	16.5*	0.6*	15.8*	1.6*
Health insurance status^d										
<65, Any private	6,121	0.4	5	10	476	2.3	1.9	0.9*	0.2	0.8
<65, Public only	1,313	0.9	10	113*	420*	16.2*	0.0*	2.1*	15.7	1.6*
<65, Uninsured	1,317	0.7	12	9	44	2.5	0.0*	0.0*	0.0*	2.5
65+, Medicare only	576	1.6	11	453*	1,059*	12.8*	0.0*	18.8	0.0*	7.4*
65+, Medicare and private	836	1.4	13	234*	1,325*	11.5*	6.8	14.0*	0.2*	1.1*
65+, Medicare and other public	298	2.7	15	51	65	4.4	0.0*	5.9*	7.9	3.7*
65+, Missing	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Poverty status^e										
Negative or Poor	†	0.9	10	72	344	7.6	12.3*	4.5*	4.8	1.2*
Near-poor	†	1.4	20	317*	523*	8.1*	2.2*	24.9*	20.9*	2.4*
Low income	†	0.7	9	111*	615*	11.6*	4.1*	19.6*	4.9*	2.4*
Middle income	†	0.6	6	31	510	5.2	5.0	1.6	0.4	1.6*
High income	†	0.6	3	54	1,283	9.7	1.8	10.0*	0.1*	1.2*
Metropolitan statistical area (MSA)										
MSA	†	0.4	4	43	1,823	6.3	3.1	8.3*	2.1*	0.7
Non-MSA	†	0.8	9	43	481	6.0	3.7	3.4*	2.1	2.6*
Missing	†	1.3*	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Census Region										
Northeast	†	0.9	10	119	1,244	13.2	6.8*	17.6*	1.0*	2.0*
Midwest	†	0.7	8	21	352	3.6	2.7	0.9*	0.7	1.6*
South	†	0.6	6	20	401	4.6	5.0	2.6*	1.0	0.8
West	†	0.8	9	123	1,313	10.1	3.0	14.0*	6.5*	1.7*

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b Private insurance includes CHAMPUS and CHAMPVA (Armed-Forces-related coverage).

c Other includes other public programs such as 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). Other also 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).

d Uninsured 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.

e Poor 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.

† Standard error approximately zero because of poststratification to Census Bureau population control tables.

-- Less than 100 sample cases.

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

Source: Center for Cost and Financing Studies, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality: Medical Expenditure Panel Survey, 1999.

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Population Characteristic	Population (in thousands)	Percent with expense	Per person with an expense		Total Expenses (in millions)	Percent distribution of total expenses by source of payment				
			Median	Mean		Out of pocket	Private insurance ^b	Medicare	Medicaid	Other ^c
Total	276,411	15.1	177	202	8,411	73.5	19.6	1.3	3.9	1.7
Age in years										
Under 65	241,735	14.7	175	199	7,074	73.7	20.9	0.0*	3.9	1.5
Under 6	23,849	1.1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
6-17	48,783	12.6	140	161	994	69.6	19.0	0.0*	10.1	1.3*
18-44	108,964	14.8	160	182	2,936	76.4	19.0	0.0*	3.1	1.5
45-64	60,139	21.6	209	238	3,095	73.0	23.1	0.1*	2.4	1.5
65 and over	34,676	17.3	195	223	1,338	72.3	12.6	7.8	4.2	3.1*
Sex										
Male	134,603	12.9	190	208	3,619	72.6	21.0	1.3	3.4	1.6
Female	141,808	17.0	169	198	4,792	74.1	18.5	1.3	4.3	1.8
Race/ethnicity										
White and Other	208,599	16.5	181	205	7,057	74.7	19.9	1.3	2.5	1.7
Black	34,781	11.4	160	186	738	64.2	20.4	1.7*	11.4	2.3*
Hispanic	33,031	9.8	156	191	617	71.1	15.5	0.2*	11.8	1.5*
Health insurance status^d										
<65, Any private	184,520	16.4	185	207	6,257	74.7	23.6	0.0*	0.7*	0.9
<65, Public only	27,148	10.1	121	140	385	39.3	0.0*	0.5*	59.1	1.1*
<65, Uninsured	30,067	8.8	137	163	432	90.4	0.0*	0.0*	0.0*	9.6
65+, Medicare only	10,853	14.2	172	187	289	70.8	0.0*	17.5	0.0*	11.7*
65+, Medicare and private	19,884	19.4	225	244	944	75.6	17.8	4.6	1.2*	0.8*
65+, Medicare and other public	3,808	15.5	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
65+, Missing	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Poverty status^e										
Negative or Poor	32,795	11.0	135	160	577	55.9	9.5	0.8*	32.4	1.4*
Near-poor	12,322	10.4	156	177	226	72.1	8.3*	2.6*	15.2	1.8*
Low income	38,928	10.5	164	178	729	72.8	11.8	2.9*	10.3	2.3*
Middle income	86,182	14.2	172	200	2,449	72.3	21.9	2.3	1.1	2.5*
High income	106,184	19.2	198	217	4,430	76.6	21.5	0.4*	0.2*	1.3
Metropolitan statistical area (MSA)										
MSA	221,447	15.2	175	203	6,825	73.7	19.8	1.4	3.5	1.6
Non-MSA	52,084	15.3	181	197	1,566	72.5	18.7	0.6*	5.8	2.3
Missing	2,879	2.7*	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Census Region										
Northeast	51,867	15.2	180	211	1,671	74.2	17.0	1.9	4.9	1.9*
Midwest	64,230	16.7	189	203	2,178	71.0	24.8	0.4*	2.2	1.6
South	97,176	15.3	160	192	2,845	80.1	12.5	1.2	4.3	1.9*
West	63,138	12.9	182	211	1,717	64.9	27.1	1.8*	4.6	1.5

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Total	†	0.4	4	3	333	1.0	0.9	0.2	0.4	0.3
Age in years										
Under 65	†	0.4	4	4	293	1.0	1.0	0.0*	0.4	0.2
Under 6	†	0.3	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
6-17	†	0.7	7	6	73	2.5	2.3	0.0*	1.8	0.6*
18-44	†	0.5	6	5	148	1.4	1.3	0.0*	0.7	0.4
45-64	†	0.7	6	6	173	1.5	1.5	0.1*	0.5	0.4
65 and over	†	1.0	7	9	98	2.4	1.9	1.2	1.0	1.2*
Sex										
Male	†	0.4	6	5	179	1.3	1.3	0.3	0.5	0.3
Female	†	0.4	4	4	198	1.3	1.1	0.3	0.5	0.4
Race/ethnicity										
White and Other	†	0.4	5	4	310	1.0	1.0	0.2	0.3	0.3
Black	†	0.7	8	9	71	3.3	2.9	0.8*	2.6	0.9*
Hispanic	†	0.7	10	9	67	3.2	2.4	0.1*	2.1	0.5*
Health insurance status^d										
<65, Any private	6,121	0.4	5	4	281	1.2	1.1	0.0*	0.2*	0.2
<65, Public only	1,313	0.8	11	8	37	4.6	0.0*	0.3*	4.6	0.7*
<65, Uninsured	1,317	0.7	13	10	43	2.6	0.0*	0.0*	0.0*	2.6
65+, Medicare only	576	1.3	9	13	40	5.6	0.0*	4.0	0.0*	4.9*
65+, Medicare and private	836	1.4	11	12	83	2.7	2.6	1.0	0.8*	0.3*
65+, Medicare and other public	298	2.2	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
65+, Missing	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Poverty status^e										
Negative or Poor	†	0.8	8	8	51	3.5	2.6	0.4*	3.6	0.6*
Near-poor	†	1.3	13	12	36	6.6	4.3*	1.3*	4.0	1.3*
Low income	†	0.6	8	6	55	2.9	2.1	1.1*	2.1	0.8*
Middle income	†	0.5	6	6	148	1.8	1.8	0.6	0.3	0.8*
High income	†	0.6	5	5	225	1.2	1.2	0.2*	0.1*	0.3
Metropolitan statistical area (MSA)										
MSA	†	0.4	4	4	304	1.1	1.0	0.2	0.5	0.3
Non-MSA	†	0.8	9	7	130	2.1	2.3	0.2*	0.9	0.6
Missing	†	1.3*	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Census Region										
Northeast	†	0.7	10	9	145	2.0	1.8	0.4	1.2	0.6*
Midwest	†	0.7	8	6	137	1.5	1.6	0.2*	0.6	0.4
South	†	0.6	6	5	181	1.5	1.3	0.3	0.8	0.6*
West	†	0.8	8	8	190	2.6	2.4	0.6*	0.8	0.4

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6-17	48,783	1.8	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
18-44	108,964	2.4	60*	332	871	23.0	45.5	1.8*	17.5*	12.1*
45-64	60,139	4.1	111	746	1,853	44.3	25.9*	6.6*	17.6*	5.7*
65 and over	34,676	10.5	287	1,394*	5,069*	20.8*	24.7*	46.0	3.1*	5.5*
Sex										
Male	134,603	3.6	130	930*	4,470*	18.7*	24.7	38.5*	8.5*	9.6*
Female	141,808	3.9	127	692	3,780	37.3	34.0	19.7*	7.4*	1.6*
Race/ethnicity										
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Hispanic	33,031	1.5	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Health insurance status^d										
<65, Any private	184,520	2.8	99	433	2,202	36.2	51.7	3.5*	0.9*	7.7*
<65, Public only	27,148	4.4	139*	805*	961*	39.6*	0.0*	6.4*	50.5*	3.5*
<65, Uninsured	30,067	1.2	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
65+, Medicare only	10,853	8.4	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
65+, Medicare and private	19,884	11.1	300	1,464*	3,241*	25.2*	38.6	33.3*	0.1*	2.8*
65+, Medicare and other public	3,808	13.5	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
65+, Missing	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Poverty status^e										
Negative or Poor	32,795	3.8	190*	859*	1,084*	25.5*	45.8*	11.4*	13.7*	3.6*
Near-poor	12,322	3.9	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Low income	38,928	3.9	111*	798*	1,221*	13.8*	10.4*	57.4*	12.1*	6.3*
Middle income	86,182	3.7	144	635	1,998	40.1	39.6	10.4*	1.4*	8.5*
High income	106,184	3.6	120	795*	3,065*	32.0*	31.1	31.0*	0.4*	5.6*
Metropolitan statistical area (MSA)										
MSA	221,447	3.7	114	795	6,493	22.5	30.4	35.0*	7.6*	4.5*
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Missing	2,879	0.0*	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Census Region										
Northeast	51,867	3.1	240*	1,664*	2,661*	34.6*	17.3*	41.9*	1.7*	4.5*
Midwest	64,230	4.4	161	518	1,470	35.1	46.0	5.5*	3.9*	9.5*
South	97,176	3.2	125	452	1,398	26.9	41.1	17.3*	7.8*	6.8*
West	63,138	4.3	100	994*	2,721*	15.8*	24.9	37.9*	16.5*	5.0*

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			Median	Mean		Out of pocket	Private insurance ^b	Medicare	Medicaid	Other ^c
Total	†	0.2	16	166	1,811	6.6	5.4	11.3*	3.6*	1.9*
Age in years										
Under 65	†	0.2	12	72	538	8.1	6.2	2.5*	7.6*	2.1*
Under 6	†	0.6	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
6-17	†	0.3	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
18-44	†	0.2	22*	60	178	5.8	7.2	1.1*	7.8*	4.7*
45-64	†	0.3	33	182	470	12.5	8.1*	4.2*	12.4*	2.8*
65 and over	†	0.6	43	453*	1,727*	6.9*	8.0*	13.3	1.3*	2.6*
Sex										
Male	†	0.2	20	284*	1,420*	6.5*	4.4	13.3*	6.1*	3.7*
Female	†	0.2	22	129	766	8.4	8.8	9.9*	2.6*	0.7*
Race/ethnicity										
White and Other	†	0.2	18	163	1,532	7.6	4.5	10.5*	1.6*	2.1*
Black	†	0.3	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Hispanic	†	0.3	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Health insurance status^d										
<65, Any private	6,121	0.2	15	53	332	5.7	5.1	3.3*	0.6*	2.6*
<65, Public only	1,313	0.6	57*	346*	415*	22.4*	0.0*	3.5*	21.6*	2.4*
<65, Uninsured	1,317	0.3	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
65+, Medicare only	576	1.0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
65+, Medicare and private	836	0.9	58	562*	1,319*	10.6*	9.2	15.9*	0.1*	1.5*
65+, Medicare and other public	298	2.0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
65+, Missing	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Poverty status^e										
Negative or Poor	†	0.4	65*	258*	340*	9.4*	15.7*	7.1*	5.2*	1.9*
Near-poor	†	0.8	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Low income	†	0.5	46*	386*	614*	7.7*	6.2*	21.7*	7.9*	4.4*
Middle income	†	0.3	30	138	469	11.6	10.7	3.8*	0.7*	3.4*
High income	†	0.3	23	319*	1,263*	13.2*	4.3	17.3*	0.3*	3.4*
Metropolitan statistical area (MSA)										
MSA	†	0.2	15	204	1,756	6.2	6.7	13.0*	4.4*	1.7*
Non-MSA	†	0.4	47	183	437	12.1	6.8	6.4*	4.2*	4.9*
Missing	†	0.0*	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Census Region										
Northeast	†	0.4	79*	647*	1,184*	16.8*	11.0*	23.6*	1.0*	3.5*
Midwest	†	0.4	30	76	290	6.5	5.3	2.2*	1.5*	3.4*
South	†	0.3	25	102	336	6.7	12.2	7.4*	2.5*	2.3*
West	†	0.4	19	456*	1,296*	7.7*	4.6	16.8*	11.4*	3.2*

a Expenses for eyeglasses, ambulance services, orthopedic items, hearing devices, prostheses, bathroom aids, medical equipment, disposable supplies, alterations/modifications, and other miscellaneous items or services that were obtained, purchased, or rented during the year are included. About half the expenditures in this category were for vision items.

b Private insurance includes CHAMPUS and CHAMPVA (Armed-Forces-related coverage).

c Other includes other public programs such as 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). Other also 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).

d Uninsured 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.

e Poor 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.

† Standard error approximately zero because of poststratification to Census Bureau population control tables.

-- Less than 100 sample cases.

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

Source: Center for Cost and Financing Studies, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality: Medical Expenditure Panel Survey, 1999.