

**National Hospital Ambulatory Medical Care Survey:
2011 Emergency Department Summary Tables**

Table 10. Ten leading principal reasons for emergency department visits, by patient age and sex: United States, 2011

Principal reason for visit and RVC code ¹	Number of visits in thousands (standard error in thousands)		Percent distribution (standard error of percent)	
All visits	...	136,296 (6,413)	100.0	...
Stomach and abdominal pain, cramps and spasms	S545	11,069 (618)	8.1	(0.2)
Chest pain and related symptoms (not referable to body systems)	S050	7,052 (454)	5.2	(0.2)
Fever	S010	5,077 (382)	3.7	(0.2)
Headache, pain in head	S210	4,323 (366)	3.2	(0.2)
Cough	S440	4,056 (274)	3.0	(0.2)
Back symptoms	S905	3,880 (288)	2.8	(0.1)
Shortness of breath	S415	3,700 (304)	2.7	(0.2)
Pain, site not referable to a specific body system	S055	3,012 (218)	2.2	(0.1)
Symptoms referable to throat	S455	2,563 (201)	1.9	(0.1)
Vomiting	S530	2,458 (191)	1.8	(0.1)
All other reasons ²	...	89,106 (4,175)	65.4	(0.5)
All visits under age 15	...	24,823 (1,724)	100.0	...
Female:	...	11,385 (820)	45.9	(0.8)
Fever	S010	1,831 (200)	7.4	(0.6)
Cough	S440	836 (114)	3.4	(0.4)
Stomach and abdominal pain, cramps and spasms	S545	583 (75)	2.4	(0.3)
Vomiting	S530	444 (53)	1.8	(0.2)
Skin rash	S860	413 (63)	1.7	(0.2)
Earache, or ear infection	S355	374 (48)	1.5	(0.2)
Symptoms referable to throat	S455	325 (51)	1.3	(0.2)
Injury, other and unspecified type-head, neck, and face	J505	295 (54)	1.2	(0.2)
Laceration or cut of facial area	J210	228 (52)	0.9	(0.2)
Headache, pain in head	S210	213 (47)	0.9	(0.2)
All other reasons ²	...	5,844 (423)	23.5	(0.7)
Male:	...	13,439 (945)	54.1	(0.8)
Fever	S010	1,969 (169)	7.9	(0.5)
Cough	S440	1,043 (106)	4.2	(0.4)
Vomiting	S530	573 (77)	2.3	(0.3)
Injury, other and unspecified type-head, neck, and face	J505	543 (85)	2.2	(0.3)
Skin rash	S860	464 (62)	1.9	(0.2)
Stomach and abdominal pain, cramps and spasms	S545	452 (70)	1.8	(0.2)
Earache, or ear infection	S355	397 (52)	1.6	(0.2)
Laceration or cut of facial area	J210	383 (66)	1.5	(0.2)
Symptoms referable to throat	S455	310 (51)	1.3	(0.2)
Headache, pain in head	S210	242 (44)	1.0	(0.2)
All other reasons ²	...	7,062 (581)	28.4	(0.9)
All visits, age 15-64 years	...	91,101 (4,430)	100.0	...
Female:	...	51,204 (2,587)	56.2	(0.5)
Stomach and abdominal pain, cramps and spasms	S545	6,163 (389)	6.8	(0.3)
Chest pain and related symptoms (not referable to body systems)	S050	2,679 (209)	2.9	(0.2)
Headache, pain in head	S210	2,331 (225)	2.6	(0.2)