

**Table 8.2.3: Annual Health Care Utilization by Type for Persons with Arthritis and Joint Pain<sup>1</sup> Diseases, United States 1996-2014**

Year	Ambulatory Physician Visits			Ambulatory Non-physician Visits			Prescription Medication Fills			Home Health Care Visits			Hospital Discharge	
	% With Any	Mean Visits	Total Visits (in millions)	% With Any	Mean Visits	Total Visits (in millions)	% With Any	Mean Fills	Total Fills (in millions)	% With Any	Mean Visits	Total Visits (in millions)	% With Any	Mean Visits
1996-1998	90.0%	6.9	199.9	42.7%	2.7	78.2	89.8%	19.4	561.9	8.1%	6.5	188.3	13.7%	0.2
1997-1999	90.4%	6.9	200.6	43.6%	2.6	75.6	89.7%	20.6	598.8	7.9%	6.4	186.0	14.5%	0.2
1998-2000	90.1%	6.9	201.8	43.4%	2.6	76.0	90.3%	21.6	631.8	7.1%	5.8	169.6	14.3%	0.2
1999-2001	90.3%	6.9	214.7	44.8%	2.8	87.1	91.1%	22.9	712.5	7.0%	5.5	171.1	14.8%	0.2
2000-2002	90.5%	7.0	235.1	48.0%	3.3	110.8	91.9%	24.0	806.2	7.1%	5.4	181.4	14.7%	0.2
2001-2003	90.8%	7.1	254.9	52.7%	3.8	136.4	91.7%	25.3	908.3	7.2%	5.2	186.7	14.9%	0.2
2002-2004	90.3%	7.2	263.7	55.3%	4.2	153.8	91.2%	26.6	974.2	7.1%	5.3	194.1	14.8%	0.2
2003-2005	90.0%	7.2	260.2	56.0%	4.3	155.4	90.9%	27.0	975.8	7.1%	5.0	180.7	15.0%	0.2
2004-2006	89.6%	7.1	253.9	55.8%	4.4	157.4	90.6%	27.6	987.0	7.0%	4.9	175.2	14.4%	0.2
2005-2007	89.1%	6.9	268.7	55.3%	4.3	167.4	90.0%	27.3	1,063.0	7.1%	4.9	190.8	14.5%	0.2
2006-2008	88.4%	6.7	314.6	54.4%	4.2	197.2	89.3%	27.4	1,286.4	7.1%	5.1	239.4	14.4%	0.2
2007-2009	87.5%	6.5	357.2	53.3%	4.1	225.3	89.0%	27.2	1,494.8	7.0%	5.4	296.8	14.6%	0.2
2008-2010	87.1%	6.5	387.4	52.6%	3.9	232.5	89.1%	27.4	1,633.2	6.9%	5.6	333.8	14.0%	0.2
2009-2011	87.4%	6.6	401.2	52.4%	3.9	237.1	89.5%	27.3	1,659.6	6.7%	5.5	334.4	13.4%	0.2
2010-2012	87.6%	6.5	407.9	53.0%	3.9	244.8	89.4%	26.8	1,682.0	6.4%	5.1	320.1	13.4%	0.2
2011-2013	87.2%	6.4	411.0	56.0%	4.3	276.2	88.7%	26.1	1,676.3	6.6%	4.9	314.7	13.4%	0.2
2012-2014	86.0%	6.4	419.9	60.0%	4.8	314.9	87.6%	25.7	1,686.1	7.0%	5.0	328.0	13.1%	0.2

[1] Methodological changes in MEPS in 2001 and 2007 improved the accuracy of capturing these conditions; therefore, the increased number of people with these conditions in 2001 and 2007 cannot be attributed solely to the increase of the underlying population. Because misclassification for arthritis has been demonstrated in children, reported arthritis for individuals <18 is not included.

Source: Medical Expenditures Panel Survey (MEPS), Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 1996-2014. Program source: 009Table2\_series.

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(in millions)

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