

**Table A8.2: Health Care Utilization by Type for Persons with All Musculoskeletal Diseases Using Broader AAOS Definition, United States 1996-2014**

Year	Ambulatory Physician Visits			Non-physician Care Visits			Prescription Medication Filled			Home Health Care Visits			Hospital Discharges		
	<u>% With</u>	<u>Mean</u>	<u>Total Visits</u>	<u>% With</u>	<u>Mean</u>	<u>Total Visits</u>	<u>% With</u>	<u>Mean</u>	<u>Total Meds</u>	<u>% With</u>	<u>Mean</u>	<u>Total Visits</u>	<u>% With</u>	<u>Mean</u>	<u>Total Discharges</u>
	<u>Any</u>	<u>Visits</u>	<u>(in millions)</u>	<u>Any</u>	<u>Visits</u>	<u>(in millions)</u>	<u>Any</u>	<u>Fills</u>	<u>(in millions)</u>	<u>Any</u>	<u>Visits</u>	<u>(in millions)</u>	<u>Any</u>	<u>Visits</u>	<u>(in millions)</u>
1996-1998	83.2%	5.0	605.5	36.2%	2.2	266.4	80.7%	11.6	1,404.8	4.3%	3.3	399.6	10.5%	0.1	12.1
1997-1999	83.7%	5.0	588.3	37.2%	2.2	258.9	81.0%	12.4	1,459.1	4.2%	3.1	364.8	10.9%	0.2	23.5
1998-2000	84.3%	5.1	592.5	37.3%	2.2	255.6	81.9%	13.2	1,533.4	3.8%	2.8	325.3	11.2%	0.2	23.2
1999-2001	84.9%	5.2	620.6	38.0%	2.3	274.5	83.2%	14.1	1,682.9	3.8%	2.8	334.2	11.4%	0.2	23.9
2000-2002	85.0%	5.2	650.4	40.9%	2.5	312.7	83.8%	15.1	1,888.7	3.9%	3.0	375.2	11.4%	0.2	25.0
2001-2003	84.9%	5.2	685.5	44.4%	2.8	369.1	83.8%	16.0	2,109.2	4.1%	3.0	395.5	11.2%	0.2	26.4
2002-2004	84.3%	5.2	705.0	46.6%	3.1	420.3	83.0%	16.7	2,264.0	4.1%	3.1	420.3	11.1%	0.2	27.1
2003-2005	83.8%	5.2	714.7	47.2%	3.2	439.8	82.6%	17.1	2,350.2	4.2%	3.0	412.3	11.1%	0.2	27.5
2004-2006	83.7%	5.1	708.3	47.4%	3.2	444.5	82.4%	17.6	2,444.5	4.1%	2.9	402.8	10.9%	0.2	27.8
2005-2007	83.7%	5.1	720.6	47.5%	3.1	438.0	82.5%	17.8	2,515.1	4.1%	2.9	409.8	10.9%	0.2	28.3
2006-2008	83.7%	5.0	731.2	47.2%	3.0	438.7	82.5%	17.9	2,617.7	4.0%	2.8	409.5	10.8%	0.1	14.6
2007-2009	83.4%	4.9	741.8	47.1%	3.0	454.2	82.5%	17.8	2,694.7	4.0%	2.9	439.0	10.7%	0.1	15.1
2008-2010	83.4%	4.9	758.3	47.0%	2.9	448.8	82.5%	18.0	2,785.4	4.0%	2.9	448.8	10.5%	0.1	15.5
2009-2011	83.4%	4.9	767.3	46.7%	3.0	469.8	82.8%	18.1	2,834.2	3.9%	2.8	438.4	10.3%	0.1	15.7
2010-2012	83.6%	4.9	777.3	46.5%	3.0	475.9	83.0%	18.0	2,855.5	3.9%	2.7	428.3	10.4%	0.1	15.9
2011-2013	83.4%	4.9	793.1	49.1%	3.3	534.2	82.5%	17.7	2,865.0	4.2%	2.8	453.2	10.4%	0.1	16.2
2012-2014	83.1%	5.0	812.1	52.7%	3.6	584.7	82.2%	17.9	2,907.4	4.6%	3.1	503.5	10.3%	0.1	16.2

[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 increased size of the underlying population. Because misclassification for arthritis has been demonstrated in children, reported arthritis for individuals <18 is not included.

Note: Total # of hospital discharges calculated is \*lower\* than those calculated for the narrower definition due to the rounding of the number of mean hospital discharges.

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