

Most Common Musculoskeletal-Related Reasons for Emergency Department Visit

Year	Body Region	Number of Visits (in 000s)
1998	Back	2207
	Low Back	1283
	Neck	1181
	Leg	950
	Knee	941
1999	Back	2362
	Low Back	1232
	Neck	1037
	Shoulder	882
	Arm	837
2000	Back	2468
	Low Back	1540
	Neck	1281
	Shoulder	1128
	Leg	1038
2001	Back	2519
	Low Back	1353
	Neck	1266
	Leg	1124
	Knee	1017
2002	Back	2585
	Low Back	1413
	Knee	1134
	Neck	1050
	Shoulder	1001
2003	Back	2615
	Leg	1194
	Low Back	1186
	Neck	1102

	Shoulder	1077
2004	Back	2838
	Low Back	1286
	Knee	1157
	Leg	1098
	Neck	1070
2005	Back	2851
	Low Back	1477
	Knee	1215
	Leg	1203
	Neck	1127
2006	Back	3238
	Low Back	1495
	Knee	1276
	Foot and Toe	1204
	Leg	1192

Note: The number (in thousands) above is based on primary reasons for emergency department visits. All of the top 5 reasons for visit are related to pain, ache, soreness or discomfort.

Source: Physician Visits - National Hospital Ambulatory Medical Care Survey 1998-2006. Data obtained from: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; National Center for Health Statistics.