

## Most Common Musculoskeletal-Related Reasons for Physician Visit

Year	Body region	# of visits (in 000s)
1998	Back	10969
	Knee	9124
	Shoulder	6142
	Low Back	5998
	Neck	5117
1999	Knee	9361
	Back	9330
	Low Back	8554
	Shoulder	6197
	Neck	4969
2000	Back	11457
	Knee	10436
	Shoulder	7219
	Low Back	4826
	Foot and Toe	4585
2001	Back	11688
	Knee	10016
	Low Back	8405
	Shoulder	7262
	Neck	6106
2002	Knee	12227
	Back	11416
	Shoulder	8111
	Low Back	6785
	Neck	6170
2003	Back	14221
	Knee	11843
	Shoulder	8557
	Low Back	7154
	Neck	5804
2004	Knee	11305
	Back	10862
	Low Back	8526
	Shoulder	8501
	Neck	7617

2005	Back	13190
	Knee	12707
	Low Back	8523
	Shoulder	8117
	Neck	5492
2006	Back	12846
	Knee	12315
	Low Back	8608
	Shoulder	7550
	Neck	4968

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

**Source:** Physician Visits - National 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.