

Physician Visits by Patients with Arthritis

Description	Year	# of Visits (in 000s)	Women		Men	
			# of Visits (in 000s)	%	# of Visits (in 000s)	%
Rheumatoid Arthritis and Other Inflammatory Arthropathies	1998	3539	2836	80	703	20
	1999	4695	3276	70	1419	30
	2000	3784	2704	71	1080	29
	2001	4506	3684	82	822	18
	2002	3021	2469	82	552	18
	2003	4469	3417	76	1052	24
	2004	1837	1428	78	409	22
	2005	5229	4297	82	932	18
2006	3197	2266	71	931	29	
Osteoarthritis and Allied Disorders	1998	16736	11987	72	4749	28
	1999	14119	10499	74	3620	26
	2000	15288	10585	69	4703	31
	2001	20160	12449	62	7711	38
	2002	18338	12074	66	6264	34
	2003	19527	13309	68	6218	32
	2004	17943	10966	61	6977	39
	2005	21741	14475	67	7266	33
2006	19013	12746	67	6267	33	
Other and Unspecified Arthropathies	1998	4896	2769	57	2127	43
	1999	8085	5553	69	2532	31
	2000	7175	4897	68	2278	32
	2001	7868	5409	69	2459	31
	2002	6691	4458	67	2233	33
	2003	6386	3606	56	2780	44
	2004	5439	3745	69	1694	31
	2005	7032	4797	68	2235	32
2006	5951	3950	66	2001	34	
Total	1998	25171	17592	70	7579	30
	1999	26899	19328	72	7571	28
	2000	26247	18186	69	8061	31
	2001	32534	21542	66	10992	34
	2002	28050	19001	68	9049	32
	2003	30382	20332	67	10050	33
	2004	25219	16139	64	9080	36
	2005	34002	23569	69	10433	31
2006	28161	18962	67	9199	33	

Note: The Number (in thousands) of physician visits is by patients with arthritis. Arthritis may not have been the patients' primary disease/disorder.

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.