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## HEALTH CHARACTERISTICS BY GEOGRAPHIC REGION, LARGE METROPOLITAN AREA, AND OTHER PLACES OF RESIDENCE

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#### INTRODUCTION

The estimates for selected health characteristics presented in this report are based on Health Interview Survey data collected during 1969-70.

The health characteristics discussed include activity limitation due to chronic disease, disa-

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bility days, incidence of acute conditions and persons injured, hospitalization, and physician and dental visits. The information is shown by the four geographic regions, metropolitan areas (see map), and farm and nonfarm places of residence outside the metropolitan areas. Another breakdown of the data shows estimates by residence inside or outside the central city of a metropolitan area. An earlier report (Vital and Health Statistics Series 10, No. 36) contained similar information for the period July 1963-June 1965.



During 1969-70 the measures of selected health characteristics varied considerably by geographic region and area of residence. The following statements summarize some of the data presented in this report:

Persons living in central cities of metropolitan areas had the highest rates of restricted activity, bed disability, and work-loss days and the highest rate of physician visits per person per year.

Persons living outside the central cities in metropolitan areas had the highest rate of dental visits. This population also had the highest proportion of persons with at least one physician visit and with at least one dental visit during the year prior to interview.

Persons living in nonfarm residences outside the metropolitan area had the highest rate of discharges from short-stay hospitals.

Persons living on farms had the lowest incidence rate of acute conditions.

Persons living outside metropolitan areas reported a higher level of limitation of activity than did persons living in metropolitan areas.

#### SOURCE AND LIMITATIONS OF THE DATA

The information from the Health Interview Survey presented in this report is based on data collected in a continuing nationwide survey conducted by household interview. Each week a probability sample of households is interviewed by trained personnel of the U.S. Bureau of the Census to obtain information about the health and other characteristics of each member of the household in the civilian, noninstitutionalized population of the United States. During 1970, data were collected for 45 weeks of the 52-week calendar period. The first quarter contained a sample reduction of 7 full weeks of interviewing due to budgetary restrictions, whereas the remaining quarters each contained the full 13 weeks. During the 52 weeks in 1969 and 45 weeks in 1970, the sample was composed of approximately 79,000 households containing about 250,000 persons living at the time of the interview. Comparability with previous average

annual estimates is not affected by the reduced sample since the weighting procedure employed for the Health Interview Survey adjusts for the missing weeks. Although the sampling errors are somewhat higher in 1970, by combining two years of data, the impact of the reduced sample on the sampling error is minimal.

The survey is restricted to the civilian, noninstitutionalized population living at the time of the interview. The estimates for hospital discharges and persons injured in accidents during the 2-week reference period will be somewhat underestimated because those persons who died prior to the interview are excluded from the totals. Estimates for older persons with limitation of activity caused by chronic conditions will be reduced because of the higher proportion of these persons living in institutions.

A description of the statistical design of the survey, the methods used in estimation, and the general qualifications of data obtained from surveys is presented in appendix I. Since the estimates shown in this report are based on a sample of the population rather than on the entire population, they are subject to sampling error. Therefore particular attention should be paid to the section entitled "Reliability of Estimates." Sampling errors for most of the estimates are of relatively low magnitude. However, where an estimated number or the numerator or denominator of a rate or percentage is small, the sampling error may be high. Charts of relative sampling errors and instructions for their use are shown in appendix I. The data are also subject to nonsampling errors such as those which arise from the respondent's willingness and ability to answer the interviewer's questions.

Certain terms used in this report are defined in appendix II. Since many of the terms have specialized meanings for the purpose of the survey, it is suggested that the reader familiarize himself with these definitions. Of particular importance is the definition of the eight large metropolitan areas for which estimates are presented. The boundaries of these areas are defined as they were for the 1960 Decennial Census.

The questionnaires used during 1969 and 1970 are illustrated in the Current Estimates reports Series 10, Numbers 63 and 72, respectively.

#### DISTRIBUTION OF THE POPULATION

The estimates presented in this report are for the civilian, noninstitutionalized population and are based on data collected during 1969-70. They are shown by four regions and metropolitan and nonmetropolitan residence. The metropolitan areas represent the population in the 212 standard metropolitan statistical areas (SMSA) as defined for the 1960 Decennial Census. Estimates are shown for residents of central cities and those living outside central cities within these metropolitan areas and for farm and nonfarm residents outside metropolitan areas. In addition, data are shown for persons living in each of the eight largest SMSA's and for persons living in all other SMSA's.

Table A shows the population and percentage distribution by age for each geographic region and place of residence; table B, a percentage distribution of the population within

Table	Α.	Total	population	and pe	ercent	distrib	ution	by ag	e, a	ccording	to	geographic	re-
			gion and	place	of res	sidence:	Unite	d Sta	tes,	1969-70		-	

			·	····		
Geographic region and place of residence	Popula- tion in thou- sands	A11 ages	Under 17 years	17-44 years	45 <b>-</b> 64 years	65 years and over
			Percent	distri	bution	
Total	198,636	100.0	33.6	36.2	20.7	9.5
Geographic region						
Northeast North Central South West	48,900 55,493 61,402 32,841	100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0	32.0 34.6 34.0 33.8	35.7 35.5 36.7 37.6	22.1 20.4 20.0 20.2	10.3 9.6 9.3 8.3
Place of residence						
All SMSA	129,756	100.0	33.2	37.1	20.8	8.9
Central city Outside central city	58,774 70,982	100.0 100.0	31.3 34.8	36.8 37.4	21.4 20.3	10.5 7.6
Large metropolitan areas Boston	50,054 2,583 15,987 4,816 7,898 4,332 2,854 8,267 3,317	$ \begin{array}{c} 100.0\\ 100.0\\ 100.0\\ 100.0\\ 100.0\\ 100.0\\ 100.0\\ 100.0\\ 100.0\\ 100.0\\ \end{array} $	32.2 30.3 30.5 32.7 35.0 35.0 35.6 31.7 29.1	37.2 35.5 36.5 36.4 36.0 37.0 41.5 38.9 38.9	21.6 22.9 22.6 22.1 21.1 20.7 16.9 21.2 22.1	9.0 11.3 10.4 8.9 7.3 6.0 8.1 9.8
Other SMSA	79,702	100.0	33.8	37.0	20.3	8.9
Outside SMSA Nonfarm Farm	68,880 60,507 8,373	100.0 100.0 100.0	34.4 34.5 33.8	34.6 35.4 28.7	20.4 19.7 25.8	10.5 10.4 11.6

Table B.	Percent	distrib	oution	of	the	population	in
SMSA by	place of	resider	nce, acc	ord	ling	to geograp	hic
region:	United S	States,	1969-7	70			

	Geographic region							
Place of residence	All re- gions	North- east	North Cen- tral	South	West			
A11 SMSA-	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0			
Central city-	45.3	43.3	46.3	49.1	42.2			
Outside cen- tral city	54.7	56.7	53.7	50.9	57.8			

SMSA's by residence in the central city or outside the central city; and table C, a percentage distribution of the population by area of residence according to geographic region. The distribution of persons by age and place of residence (as well as other variables) may influence rates for health characteristics. The rates for chronic illness and disability, for example, are high for elderly persons; therefore these rates will be higher in an area with a large proportion of older people.

In an attempt to account for differences in the age distributions by geographic region or area of residence, many of the text tables show age-adjusted rates as well as crude rates. The data were adjusted to the age distribution of the total civilian, noninstitutionalized population of the United States, using the direct method of adjustment. To minimize the effects of different population distribution by place of residence within a region, the rates have also been adjusted to the distribution by place of residence of the total civilian, noninstitutionalized population. The age was adjusted according to the age categories appearing in each detailed table. Residence was adjusted to the distribution of the population by geographic region according to residence in central cities, outside central cities, and in nonfarm and farm areas.

An earlier report by the same title (Series 10, No. 36) presented data by geographic region and place of residence from the July 1963-June 1965 Health Interview Survey. The earlier report presented data separately for each of the 22 largest SMSA's, while the present report is restricted to only the eight SMSA's with more than 2 million population in 1960. This reduction in the number of individual SMSA's for which data are shown was done to insure that estimates would be based on a substantial number of sample cases and thus reduce the sampling error. In addition since more than one interviewer was used to obtain data within each large SMSA, the impact of a single interviewer was reduced. However, the reader is still urged to use

Table C. Percent distribution of population by place of residence, according to geographic region: United States, 1969-70

	Geographic region						
Place of residence	All regions	North- east	North Central	South	West		
	Percent distribution						
All areas	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0		
Large metropolitan areas	25.2	47.8	22.0	4.6	35.3		
Other SMSA	40.1	31.2	41.4	46.5	39.4		
Outside SMSA	34.7 30.5 4.2	21.0 19.9 1.1	36.6 30.4 6.2	48.9 42.7 6.2	25.3 23.4 1.9		

Table D.	Percent distribution	of total	population	by family inco	ome, according	to geo-
	graphic region and	place of	residence:	United States	, 1969–70 👘	

	Annual family income						
Geographic region and place of residence	All incomes	Under \$7,000	\$7,000- \$9,999	\$10,000 and over	Unknown		
		Percen	t distribu	tion			
Total	100.0	36.9	20.4	36.6	6.2		
Geographic region							
Northeast North Central South West	100.0 100.0 _100.0 100.0	31.0 33.5 47.3 32.0	21.0 21.5 18.5 21.0	40.5 38.6 28.8 41.7	7.6 6.4 5.4 5.3		
Place of residence							
All SMSA	100.0	31.1	20.5	41.9	6.5		
Cental city Outside central city	100.0 100.0	40.3 23.4	19.5 21.3	32.9 49.3	7.2 5.9		
Large metropolitan areas Boston New York 'Philadelphia Chicago Detroit	$100.0 \\ 100.$	26.9 30.7 29.2 26.5 23.6 22.1 20.6 29.6 26.9	19.0 20.0 18.7 19.4 16.8 22.0 15.3 21.2 17.7	47.4 42.6 45.4 46.0 51.5 52.8 59.7 41.4 49.7	6.7 6.7 8.1 8.1 3.1 4.4 7.9 5.6		
Other SMSA	100.0	33.7	21.5	38.5	6.3		
Outside SMSA Nonfarm Farm	100.0 100.0 100.0	47.9 46.4 58.4	20.0 20.6 16.3	26.5 27.5 18.9	5.6 5.5 6.3		

caution when making comparisons between SMSA's and to use the sample's error charts in appendix I. With the exception of table O, which summarizes data for each of the SMSA's, this report will not make inter-SMSA comparisons. The caution against making detailed comparisons between specific SMSA's also applies to comparisons of rates for SMSA's shown in this report with rates for those same SMSA's shown in the earlier report. While the major purpose of this report is not to make comparisons over time, selected comparisons will be shown by geographic region and place of residence between the present data and the data in the earlier report. However, comparisons cannot be made for the categories "large SMSA's" and "other SMSA's," since the number of SMSA's included in each category are different for the two reports. The basic format of the tabular data in the two reports is similar, thus facili-

tating additional, more detailed comparisons for investigators interested in comparisons over time.

One additional change from the previous report is the further classification of SMSA data by central city and outside central city residence. The central city is that city identified in the title of the SMSA. This further classification of SMSA residents was added because of marked income differences between the central city and outside central city residents (table D). See appendix II for a complete definition of the term central city.

#### DISABILITY

## Limitation of Activity Due to Chronic Conditions

Limitation of activity refers to the inability to carry on one's usual major activity, thereby decreasing the amount or kind of major activity or reducing other activities such as civic or recreational activities (appendix II). Because of the geographic detail presented in this report, it was necessary to consolidate the data for partial and major limitation of activity in order to reduce the sampling error. The age categories "under 17 years" and "17-44 years" were combined because of the low frequency of activity limitation among persons under 17 years.

An estimated 23 million persons, 11.7 percent of the population, reported some degree of activity limitation due to chronic conditions. Two of every five persons aged 65 years and over were affected compared with one of five persons between 45 and 64 years old (tables 1-3). The proportion of persons with limitation of activity was 20 percent higher among those living outside SMSA's than among residents of SMSA's. Within the metropolitan areas a higher percentage of persons living in the central city had some limitation than those living outside the central city, 11.9 and 10.1 percent, respectively. The distribution is not unexpected in view of the high proportion of central city residents in families with incomes of less than \$7,000 (table D). An inverse relationship between family income and limitation of activity due to chronic conditions has been found in previous reports (Series 10, Numbers 51, 61, and 80).

Table E.	Unadjuste	d, age-	adjust	ed, a	nd :	residenc	:e-
adjuste	d percents	of pe	rsons	with	lim:	itation	of
activity	g due to	chronic	condi	tions	bv :	geograph	iic
region:	United St	ates, 1	969-70			0 - 0 1 -	

	Geographic region					
Chronic limitation of activity	North- east	North Cen- tral	South	West		
	Percent of persons					
Unadjusted rate	11.1	10.9	12.9	11.7		
Age-adjusted rate	10.7	10.9	13.1	12.1		
Residence-adjusted rate	11.1	10.8	12.3	11.7		

NOTE: Data adjusted to the age and residence distributions of the civilian, noninstitutionalized population of the United States, 1969-70.

The unadjusted and age-adjusted rates of activity limitation per 100 persons by residence are shown below.

d Age-adjusted
.9 11.5
0.1 10.8
3.0 12.8
8.9 12.2

This adjustment resulted in a closer similarity between populations within the metropolitan areas and between the nonfarm and farm residents. Although age distribution accounted for some of the differences, other factors such as socioeconomic variables are probably responsible for the remaining disparities.

Among the four regions, the South had the highest percentage of persons with activity limitation. Adjusting the data for age did not change the pattern, but after residence adjustment there was little difference between the South and West Regions (table E).

While there has been little change between 1964-65 and 1969-70 in the overall percentage of the population with limitation of activity, the differences by place of residence and geographic region have decreased:

	1964-65	1969-70
All areas	12.1	11.7
SMSA	10.5	10.9
Outside SMSA:		
Nonfarm	14.6	13.0
Farm	16.5	13.9
Northeast	9.5	11.1
North Central	12.0	10.9
South	14.3	12.9
West	11.8	11.7

More detailed data on limitation of activity for several time periods can be found in Series 10, Numbers 17, 45, 51, 61, and 80.

#### **Disability Days**

This report presents data on three types of disability days—restricted activity days, bed days, and work-loss days resulting from illness or injury. A restricted activity day is one on which a person substantially reduces the amount of activity normal for that day because of illness or injury. A day of bed disability or work loss is counted as a day of restricted activity. A day of disability is counted only once for the person involved even though the disability may have resulted from more than one illness or injury.

During 1969-70 there were an estimated 3 billion restricted activity days annually among the civilian population excluding persons living in institutions. This is an average of 15 days per person per year, with the number increasing from 9.6 days for children under 17 years to 32.1 days for persons 65 years and over.

Among the areas of residence, persons living in the central cities had the highest rate for all three types of disability days, shown in tables 4-6. The residents of central cities averaged 16.0 days of restricted activity, 7.0 days of bed disability, and 5.9 days lost from work, while the rates for farm residents were 12.6, 4.5, and 4.7 days, respectively. Age adjusting the rates for residence did not change the relationship, as shown in table F.

Table F. Unadjusted and age-adjusted days of disability per person per year by place of residence: United States, 1969-70

	Place of residence			
Type of disability	Central city	Outside central city	Nonfarm	Farm
Restricted activity	Days per person per year			r
Unadjusted rate Age-adjusted rate Bed disability	16.0 15.7	13.3 13.7	15.2 15.1	12.6 11.8
Unadjusted rateAge-adjusted rate	7.0 6.9	5.4 5.6	6.2 6.1	4.5 4.3
Work loss				
Unadjusted rate Age-adjusted rate	5.9 5.9	4.9 4.9	5.2 5.2	4.7 4.2

NOTE: Days of restricted activity and bed disability are adjusted to the age and residence distributions of the civilian, noninstitutionalized population of the United States. Days lost from work are adjusted to the age and residence distribution of the currently employed population of the United States.

	Geographic region			
Type of disability	North- east	North Central	South	West
Restricted activity	Days per person per year			r
Unadjusted rate Age-adjusted rate Residence-adjusted rate Bed disability	14.4 14.1 14.1	13.0 13.0 13.0	15.6 15.8 15.3	16.2 16.4 16.1
Unadjusted rate Age-adjusted rate Residence-adjusted rate	5.8 5.7 5.8	5.2 5.3 5.3	7.1 7.1 7.0	6.1 6.2 6.1
<u>Work loss</u> Unadjusted rate Age-adjusted rate Residence-adjusted rate	5.4 5.3 5.2	5.0 5.0 5.0	5.6 5.7 5.5	4.9 4.9 4.7

Table G. Unadjusted, age-adjusted, and residence-adjusted days of disability per person per year by geographic region: United States, 1969-70

NOTE: Days of restricted activity and bed disability are adjusted to the age and residence distributions of the civilian, noninstitutionalized population of the United States. Days lost from work are adjusted to the age and residence distributions of the currently employed population of the United States.

Persons living in the North Central Region reported the least days of restricted activity, 13.0 per person per year. The South Region had the highest rate for bed disability, 7.1 days per person. Persons in the South also had a slightly higher rate of work-loss days than persons in the other regions, although the difference between the South and the Northeast Regions was rather small. The relationship among regions for the three types of disability days did not change after age and residence adjustment (table G).

#### ILLNESS

#### **Acute Conditions**

The estimates for the incidence of acute illnesses and injuries include those conditions with onset within 2 weeks of the interview date except for certain conditions and impairments which are always classified as chronic regardless of the date of onset. These exceptions are listed in appendix II. Also excluded from the estimates of the incidence of acute conditions are those conditions which did not involve either medical attention or restricted activity.

The average annual incidence of acute conditions during 1969-70 (table 7) was approximately 401.5 million conditions, a rate of 202.1 conditions per 100 persons per year. The rates were highest for persons under 17 years of age, 289.5, and lowest for those 45 years and over, 119.7. Farm residents had the lowest incidence rate among the residence groups. Age adjustment did not affect the pattern but the rates for residents of the central city and outside the central city were made more comparable as shown below:

	Unadjusted	Age-adjusted
Central city	200.6	204.1
Outside central city	210.2	207.1
Nonfarm	200.0	199.1
Farm	159.6	163.1

Table H.	Unadjusted,	age	e-adjusted,	and res	idence-
adjusted	l incidence	of	acute con	ditions p	per 100
persons	per year	Ъy	geographic	region:	United
States.	1969-70	•			

	Geographic region			
Acute conditions	North- east	North Cen- tral	South	West
<u></u>	Incidence per 100 persons per year			
Unadjusted rate	195.5	192.5	198.4	235.2
Age-adjusted rate	199.0	191.5	197.6	233.7
Residence-adjusted rate	193.1	193.2	199.9	232.9

NOTE: Date adjusted to the age and residence distributions of the civilian, noninstitutionalized population of the United States, 1969-70.

The incidence rate of acute conditions was highest among residents of the West Region. After age and residence adjustment (table H), persons in the West still had substantially higher rates than did residents of other regions. The high rate for the West Region was due to somewhat higher rates for all acute conditions except infective and parasitic diseases. For more detailed information on acute conditions by geographic region and place of residence, see "Acute Conditions—Incidence and Associated Disability, United States, July 1969-June 1970" (Series 10, No. 77) and the similar report for July 1970-June 1971 (Series 10, No. 82).

Acute conditions for 1969-70 were coded according to the Eighth Revision International Classification of Diseases, Adapted for Use in the United States (ICDA). The code numbers are shown below for each condition group presented in table 8:

ICDA Code Number

Infective and parasitic diseases . . 000-136

Upper respiratory conditions ... 460-465, 501, 508

Other acute respiratory		
conditions	470-474, 466, 480-486,	510-
	516 519 783	

Other acute conditions ..... All other acute code numbers

#### **Persons Injured**

Over 52 million persons were injured annually during 1969-70, a rate of about 26 persons injured per 100 persons per year (table 9). These estimates are based on the number of respondents who reported an injury that resulted in medical attention or caused restricted activity for at least 1 day within the 2 weeks prior to interview date. Data on persons injured during the 2-week period who died before the interview date are excluded.

Persons under 17 years of age in all residence areas had a higher injury than persons in other age groups, and as age increased, the injury rate decreased. The injury rates among the four residence areas are similar. The apparent low rate among farm residents could be due to sampling error.

Age adjustment did not change the pattern in rate of persons injured per 100 persons as shown below:

	Unadjusted	Age-adjusted
Central city	24.7	24.9
Outside central city	27.0	26.8
Nonfarm	27.7	27.6
Farm	22.1	22.5

Persons living in the West reported the highest injury rate. Children under 17 years had injury rates ranging from 28.7 persons injured per 100 persons per year in the North Central Region to 40.9 per 100 persons in the West (table 9). Age and residence adjustment (table J) had little effect on the regional injury rates.

Table J. Unadjusted, age-adjusted, and residenceadjusted numbers of persons injured per 100 persons per year by geographic region:United States, 1969-70

	Geographic region			
Persons injured	North- east	North Cen- tral	South	West
	Persons injured per 100 persons per year			
Unadjusted rate	24.7	24.3	26.0	32.8
Age-adjusted rate	24.9	24.3	26.0	32.7
Residence-adjusted rate	23.9	24.4	25.9	33.4

NOTE: Data adjusted to the age and residence distributions of the civilian, noninstitutionalized population of the United States, 1969-70.

Table 10 shows that home accidents accounted for 39 percent of the persons injured, work accidents for 15 percent, and other types for 49 percent. Since classes are not mutually exclusive (a person may have been injured in the home while he was working), the total will exceed 100 percent. The class of accident "other" includes 3.6 million persons injured in moving motor vehicle accidents.

#### **USE OF MEDICAL SERVICES**

Several measures of health care services are presented in this report. These include the rate of discharges from short-stay hospitals, number of patients with surgery, number of physician and dental visits per person per year, and the percentage of the population who had physician or dental visits within a year. Data are also presented on the place of physician visits.

#### **Discharges From Short-Stay Hospitals**

In the Health Interview Survey, information is requested for all hospitalizations which occurred during the year prior to the interview. The collection of data is limited to persons living in the household at the time of the interview: therefore the exclusion of information on persons who were hospitalized during the reference period but who died prior to the interview date will tend to result in underestimates of total hospital experience, especially for the elderly (Series 10, No. 30). The annual estimate of short-stay hospital discharges for 1969-70 averaged 26 million or 131.0 discharges per 1,000 persons per year (table 11). There were no striking differences between the four geographic regions in the rates of hospitalization (table K). Residents of central cities had more frequent hospitalizations, 131.9 per 1,000 persons, than had those living outside the central cities, 120.6 discharges per 1,000 persons. The population living outside SMSA's in nonfarm residences had the highest rate of discharges-145.4 per 1,000 persons. Children under 17 years of age had the lowest discharge rate while the rate increased for persons 17-44, decreased for those age 45-64, and rose substantially for the elderly, 65 years and over. When the data were adjusted for age distribution, there was Table K. Unadjusted, age-adjusted, and residenceadjusted numbers of discharges from short-stay hospitals per 1,000 persons per year by geographic region: United States, based on data collected in health interviews during 1969-70

	Geographic region				
Number of discharges	North- east	North Cen- tral	South	West	
	Discharges per 1,000 persons per year				
Unadjusted rate Age-adjusted rate Residence-adjusted	123.8 122.1	134.4 135.1	134.3 134.7	129.9 131.2	
rate	127.7	134.8	131.9	128.3	

NOTE: Data adjusted to the age and residence distributions of the civilian, noninstitutionalized population of the United States, 1969-70.

little difference between the rates for metropolitan residents in the central city and outside the central city:

	Unadjusted	Age-adjusted
Central city	131.9	129.4
Outside central city	120.6	122.8
Nonfarm	145.4	145.3
Farm	108.7	107.1

The overall level of hospital utilization has not changed a great deal from the 1964-65 period to the 1969-70 period, with rates of 128.3 and 131.0 per 1,000 persons, respectively. However, there has been a marked increase in hospital utilization among the elderly (65 years and over) as a result of medicare, as shown in the figures below:

	1964-65	1969-70
All areas	186.3	237.3
SMSA	165.3	213.9
Outside SMSA:		
Nonfarm	224.5	281.6
Farm	176.0	230.2
Northeast	167.1	205.8
North Central	177.4	229.9
South	214.2	261.4
West	184.5	258.7

The increase was about 20-30 percent for most places of residence; however, the rate increased by 40 percent in the West Region.

Of the 26 million persons discharged from hospitals in 1969-70 over one-half were treated by surgery (table 13). Deliveries, which are defined for the purpose of the survey as surgical operations, accounted for 24 percent of all surgically treated discharges (table 12). Persons living in farm areas had the lowest rate of surgically treated discharges, 50.8 per 1,000 population, and among the regions, the South had the lowest rate, 66.1 (table 13).

#### **Physician Visits**

During 1969-70, approximately 883 million physician visits were reported annually. On the average, persons in the civilian, noninstitutionalized population received advice or treatment from a doctor of medicine or osteopathy, his nurse, or another authorized person about 4.4 times a year (table 14). By definition, telephone consultations, except for appointments only, are considered physician visits, but visits by physicians to hospital inpatients are not.

The number of visits per person per year increased with age from 3.7 visits for children under 17 years to 6.2 visits for persons aged 65 years and over. Residents of central cities had the highest rate and those in farm areas the lowest, 4.7 compared with 3.2 physician visits per person per year. Adjusting the data for age distribution did not change the relationship among places of residence:

	Unadjusted	Age-adjusted
Central city	4.7	4.7
Outside central city	4.5	4.6
Nonfarm	4.3	4.2
Farm	3.2	3.1

Persons in the West had the highest observed frequency, 4.8 physician visits per person per year, among the regions. This rate was higher than for persons in the South and North Central Regions but was not much different from those in the Northeast. Adjustment of the data by age and residence had little effect on the regional rates (table L).

Table L.	Unadjusted,	age-adjuste	ed, and	residence-
adjusted	numbers of	physician	visits	per person
per year	by geograph	nic region:	: Unite	d States,
1969-70				

	Geographic region				
Number of physician Visits	North- east	North Cen- tral	South	West	
	Visits per person per year				
Unadjusted rate	4.6	4.2	4.4	4.8	
Age-adjusted rate	4.6	4.2	4.4	4.8	
Residence-adjusted rate	4.5	4.2	4.4	4.7	

NOTE: Data adjusted to the age and residence distributions of the civilian, noninstitutionalized population of the United States, 1969-70.

The number of physician visits per person per year was about the same in 1969-70 as in 1964. The farm population reported the lowest levels at both time periods. While the residents of the West Region still reported the highest number of visits, they experienced a decrease over the 5 years as shown below. Additional data on physician visits in 1966-67 for selected SMSA's can be found in Series 10, No. 49.

	1964-65	1967	1969-70
All areas	4.5	4.3	4.4
SMSA	4.7	4.5	4.6
Outside SMSA:			
Nonfarm	4.3	4.1	4.3
Farm	3.3	3.3	3.2
Northeast	4.5	4.5	4.6
North Central	4.4	4.2	4.2
South	4.2	4.0	4.4
West	5.4	4.8	4.8

In 1969-70 an estimated 69.7 percent of the 883 million physician consultations took place in a doctor's office, 10.5 percent in a hospital clinic or emergency room, 12.1 percent by telephone, and 7.7 percent in other places. Distribution of physician visits by place of visit is presented in table 15. As expected, residents of a central city of an SMSA received a larger proportion of their outpatient physician care at hospital clinics than did other persons. Persons living in SMSA's, except those in the Northeast Region, got more medical advice from a doctor over the telephone than did nonmetropolitan residents.

Over the past decade, the importance of physician home visits has decreased, at least in terms of the percentages of all physician visits, while the proportion of telephone calls for medical advice has increased (table M). In fact, during the first year of the Health Interview Survey (July 1957-June 1958), about 10.2 percent of all physician visits were home visits. This proportion dropped to 1.7 percent by 1971. However, there is considerable variation by geographic region in the proportion of home visits, with more than 4 percent of all visits in the Northeast

Table M. Percent of physician visits that were telephone calls and home calls by place of residence and geographic region: United States, July 1963-June 1964 and 1969-70

-	Telep cal	hone 1s	Home calls		
Place of residence and geographic region	July 1963 <b>-</b> June 1964	1969 <b>-</b> 1970	July 1963- June 1964	1969- 1970	
		Perc	ent		
All areas	10.6	12.1	5.4	2.2	
All SMSA's	11.8	13.3	5.3	2.2	
Nonfarm Farm	8.7 5.5	9.7 6.3	6.0 2.8	2.1 1.7	
Northeast North Central South West	11.1 11.3 10.6 9.1	14.0 12.4 10.4 11.5	9.3 4.2 4.4 3.6	4.2 1.5 1.7 0.9	

Table O. Selected health characteristics by place of residence and geographic region: United States, 1969-70

			SMSA				Outside SMSA		
Characteristic	A11 areas	Total	Central city	Outside central city	Large SMSA	Other SMSA	Total	Non- farm	Farm
Percent of population with limitation of activity	11.7	10.9	11.9	10.1	11.0	10.8	13.1	13.0	13.9
Restricted activity days per person per year	14.7	14.5	16.0	13.3	14.8	14.3	14.9	15.2	12.6
Days of bed disability per person per year	6.1	6.2	7.0	5.4	6.2	6.1	6.0	6.2	4.5
Work-loss days per currently employed person (17+ years) per year	5.3	5.3	5.9	4.9	5.3	5.3	5.1	5.2	4.7
Persons injured per 100 persons per year	26.3	26.0	24.7	27.0	27.3	25.2	27.0	27.7	22.1
Acute conditions per 100 persons per year	202.1	205.8	200.6	210.2	213.3	201.1	195.1	200.0	159.6
Short-stay hospital dis- charges per 100 persons per year	131.0	125.7	131.9	120.6	118.0	130.5	141.0	145.4	108.7
Surgical treatment for dis- charges per 1,000 persons per year (including	70.1	72.2	73.9	70.7	69.1	74.0	66.2	68.3	50.8
Physician visits per person per year	4.4	4.6	4.7	4.5	4.9	4.4	4.1	4.3	3.2
Dental visits per person per year	1.5	1.7	1.6	1.8	2.0	1.5	1.2	1.2	1.1
Percent of population with 1+ physician visits within a year	70.7	71.8	70.6	72.8	73.1	71.0	68.5	69.4	62.4
Percent of population with 1+ dental visits within a year	45.9	48.2	44.1	51.5	50.5	46.7	41.6	41.6	41.5

reported as home visits as compared to less than 1 percent of the visits in the West Region.

Over 140 million persons, approximately seven of every 10 in the civilian, noninstitutionalized population, consulted a doctor during the 12-month period prior to the interview. The proportion of persons with at least one visit during the year was highest among those living in metropolitan areas outside the central city, 72.8 percent, and lowest for the farm population, 62.4 percent (table 16). A greater proportion of the residents of the Northeast and West had one or more physician visits within the year prior to the interview than did residents of the other regions.

#### **Dental Visits**

During 1969-70, there were an estimated 298 million dental visits annually, an average of 1.5 visits per person per year. Persons living out-

Table N.	Unadjusted,	age-ad	ljusted,	and	reside	nce-
adjusted	l numbers of	dental	visits	per	person	per
year by	geographic	region:	United	State	es, 1969	9-70

	Geographic region					
Number of dental visits	North- east	North Cen- tral	South	West		
	Visits per person per year					
Unadjusted rate Age-adjusted rate	1.9 1.9	1.4 1.4	1.2 1.1	1.7 1.7		
Residence-adjusted	1.8	1.4	1.2	1.7		

NOTE: Data adjusted to the age and residence distributions of the civilian, noninstitutionalized population of the United States, 1969-70.

side the central cities in metropolitan areas had the most visits for dental care, 1.8 per person; the rate decreased to 1.1 visits for farm residents (table 17).

Table O. Selected health characteristics by place of residence and geographic region: United States, 1969-70-Con.

Geographic region						L	arge metr	opolitan	area		
North- east	North Central	South	West	Boston	New York	Phila- delphia	Chicago	Detroit	Wash- ington	Los Angeles	San Francisco
11.1	10.9	12.9	11.7	11.0	11.3	11.8	10.5	7.5	8.8	12.3	13.1
14.4	13.0	15.6	16.2	15.7	14.5	18.9	12.9	10.0	16.7	16.7	14.8
5.8	5.2	7.1	6.1	6.9	6.0	6.3	6.2	5.0	7.0	6.9	5.9
5.4	5.0	5.6	4.9	7.4	5.1	5.8	4.3	6.8	4.4	5.3	5.4
24.7	24.3	26.0	32.8	35.9	23.5	37.2	25.7	14.5	26.7	35.7	25.0
195.5	192.5	198.4	235.2	215.9	189.8	267.0	196.7	146.1	301.0	245.0	219.8
123.8	134.4	134.3	129.9	125.4	102.0	130.0	119.3	125.6	109.7	134.3	125.4
72.0	71.1	66.1	73.0	64.3	61.7	82.6	68.2	73.4	71.1	76.7	64.8
4.6	4.2	4.4	4.8	4.9	4.6	6.4	4.7	4.1	5.2	5.2	5.1
1.9	1.4	1.2	1.7	2.0	2.3	1.8	1.8	1.6	1.9	1.8	2.2
72.6	69.8	69.3	71.8	72.0	74.9	75.7	70.0	70.3	74.7	71.0	76.0
50.7	47.1	40.1	47.5	55.9	52.4	52.1	49.1	45.2	54.4	45.7	53.5

Age adjustment for place of residence had no effect on the data as shown below:

	Unadjusted	Age-adjusted
Central city	1.6	1.6
Outside central city	1.8	1.8
Nonfarm	1.2	1.2
Farm	1.1	1.1

The Northeast had the highest regional rate, 1.9, and the South had the lowest-1.2 annual visits per person. Adjustment for age did not affect the relationship among regions, but adjustment for residence made the rates for the Northeast and West Regions more comparable (table N).

Although the total number of dental visits averaged 1.5 visits per person, a majority of the population, over 107 million persons, had no dental care during the year. The rather low proportion of children under 17 years who visited a dentist within the year is weighted by the large number of children under 5 years in this group, who are less likely to receive dental care. The low percentage of persons 65 years and over who had a dental visit, 24.5 percent, may be partially explained by the fact that about onehalf of these elderly persons are edentulous and evidently have no immediate dental problems (Series 10, No. 76).

In the metropolitan areas, proportionately fewer central city residents had at least one visit than had those living outside central cities—44.1 percent and 51.5 percent respectively. Approximately two of five persons living outside SMSA's had dental care within the year (table 19).

About half of the residents of the Northeast Region had a dental visit during the 12month period prior to the interview. The proportion of persons under 17 years with one or

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more dental visits (54.5 percent) was considerably higher in the Northeast than in the other regions. Among children under 17 years in the South Region, only 37.6 percent had visited a dentist within the previous year.

#### SUMMARY

This report has presented data on 12 measures of utilization of health services and the impact of illness. Table O presents these data in summary form for each of the regions, by place of residence and specific SMSA's. Farm residents have the lowest rates of both utilization of services and impact of illness; for example, they report the fewest restricted activity days, hospital discharges, and physician visits and the lowest proportion of persons with one or more physician and dental visits within the past 12 months. However, farm residents have the highest level of limitation of activity. For all measures of health care utilization except hospital discharges, the non-SMSA nonfarm residents have rates between those of SMSA residents and farm residents.

Most regional differences in both the utilization of services and impact of illness, at least for crude rates in table O, are not striking. There are, however, three exceptions. Residents of the West Region have a higher level of acute conditions than do persons in other regions. This is also related to the higher level of physician visits in the West region, since one of the criteria for an acute condition is that it be medically attended. This pattern of a high incidence of acute conditions and a high level of physician utilization in the West Region has been consistently observed over the years in the Health Interview Survey. Finally, the proportion of the residents of the South Region who reported dental visits in the preceding year was considerably lower than that in the other regions, 40 percent compared to 47 to 51 percent in other regions.

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Table 1. Average annual number and percent distribution of persons with and without limitation of activity due to chronic conditions, according to geographic region and place of residence: United States, 1969-70

[Data are based on household interviews of the civilian, noninstitutional population. The survey design, general qualifications, and information on the reliability of the estimates are given in appendix I. Definitions of terms are given in appendix II]

Geographic region and place of residence	All persons	Persons without activity limitation	Persons with activity limitation	All persons	Persons without activity limitation	Persons with activity limitation
United States	Number of	persons in t	housands	Perc	ent distribut	i.on
All areas	198,636	175,399	23,237	100.0	88.3	11.7
SMSA Central city Outside central city Large SMSA Other SMSA Outside SMSA Nonfarm Farm	129,756 58,774 70,982 50,054 79,702 68,880 60,507 8,373	115,572 51,770 63,802 44,546 71,025 59,827 52,620 7,207	14,184 7,004 7,180 5,507 8,677 9,053 7,887 1,166	100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0	89.1 88.1 89.9 89.0 89.0 89.1 86.9 87.0 86.1	$ \begin{array}{c} 10.9\\ 11.9\\ 10.1\\ 11.0\\ 10.9\\ 13.1\\ 13.0\\ 13.9\\ \end{array} $
Northeast	•					
All areas	48,900	43,454	5,446	100.0	88.9	11.1
SMSA Central city Outside central city	38,652 16,726 21,926	34,365 14,669 19,696	4,287 2,057 2,230	100.0 100.0 100.0	88.9 87.7 89.8	11.1 12.3 10.2
Large SMSA Boston	23,386 2,583 15,987 4,816 15,266 10,249 9,732 517	20,728 2,298 14,181 4,249 13,637 9,089 8,619 470	2,657 285 1,805 567 1,629 1,160 1,113 47	$ \begin{array}{c} 100.0\\ 100.0\\ 100.0\\ 100.0\\ 100.0\\ 100.0\\ 100.0\\ 100.0\\ 100.0\\ 100.0\end{array} $	88.6 89.0 88.7 88.2 89.3 88.7 88.6 90.9	11.4 11.0 11.3 11.8 10.7 11.3 11.4 9.1
North Central						
All areas	55,493	49,471	6,021	100.0	89.1	10.9
SMSA Central city Outside central city Large SMSA Chicago Detroit Other SMSA Outside SMSA Nonfarm Farm	35,194 16,302 18,892 7,898 4,332 22,964 20,298 16,854 3,444	31,632 14,462 17,170 11,078 7,073 4,005 20,554 17,840 14,791 3,049	3,563 1,840 1,723 1,153 826 327 2,410 2,459 2,063 396	$100.0 \\ 100.$	89.9 88.7 90.9 90.6 89.6 92.5 89.5 87.9 87.8 87.8 88.5	10.1 11.3 9.1 9.4 10.5 7.5 10.5 12.1 12.2 11.5
South						
All areas	61,402	53,479	7,923	100.0	87.1	12.9
SMSA- Central city Outside central city Large SMSA, Washington Other SMSA Outside SMSA Nonfarm	31,378 15,401 15,977 2,854 28,524 30,024 26,238 3,785	27,935 13,570 14,365 2,604 25,331 25,543 22,419 3,125	3,442 1,831 1,611 250 3,193 4,481 3,820 661	.100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0	89.0 88.1 89.9 91.2 88.8 85.1 85.4 85.4 82.6	11.0 11.9 10.1 8.8 11.2 14.9 14.6 17.5
West						
All areas	32,841	28,994	3,847	100.0	88.3	11.7
SMSA Central city Outside central city Large SMSA	24,532 10,345 14,186 11,584 8,267	21,639 9,069 12,570 10,136 7,252	2,893 1,276 1,616 1,448 1,015	100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0	88.2 87.7 88.6 87.5 87.7	11.8 12.3 11.4 12.5 12.3
San Francisco Other SMSA Outside SMSA Nonfarm	3,317 12,948 8,309 7,684 626	2,884 11,503 7,355 6,792 563	433 1,445 954 891 63	100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0	86.9 88.8 88.5 88.4 89.9	13.1 11.2 11.5 11.6 10.1

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Table 2. Average annual number of persons with and without limitation of activity due to chronic conditions, by age, geographic region, and place of residence: United States, 1969-70

[Data are based on household interviews of the civilian, noninstitutional population. The survey design, general qualifications, and information on the reliability of the estimates are given in appendix II] are given in appendix II]

	Un	der 45 yea	rs	4	5-64 years		65 y	ears and o	ver
Geographic region and place of residence	All persons	Persons without activ- ity limita- tion	Persons with activ- ity limita- tion	A11 persons	Persons without activ- ity limita- tion	Persons with activ- ity limita- tion	All persons	Persons without activ- ity limita- tion	Persons with activ- ity limita- tion
United States			N	umber of p	persons in	thousand	s		······
All areas	138,786	131,493	7,293	41,022	33,035	7,987	18,828	10,870	7,958
SMSA Central city Outside central city	91,240 40,038 51,203	86,454 37,797 48,658	4,786 2,241 2,545	26,947 12,563 14,384	22,148 10,227 11,921	4,799 2,336 2,463	11,568 6,174 5,395	6,969 3,746 3,223	4,599 2,427 2,172
Large SMSA Other SMSA Outside SMSA Nonfarm Farm	34,775 56,466 47,546 42,311 5,235	32,942 53,513 45,039 40,051 4,988	1,833 2,953 2,507 2,260 247	10,799 16,148 14,075 11,911 2,164	8,919 13,229 10,887 9,189 1,698	1,880 2,919 3,188 2,722 466	4,480 7,089 7,259 6,286 973	2,686 4,283 3,901 3,381 520	1,794 2,805 3,358 2,905 454
Northeast									
All areas	33,069	31,430	1,640	. 10,788	8,964	1,824	5,043	3,060	1,983
Central city Outside central city	25,927 10,862 15,066	24,628 10,261 14,368	1,299 601 698	8,791 3,874 4,916	7,333 3,190 4,143	1,458 684 773	3,934 1,989 1,944	2,404 1,218 1,186	1,530 771 759
Large SMSA Boston New York Philadelphia Other SMSA Outeide SMSA	15,743 1,700 10,719 3,325 10,184	14,942 1,612 10,197 3,133 9,687	801 87 522 192 497	5,268 592 3,611 1,064 3,523	4,383 487 3,041 855 2,950	885 105 571 209 573	2,375 291 1,657 427 1,559	1,404 199 944 261 1,000	971 92 713 166 559
NonfarmFarm	6,805 337	6,802 6,482 320	323 *	1,997 1,873 124	1,631 1,524 107	366 349 *	1,054 55	656 612 44	453 442 *
North Central									
All areas	38,874	36,892	1,983	11,308	9,320	1,988	5,310	3,259	2,051
Central city Outside central city	11,198 13,933	10,570 13,264	1,298 628 669	7,138 3,445 3,693	2,834 3,125	1,179 610 568	2,925 1,659 1,266	1,839 1,058 781	1,086 601 485
Large SMSA Chicago Detroit Other SMSA Outside SMSA Nonfarm	8,733 5,612 3,121 16,398 13,743 11,594 2,149	8,293 5,280 3,012 15,541 13,058 11,002 2,056	440 332 109 857 685 592 93	2,560 1,665 895 4,579 4,170 3,264 907	2,187 1,399 788 3,772 3,361 2,607 754	372 265 107 806 809 656 153	938 622 316 1,988 2,385 1,996 389	598 393 205 1,241 1,420 1,181 239	340 229 111 746 964 815
South	-,	-,			754	100	505	205	1.50
All areas	43,393	41,090	2,303	12,275	9,467	2,808	5,734	2,922	2,812
SMSA Central city Outside central city	22,715 10,890 11,825	21,566 10,301 11,266	1,149 589 559	6,037 3,046 2,992	4,888 2,451 2,436	1,150 594 555	2,625 1,465 1,160	1,481 818 663	1,144 647 497
Large SMSA, Washington Other SMSA Outside SMSA Nonfarm Farm	2,201 20,514 20,678 18,359 2,319	2,114 19,453 19,524 17,325 2,199	88 1,061 1,154 1,034 120	483 5,555 6,238 5,257 981	387 4,500 4,579 3,862 717	96 1,054 1,659 1,395 264	170 2,456 3,108 2,623 486	104 1,378 1,441 1,232 209	66 1,078 1,668 1,391 277
West			-			1			
All areas	23,450	22,081	1,368	6,650	5,284	1,366	2,741	1,629	1,112
SMSA Central city Outside central city	17,467 7,088 10,379	16,426 6,666 9,760	1,041 422 619	4,981 2,198 2,783	3,968 1,752 2,216	1,013 446 566	2,084 1,060 1,024	1,245 652 593	839 408 431
Large SMSA Los Angeles San Francisco Other SMSA Outside SMSA Nonfarm Farm	8,097 5,840 2,257 9,370 5,983 5,553	7,593 5,485 2,108 8,833 5,655 5,242	504 355 149 537 327 312	2,489 1,755 734 2,492 1,669 1,517	1,962 1,381 581 2,006 1,316 1,195	527 374 153 486 353 322	998 672 326 1,086 657 613	581 386 195 664 384 356	417 286 131 422 273 257
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Table 3. Percent distribution of persons with and without limitation of activity due to chronic conditions, according to age, geographic region, and place of residence: United States, 1969-70

[Data are haved on household interviews of the civilian, noninstitutional population. The survey design, general qualifications, and information on the reliability of the estimates are given in appendix I. Definitions of terms are given in appendix II]

	U	nder 45 yea	irs		45-64 year	'S	65 years and over			
Geographic region and place of residence	A11 per- sons	Persons without activity limita- tion	Persons with activity limita- tion	A11 per- sons	Persons without activity limita- tion	Persons with activity limita- tion	All per- sons	Persons without activity limita- tion	Persons with activity limita- tions	
United States				Perce	ent distrib	ution				
All areas	100.0	94.7	5.3	100.0	80.5	19.5	100.0	57.7	42.3	
SMSA Central city Outside central city	100.0 100.0 100.0	94.8 94.4 95.0	5.2 5.6 5.0	100.0 100.0 100.0	82.2 81.4 82.9	17.8 18.6 17.1	100.0 100.0 100.0	60.2 60.7 59.7	39.8 39.3 40.3	
Large SMSA Other SMSA Outside SMSA Nonfarm Farm	100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0	94.7 94.8 94.7 94.7 95.3	5.3 5.2 5.3 5.3 4.7	100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0	82.6 81.9 77.3 77.1 78.5	17.4 18.1 22.7 22.9 21.5	100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0	60.0 60.4 53.7 53.8 53.4	40.0 39.6 46.3 46.2 46.7	
Northeast										
All areas	100.0	95.0	5.0	100.0	83.1	16.9	100.0	60.7	39.3	
SMSA Central city Outside central city	100.0 100.0 100.0	95.0 94.5 95.4	5.0 5.5 4.6	100.0 100.0 100.0	83.4 82.3 84.3	16.6 17.7 15.7	100.0 100.0 100.0	61.1 61.2 61.0	38.9 38.8 39.0	
Large SMSA Boston New York Philadelphia Other SMSA Outside SMSA Nonfarm Farm	100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0	94.9 94.8 95.1 95.2 95.2 95.3 95.3 95.0	5.1 5.1 4.9 5.8 4.9 4.8 4.7 *	100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0	83.2 82.3 84.2 80.4 83.7 81.7 81.4 86.3	16.8 17.7 15.8 19.6 16.3 18.3 18.6 *	100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0	59.1 68.4 57.0 61.1 64.1 59.2 58.1 *	40.9 31.6 43.0 38.9 35.9 40.8 41.9	
North Central	ĺ	}			Í					
All areas	100.0	94.9	5.1	100.0	82.4	17.6	100.0	61.4	38.6	
SMSA Central city Outside central city	100.0 100.0 100.0	94.8 94.4 95.2	5.2 5.6 4.8	100.0 100.0 100.0	83.5 82.3 84.6	16.5 17.7 15.4	100.0 100.0 100.0	62.9 63.8 61.7	37.1 36.2 38.3	
Large SMSA Chicago Detroit Other SMSA Outside SMSA Nonfarm Farm	100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0	95.0 94.1 96.5 94.8 95.0 94.9 95.7	5.0 5.9 3.5 5.2 5.0 5.1 4.3	100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0	85.4 84.0 88.0 82.4 80.6 79.9 83.1	14.5 15.9 12.0 17.6 19.4 20.1 16.9	100.0 100.0 1.0.0 1.0.0 100.0 100.0 100.0	63.8 63.2 64.9 62.4 59.5 59.2 61.4	36.2 36.8 35.1 37.5 40.4 40.8 38.6	
South		.								
All areas	100.0	94.7	5.3	100.0	77.1	22.9	100.0	51.0	49.0	
SMSA Central city Outside central city	100.0 100.0 100.0	94.9 94.6 95.3	5.1 5.4 4.7	100.0 100.0 100.0	81.0 80.5 81.4	19.0 19.5 18.5	100.0 100.0 100.0	56.4 55.8 57.2	43.6 44.2 42.8	
Large SMSA, Washington Other SMSA Outside SMSA Nonfarm Farm	100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0	96.0 94.8 94.4 94.4 94.8	4.0 5.2 5.6 5.6 5.2	100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0	80.1 81.0 73.4 73.5 73.1	19.9 19.0 26.6 26.5 26.9	100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0	61.2 56.1 46.4 47.0 43.0	38.8 43.9 53.7 53.0 57.0	
West					{					
All areas	100.0	94.2	5.8	100.0	79.5	20.5	100.0	59.4	40.6	
SMSA Central city Outside central city	100.0 100.0 100.0	94.0 94.0 94.0	6.0 6.0 6.0	100.0 100.0 100.0	79.7 79.7 79.6	20.3 20.3 20.3	100.0 100.0 100.0	59.7 61.5 57.9	40.3 38.5 42.1	
Large SMSA	100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0	93.8 93.9 93.4 94.3 94.5 94.4 96.5	6.2 6.1 6.6 5.7 5.5 5.6 *	100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0	78.8 78.7 79.2 80.5 78.8 78.8 79.6	21.2 21.3 20.8 19.5 21.2 21.2 20.4	100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0	58.2 57.4 59.8 61.1 58.4 58.1 *	41.8 42.6 40.2 38.9 41.6 41.9 *	

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Table 4. Average annual number of days of restricted activity and days of restricted activity per person per year, by age, geographic region, and place of residence: United States, 1969-70

[Data are based on household interviews of the civilian, noninstitutional population. The survey design, general qualifications, and information on the reliability of the estimates are given in appendix I. Definitions of terms are given in appendix II]

Geographic region and place of residence	All ages	Under 17 years	17-44 years	45-64 years	65 years and over	All ages	Under 17 years	17-44 years	45-64 years	65 years and over
United States	Days of	restricte	d activit	y in thou	isands	Days o	of restr perso	icted a n per y	ctivity ear	per
All areas	2,913,515	643,338	845,811	820,499	603,867	14.7	9.6	11.7	20.0	32.1
SMSA Central city Outside central city	1,886,122 941,132 944,990	439,307 192,909 246,398	571,914 284,035 287,879	519,372 264,110 255,262	355,530 200,079 155,451	14.5 16.0 13.3	10.2 10.5 10.0	11.9 13.1 10.9	19.3 21.0 17.7	30.7 32.4 28.8
Large SMSA Other SMSA Outside SMSA Nonfarm Farm	743,016 1,143,107 1,027,392 921,533 105,860	179,590 259,717 204,031 186,467 17,564	227,144 344,770 273,897 250,827 23,070	205,188 314,184 301,127 262,665 38,462	131,093 224,437 248,337 221,574 26,764	14.8 14.3 14.9 15.2 12.6	11.1 9.6 8.6 8.9 6.2	12.2 11.7 11.5 11.7 9.6	19.0 19.5 21.4 22.1 17.8	29.3 31.7 34.2 35.2 27.5
Northeast										
All areas	702,780	155,613	197,710	191,106	158,351	14.4	10.0	11.3	17.7	31.4
SMSA Central city Outside central city	573,694 280,848 292,846	126,072 54,568 71,505	162,270 82,148 80,123	159,029 74,625 84,404	126,323 69,508 56,815	14.8 16.8 13.4	10.4 11.3 9.8	11.7 13.6 10.3	18.1 19.3 17.2	32.1 34.9 29.2
Large SMSA Boston New York Philadelphia Other SMSA Outside SMSA Nonfarm Farm	363,225 40,637 231,390 91,198 210,469 129,086 124,179 4,907	86,610 9,214 55,397 21,999 39,462 29,540 27,433 2,108	105,424 10,919 65,708 28,797 56,846 35,440 34,709 *	97,501 13,412 61,644 22,445 61,528 32,077 30,519 1,558	73,690 7,092 48,641 17,957 52,633 32,029 31,519 *	15.5 15.7 14.5 18.9 13.8 12.6 12.8 9.5	12.0 11.8 11.3 14.0 8.1 8.4 8.2 11.3	12.4 11.9 11.3 16.4 10.7 9.8 10.0 *	18.5 22.7 17.1 21.1 17.5 16.1 16.3 12.6	31.0 24.4 29.4 42.1 33.8 28.9 29.9 *
North Central									c	
All areas	720,259	166,845	210,091	198,021	145,303	13.0	8.7	10.7	17.5	27.4
SMSA Central city Outside central city	447,464 223,380 224,084	110,586 49,430 61,156	138,162 69,269 68,894	122,609 64,380 58,229	76,107 40,301 35,806	12.7 13.7 11.9	9.0 9.1 8.9	10.8 12.0 9.8	17.2 18.7 15.8	26.0 24.3 28.3
Large SMSA Chicago Detroit Other SMSA Outside SMSA Nonfarm Farm	145,006 101,868 43,139 302,458 272,796 232,516 40,279	37,419 28,407 9,013 73,166 56,259 49,112 7,147	44,064 30,302 13,762 94,098 71,928 61,354 10,574	38,277 26,439 11,838 84,332 75,411 61,164 14,248	25,245 16,719 8,526 50,861 69,197 60,887 8,310	11.9 12.9 10.0 13.2 13.4 13.8 11.7	8.7 10.3 5.9 9.1 8.2 8.6 6.0	9.9 10.7 8.6 11.2 10.5 10.4 11.0	15.0 15.9 13.2 18.4 18.1 18.7 15.7	26.9 26.9 27.0 25.6 29.0 30.5 21.4
South										
All areas	959,122	193,928	270,144	282,026	213,023	15.6	9.3	12.0	23.0	37.2
SMSA Central city Outside central city	461,706 247,936 213,770	106,854 52,148 54,707	142,416 74,307 68,109	124,352 66,029 58,323	88,084 55,453 32,631	14.7 16.1 13.4	10.1 10.4 9.9	11.7 12.7 10.9	20.6 21.7 19.5	33.6 37.9 28.1
Large SMSA, Washington Other SMSA Outside SMSA Nonfarm Farm	47,597 414,110 497,415 443,769 53,646	12,664 94,190 87,074 80,109 6,965	16,448 125,968 127,728 117,348 10,380	12,828 111,523 157,675 138,071 19,604	5,656 82,429 124,939 108,242 16,697	16.7 14.5 16.6 16.9 14.2	12.5 9.9 8.4 8.8 5.6	13.9 11.5 12.3 12.6 9.6	26.6 20.1 25.3 26.3 20.0	33.3 33.6 40.2 41.3 34.4
West					1					
All areas	531,354	126,953	167,866	149,346	87,189	16.2	11.4	13.6	22.5	31.8
SMSA Central city Outside central city	403,258 188,968 214,290	95,795 36,764 59,031	129,065 58,312 70,753	113,382 59,077 54,305	65,016 34,816 30,200	16.4 18.3 15.1	11.8 11.7 11.9	13.8 14.8 13.0	22.8 26.9 19.5	31.2 32.8 29.5
Large SMSA Los Angeles San Francisco Other SMSA Outside SMSA Nonfarm Farm	187,188 138,013 49,175 216,070 128,096 121,068 7,028	42,896 29,411 13,485 52,898 31,158 29,814 1,344	61,208 46,501 14,707 67,857 38,801 37,416 1,385	56,582 41,748 14,834 56,800 35,964 32,911 3,053	26,502 20,353 6,149 38,514 22,173 20,927 1,246	16.2 16.7 14.8 16.7 15.4 15.8 11.2	12.0 11.2 14.0 11.7 10.4 10.7 6.1	13.6 14.5 11.4 13.9 13.0 13.5 6.7	22.7 23.8 20.2 22.8 21.5 21.7 20.1	26.6 30.3 18.9 35.5 33.7 34.1 28.3

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#### Table 5. Average annual number of days of bed disability and days of bed disability per person per year, by age, geographic region, and place of residence: United States, 1969-70

[Data are hased on household interviews of the civilian, noninstitutional population. The survey design, general qualifications, and information on the reliability of the estimates are given in appendix II Definitions of terms are given in appendix II]

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Geographic region and place of residence	All ages	Under 17 years	17-44 years	45-64 years	65 years and over	A11 ages	Under 17 years	17-44 years	45-64 years	65 years and over
United States	Days o	f bed dis	ability i	Days of	bed di F	sabilit per year	y per p	erson		
All areas	1,209,967	303,075	345,879	308,873	252,140	6.1	4.5	4.8	7.5	13.4
SMSA Central city Outside central city	798,541 411,855 386,686	207,791 95,957 111,834	238,304 124,808 113,496	199,042 104,604 94,438	153,404 86,486 66,917	6.2 7.0 5.4	4.8 5.2 4.5	4.9 5.8 4.3	7.4 8.3 6.6	13.3 14.0 12.4
Large SMSA Other SMSA Outside SMSA Nonfarm Farm	312,040 486,501 411,426 373,491 37,935	80,656 127,135 95,284 87,882 7,402	96,553 141,751 107,575 98,296 9,279	79,202 119,840 109,831 99,047 10,783	55,629 97,775 98,736 88,265 10,471	6.2 6.1 6.0 6.2 4.5	5.0 4.7 4.0 4.2 2.6	5.2 4.8 4.5 4.6 3.9	7.3 7.4 7.8 8.3 5.0	12.4 13.8 13.6 14.0 10.8
Northeast										
All areas	283,797	69,125	79,303	69,670	65,698	5.8	4.4	4.5	6.5	13.0
SMSA Central city Outside central city	227,558 116,577 110,981	55,253 25,903 29,350	63,930 35,121 28,809	57,445 28,627 28,818	50,931 26,927 24,004	5.9 7.0 5.1	4.6 5.4 4.0	4.6 5.8 3.7	6.5 7.4 5.9	12.9 13.5 12.3
Large SMSA Boston New York Philadelphia Other SMSA Outside SMSA Nonfarm Farm	144,857 17,896 96,485 30,475 82,701 56,239 54,242 1,997	37,767 4,701 24,163 8,903 17,486 13,872 12,886 *	44,076 5,082 29,949 9,045 19,854 15,374 15,097 *	34,658 4,344 23,379 6,936 22,787 12,225 11,559 *	28,356 3,769 18,995 5,592 22,575 14,767 14,699 *	6.9 6.0 6.3 5.4 5.5 5.6 3.9	5.2 6.0 4.9 5.7 3.6 3.9 3.9 3.9	5.2 5.5 5.1 5.2 3.7 4.2 4.3	6.6 7.3 6.5 6.5 6.5 6.1 6.2	11.9 13.0 11.5 13.1 14.5 13.3 13.9 *
North Central										
All areas	290,774	80,068	84,606	68,866	57,235	5.2	4.2	4.3	6.1	10.8
SMSA Central city Outside central city	198,073 97,788 100,286	56,631 25,879 30,753	58,519 29,757 28,763	47,399 23,474 23,925	35,524 18,678 16,846	5.6 6.0 5.3	4.6 4.8 4.5	4.6 5.1 4.1	6.6 6.8 6.5	12.1 11.3 13.3
Large SMSA Chicago Detroit Other SMSA Outside SMSA Nonfarm Farm	70,602 48,826 21,776 127,471 92,701 81,623 11,077	18,677 13,698 4,980 37,954 23,437 20,716 2,721	19,855 13,135 6,720 38,665 26,087 21,946 4,140	18,456 12,675 5,781 28,943 21,467 18,853 2,614	13,614 9,318 4,296 21,910 21,711 20,108 1,602	5.8 6.2 5.0 5.6 4.6 4.8 3.2	4.4 4.9 3.3 4.7 3.4 3.6 2.3	4.5 4.6 4.2 3.8 3.7 4.3	7.2 7.6 6.5 5.1 5.8 2.9	14.5 15.0 13.6 11.0 9.1 10.1 4.1
South										
All areas	433,979	97,857	120,915	120,172	95,035	7.1	4.7	5.4	9.8	16.6
SMSA Central city Outside central city	216,298 120,860 95,438	54,013 28,256 25,757	67,586 36,445 31,141	54,271 30,703 23,569	40,428 25,457 14,972	6.9 7.8 6.0	5.1 5.6 4.6	5.6 6.2 5.0	9.0 10.1 7.9	15.4 17.4 12.9
Large SMSA, Washington Other SMSA Outside SMSA Nonfarm Farm	20,061 196,237 217,680 195,989 21,691	5,857 48,156 43,844 40,769 3,075	7,420 60,166 53,329 49,037 4,292	4,952 49,320 65,901 59,334 6,566	1,833 38,595 54,607 46,849 7,758	7.0 6.9 7.3 7.5 5.7	5.8 5.0 4.3 4.5 2.5	6.3 5.5 5.1 5.3 4.0	10.3 8.9 10.6 11.3 6.7	10.8 15.7 17.6 17.9 16.0
West		ļ							)	
All areas	201,416	56,025	61,055	50,164	34,172	6.1	5.1	4.9	7.5	12.5
SMSA Central city Outside central city	156,611 76,630 79,981	41,894 15,920 25,974	48,269 23,486 24,784	39,927 21,800 18,127	26,520 15,425 11,096	6.4 7.4 5.6	5.2 5.1 5.3	5.1 6.0 4.6	· 8.0 9.9 6.5	12.7 14.6 10.8
Large SMSA Los Angeles San Francisco Other SMSA Outside SMSA Nonfarm	76,520 56,839 19,681 80,091 44,805 41,636 3 160	18,355 13,148 5,207 23,539 14,131 13,511	25,203 18,716 6,487 23,067 12,786 12,216 *	21,137 14,761 6,376 18,790 10,238 9,300 *	11,826 10,215 1,611 14,695 7,652 6,609 1,042	6.6 6.9 5.9 6.2 5.4 5.4	5.1 5.0 5.4 5.2 4.7 4.9	5.6 5.8 5.0 4.7 4.3 4.4	8.5 8.4 8.7 7.5 6.1 6.1	11.8 15.2 4.9 13.5 11.6 10.8 23.7
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Table 6. Average annual number of days lost from work and days lost from work per currently employed person per year, by age, geographic region, and place of residence: United States, 1969-70 ī.

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[Data are based on household interviews of the civilian, noninstitutional population. The survey design, general qualifications, and information of the reliability of the estimates are given in appendix I. Definitions of terms are given in appendix I]

Geographic region and place of residence	17 years and over	17-44 years	45-64 years	65 years and over	17 years and over	17-44 years	45-64 years	65 years and over
United States	Days lo	st from wo	rk in thou	sands	Days lost rently emp	t from w ployed p	ork per erson p	cur- er year
All areas	407,195	214,783	172,540	19,872	5.3	4.6	6.3	6.0
SMSA Central city Outside central city Large SMSA Other SMSA Outside SMSA	275,106 139,583 135,523 107,665 167,440 132,090	148,292 77,182 71,110 58,094 90,198 66,491 61,978	116,077 55,643 60,434 45,118 70,959 56,463	10,736 6,758 3,979 4,453 6,283 9,135 6,903	5.3 5.9 4.9 5.3 5.3 5.1	4.7 5.5 4.1 4.8 4.7 4.4	6.4 6.6 6.3 6.2 6.5 6.2	5.5 6.4 4.5 6.0 5.2 6.6
Farm	15,187	4,512	8,441	2,233	4.7	3.0	6.0	6.9
Northeast	104 910	52,556	47.277	5.077	5.4	4.6	6.4	5.9
All areas	104,910	10,500	47,277	3,077		4.0	6.7	
Central city	43,981	42,563 23,472 19.091	18,336	2,172	6.3 4.9	6.0	6.9	6.2 4.6
Large SMSA	52,762 8,206 33,619 10,937 33,857 18,291 17,636 *	26,639 2,852 18,059 5,729 15,924 9,993 9,966	23,533 4,903 13,972 4,657 16,897 6,848 6,327	2,590 * 1,588 * 1,037 1,450 1,344 *	5.5 7.4 5.1 5.8 5.5 4.7 4.8 *	4.9 4.6 4.8 5.2 4.5 4.3 4.5 *	6.5 11.5 5.7 6.6 7.0 5.0 4.9 *	6.2 5.3 4.3 7.4 7.8
North Central								
All areas	107,980	58,062	44,480	5,438	5.0	4.5	5.9	5.7
SMSA Central city Outside central city Large SMSA Detroit Other SMSA Other SMSA Outside SMSA	71,728 36,044 35,684 24,848 13,597 11,252 46,880 36,252 30,404	40,549 21,293 19,256 13,900 6,984 6,917 26,649 17,512 15,530	28,701 13,487 15,213 10,165 5,976 4,189 18,535 15,780 12,679	2,478 1,264 1,214 * * 1,695 2,960 2,960	5.2 5.7 4.8 5.2 4.3 6.8 5.3 4.7	4.8 5.6 4.1 4.7 3.6 6.7 4.9 3.9	6.0 5.8 6.1 6.0 5.3 7.3 6.0 5.7	5.4 5.1 5.8 * 5.2 5.9
Farm	5,848	1,983	3,101	*	4.4	3.3	5.1	Ť
South	133 328	71 925	55 024	6.379	5.6	49	7.0	6.1
	66 363	38 383	25 601	2 290	5.0	4.7	6.4	4.8
Central city Outside central city	35,906 30,457	20,190 18,193	13,777 11,914	1,939 *	5.7 4.8	5.1	6.7	6.8
Large SMSA, Washington Other SMSA Outside SMSA Nonfarm Farm	5,161 61,202 66,965 59,493 7,472	3,542 34,840 33,542 31,149 2,394	1,449 24,242 29,333 25,443 3,890	* 2,119 4,090 2,902 1,188	4.4 5.3 6.1 6.2 5.2	4.3 4.7 5.1 5.2 3.6	4.6 6.6 7.6 7.8 6.3	* 4.7 7.2 7.0 7.9
West								
All areas	60,977	32,240	25,759	2,977	4.9	4.2	5.9	6.6
SMSA Central city Outside central city	50,395 23,652 26,743	26,797 12,227 14,571	21,256 10,043 11,213	2,341 1,382 *	5.3 5.8 4.9	4.6 5.0 4.3	6.5 7.0 6.2	7.0 8.3 *
Large SMSA Los Angeles San Francisco Other SMSA Outside SMSA Nonfarm Farm	24,893 17,455 7,439 25,501 10,582 9,370 1,212	14,013 9,601 4,411 12,785 5,443 5,335	9,971 7,120 2,851 11,285 4,503 3,574 *	1,432 * *	5.3 5.4 5.3 3.5 3.3 5.1	4.9 4.7 5.3 4.3 3.0 3.1 *	6.1 6.2 5.8 6.9 4.1 3.6	* * 8.0 *

## Table 7. Average annual incidence of acute conditions and number of acute conditions per 100 persons per year, by age, geographic region, and place of residence: United States, 1969-70

[Data are based or household interviews of the civilian, noninstitutional population. The survey design, general qualifications, and information on the reliability of the estimates are given in appendix I. Definitions of terms are given in appendix II]

Geographic region and place of residence	All ages	Under 17 years	17-44 years	45 years and over	All ages	Under 17 years	17 <b>-</b> 44 years	45 years and over
United States	Inciden	ce of acut thous	e conditio ands	ns in	Number o 100	f acute persons	conditi s per ye	ons per ar
All areas	401,481	193,327	136,531	71,622	202.1	289.5	189.6	119.7
SMSA Central city Outside central city	267,094 117,921 149,174	128,631 52,824 75,807	93,050 42,221 50,829	45,413 22,876 22,538	205.8 200.6 210.2	298.6 287.2 307.2	193.2 195.1 191.6	117.9 122.1 113.9
Large SMSA Other SMSA Outside SMSA Nonfarm Farm	106,776 160,318 134,387 121,022 13,365	52,284 76,347 64,697 58,230 6,467	36,196 56,854 43,481 39,824 3,657	18,296 27,118 26,209 22,967 3,242	213.3 201.1 195.1 200.0 159.6	324.1 283.4 272.8 278.8 228.4	194.1 192.6 182.5 185.9 152.1	119.7 116.7 122.9 126.2 103.3
Northeast								
All areas	95,622	46,311	31,727	17,584	195.5	296.2	182.0	111.1
SMSA Central city Outside central city	76,555 32,490 44,066	36,747 14,191 22,556	25,249 11,653 13,596	14,559 6,645 7,913	198.1 194.2 201.0	303.3 294.5 309.1	182.8 192.8 175.0	114.4 113.3 115.3
Large SMSA Boston New York Philadephia Other SMSA Outside SMSA Nonfarm Farm	48,782 5,576 30,348 12,858 27,773 19,066 18,242 824	24,007 3,063 14,007 6,937 12,740 9,564 9,088 *	15,805 1,659 10,120 4,026 9,445 6,478 6,297 *	8,970 854 6,222 1,895 5,588 3,025 2,857 *	208.6 215.9 189.8 267.0 181.9 186.0 187.4 159.4	331.6 391.7 286.8 441.0 .261.2 271.7 272.7 *	185.9 180.7 173.5 229.8 177.9 178.9 181.4 *	117.4 96.6 118.1 127.1 110.0 97.4 97.6 *
North Central								
All areas	106,809	52,743	35,853	18,213	192.5	274.9	182.1	109.6
SMSA Central city Outside central city	68,588 30,429 38,159	34,485 14,301 20,184	22,764 9,872 12,892	11,339 6,256 5,083	194.9 186.7 202.2	280.4 264.2 293.2	177.4 170.6 182.9	112.7 122.6 102.5
Large SMSA	21,859 15,532 6,327 46,729 38,220 32,553 5,668	11,624 8,213 3,411 22,861 18,258 15,673 2,584	6,692 4,776 1,916 16,072 13,089 11,234 1,855	3,543 2,543 1,000 7,796 6,874 5,645 1,229	178.7 196.7 146.1 203.5 188.3 193.1 164.6	271.2 296.7 224.7 285.3 265.2 275.1 217.7	150.4 167.9 119.5 191.7 190.8 190.5 192.8	101.3 111.2 82.6 118.7 104.9 107.3 94.9
South								
All areas	121,800	57,277	41,604	22,920	198.4	274.3	184.8	127.3
SMSA Central city Outside central city	63,588 30,569 33,019	29,983 14,095 15,888	23,728 11,328 12,400	9,877 5,146 4,731	202.7 198.5 206.7	283.7 280.9 286.2	195.3 192.9 197.6	114.0 114.1 113.9
Large SMSA, Washington	8,589 54,999 58,212 52,321 5,892	4,118 25,865 27,294 24,394 2,900	3,249 20,479 17,875 16,582 1,293	1,222 8,655 13,043 11,344 1,699	300.9 192.8 193.9 199.4 155.7	404.9 270.8 264.7 268.8 234.8	274.2 186.8 172.4 178.6 119.3	187.4 108.1 139.6 144.0 115.9
West		-			Į			
All areas	77,250	36,997	27,347	12,905	235.2	333.5	221.3	137.4
SMSA Central city Outside central city	58,363 24,433 33,930	27,416 10,237 17,179	21,308 9,367 11,941	9,639 4,829 4,810	237.9 236.2 239.2	338.9 325.5 347.4	227.2 237.6 219.7	136.4 148.2 126.3
Large SMSA	27,546 20,256 7,290 30,817 18,887 17,906 981	12,535 9,067 3,468 14,881 9,582 9,075 507	10,451 7,608 2,843 10,858 6,039 5,711 *	4,560 3,581 979 5,079 3,267 3,121 *	237.8 245.0 219.8 238.0 227.3 233.0 156.7	349.4 345.8 359.0 330.5 319.1 326.2 229.4	231.8 236.4 220.2 223.0 202.7 206.1 *	130.8 147.5 92.4 142.0 140.5 146.5 *

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NOTE: Excluded from these statistics are all conditions involving neither restricted activity nor medical attention.

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Table 8. Average annual incidence of acute conditions and number of acute conditions per 100 persons per year, by condition group, geographic region, and place of residence: United States, 1969-70

[Data are based on household interviews of the civilian, noninstitutional population. The survey design, general qualifications, and information on the reliability of the estimates are given in appendix I. Definitions of terms are given in appendix II]

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Geographic region and place of residence	All acute con-	Infective and parasitic	Respir condit	atory ions	Other acute	All acute	Infective and	Respir condi	atory tions	Other
	ditions	diseases	Upper	Other	ditions	ditions	diseases	Upper	Other	
United States	Inciden	ce of acute	condition	ns in the	ousands	Number	of acute co persons p	ondition per year	s per 1	00
All areas	401,481	48,763	128,560	90,031	134,126	202.1	24.5	64.7	45.3	67.5
SMSA Central city Outside central city	267,094 117,921 149,174	34,656 14,620 20,036	88,040 39,745 48,294	56,308 24,487 31,820	8,809 39,068 49,023	205.8 200.6 210.2	26.7 24.9 28.2	67.9 67.6 68.0	43.4 41.7 44.8	67.9 66.5 69.1
Large SMSA Other SMSA Outside SMSA Nonfarm Farm	106,776 160,318 134,387 121,022 13,365	13,815 20,841 14,107 12,959 1,148	36,967 51,073 40,521 36,976 3,545	20,594 35,713 33,723 29,704 4,019	35,400 52,690 46,035 41,382 4,654	213.3 201.1 195.1 200.0 159.6	27.6 26.1 20.5 21.4 13.7	73.9 64.1 58.8 61.1 42.3	41.1 44.8 49.0 49.1 48.0	70.7 66.1 66.8 68.4 55.6
Northeast										
All areas	95,622	15,259	35,121	12,702	32,540	195.5	31.2	71.8	26.0	66.5
SMSA Central city Outside central city	76,555 32,490 44,066	12,208 5,017 7,191	28,708 12,644 16,063	9,428 4,035 5,393	26,212 10,794 15,418	198.1 194.2 201.0	31.6 30.0 32.8	74.3 75.6 73.3	24.4 24.1 24.6	67.8 64.5 70.3
Large SMSA Boston Philadelphia Other SMSA Outside SMSA Nonfarm Farm	48,782 5,576 30,348 12,858 27,773 19,066 18,242 824	8,054 703 4,839 2,512 4,153 3,051 2,803 *	18,208 1,522 12,363 4,323 10,499 6,413 6,208	5,813 1,224 3,283 1,307 3,615 3,274 3,109 *	16,706 2,127 9,864 4,716 9,506 6,328 6,121 *	208.6 215.9 189.8 267.0 181.9 186.0 187.4 159.4	34.4 27.2 30.3 52.2 27.2 29.8 28.8	77.9 58.9 77.3 89.8 68.8 62.6 63.8 *	24.9 47.4 20.5 27.1 23.7 31.9 31.9 *	71.4 82.3 61.7 97.9 62.3 61.7 62.9
North Central										
All areas	106,809	9,215	31,646	31,665	34,283	192.5	16.6	57.0	57.1	61.8
SMSA Central city Outside central city Large SMSA	68,588 30,429 38,159 21,859	6,468 2,552 3,917 2,105	21,258 9,679 11,579 7,530	19,230 8,408 10,822	21,632 9,790 11,842	194.9 186.7 202.0	18.4 15.7 20.7	60.4 59.4 61.3	54.6 51.6 57.3	61.5 60.1 62.7
Chicago Detroit Other SMSA Outside SMSA Nonfarm Farm	15,532 6,327 46,729 38,220 32,553 5,668	1,242 952 4,274 2,747 2,431 *	5,469 2,061 13,728 10,388 9,121 1,267	3,748 1,486 13,996 12,435 10,192 2,243	5,073 1,827 14,731 12,651 10,809 1,842	196.7 146.1 203.5 188.3 193.1 164.6	17.9 15.7 22.0 18.6 13.5 14.4	69.2 47.6 59.8 51.2 54.1 36.8	42.8 47.5 34.3 60.9 61.3 60.5 65.1	56.4 64.2 64.1 62.3 64.1 53.5
South										
All areas	121,800	17,700	36,981	24,927	42,193	198.4	28.8	60.2	40.6	68.7
SMSA Central city Outside central city	63,588 30,569 33,019	10,759 5,065 5,694	19,470 9,261 10,209	11,852 6,132 5,720	21,507 10,111 11,396	202.7 198.5 206.7	34.3 32.9 35.6	62.0 60.1 63.9	37.8 39.8 35.8	68.5 65.7 71.3
Large SMSA, Washington Other SMSA Outside SMSA Nonfarm Farm	8,589 54,999 58,212 52,321 5,892	1,453 9,306 6,940 6,393 547	2,761 16,709 17,511 15,744 1,767	1,841 10,011 13,075 11,727 1,347	2,534 18,973 20,686 18,456 2,230	300.9 192.8 193.9 199.4 155.7	50.9 32.6 23.1 24.4 14.5	96.7 58.6 58.3 60.0 46.7	64.5 35.1 43.5 44.7 35.6	88.8 66.5 68.9 70.3 58.9
West						.				
All areas	77,250	6,590	24,813	20,737	25,111	235.2	20.1	75.6	63.1	76.5
SMSA Central city Outside central city	58,363 24,433 33,930	5,220 1,987 3,234	18,604 8,161 10,443	15,798 5,913 9,886	18,740 8,372 10,367	237.9 236.2 239.2	21.3 19.2 22.8	75.8 78.9 73.6	64.4 57.2 69.7	76.4 80.9 73.1
Large SMSA Los Angeles San Francisco Other SMSA Outside SMSA Nonfarm Farm	27,546 20,256 7,290 30,817 18,887 17,906 981	2,112 1,326 786 3,108 1,369 1,332 *	8,468 6,249 2,218 10,137 6,208 5,903 *	7,706 5,763 1,944 8,092 4,939 4,675	9,260 6,918 2,342 9,480 6,371 5,996 *	237.8 245.0 219.8 238.0 227.3 233.0 156.7	18.2 16.0 23.7 24.0 16.5 17.3 *	73.1 75.6 66.9 78.3 74.7 76.8 *	66.5 69.7 58.6 62.5 59.4 60.8 *	79.9 83.7 70.6 73.2 76.7 78.0 *

NOTE: Excluded from these statistics are all conditions involving neither restricted activity nor medical attention.

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Table 9. Average annual number of persons injured and number of persons injured per 100 persons per year, by age, geographic region, and place of residence: United States, 1969-70

[Data are based on household interviews of the civilian, noninstitutional population. The survey design, general qualifications, and information on the reliability of the estimates are given in appendix I. Definitions of terms are given in appendix II]

Geographic region and place of residence	All ages	Under 17 years	17~44 years	45 years and over	All ages	Under 17 years	17 <b>-</b> 44 years	45 years and over
United States	Number	r of perso thous	n injured ands	l in	Numbe	r of pers persons	on per 1 per year	00
All areas	52,339	21,597	19,132	11,610	26.3	32.3	26.6	19.4
SMSA Central city Outside central city Large SMSA Other SMSA Outside SMSA Nonfarm Farm	33,738 14,538 19,200 13,675 20,063 18,601 16,751 1,849	13,846 5,154 8,692 5,980 7,866 7,752 7,037 715	12,640 5,879 6,761 4,823 7,817 6,492 5,928 5,928 564	7,253 3,505 3,748 2,872 4,381 4,357 3,786 571	26.0 24.7 27.0 27.3 25.2 27.0 27.7 22.1	32.1 28.0 35.2 37.1 29.2 32.7 33.7 25.3	26.2 27.2 25.5 25.9 26.5 27.2 27.7 23.5	18.8 18.7 18.9 18.8 18.9 20.4 20.4 20.8 18.2
Northeast								
All areas	12,078	5,052	4,030	2,996	24.7	32.3	23.1	18.9
SMSA Central city Outside central city Large SMSA New York Philadelphia Other SMSA Outside SMSA Farm	9,934 4,084 5,850 6,471 928 3,752 1,791 3,463 2,144 2,052 *	3,951 1,384 2,567 2,757 * 1,524 774 1,195 1,101 1,057 *	3,366 1,448 1,918 2,145 * 1,228 600 1,221 664 616 *	2,617 1,252 1,365 1,569 * 1,000 * 1,048 * *	25.7 24.4 26.7 27.7 35.9 23.5 37.2 22.7 20.9 21.1 *	32.6 28.7 35.2 38.1 * 31.2 49.2 24.5 31.3 31.7 *	24.4 24.0 24.7 25.2 * 21.0 34.2 23.0 18.3 17.7 *	20.6 21.4 19.9 20.5 * 19.0 * 20.6 * *
North Central								
All areas	13,485 8,355 3,731 4,625 2,659 2,033 626 5,697 5,129 4,401 4,401	5,500 3,601 1,354 2,247 1,274 986 2,327 1,899 1,641 *	5,104 3,163 1,591 1,571 1,034 785 * 2,128 1,941 1,751 *	2,880 1,591 786 806 * 1,242 1,289 1,009 *	24.3 23.7 22.9 24.5 21.7 25.7 14.5 24.8 25.3 26.1 21.1	28.7 29.3 25.0 32.6 29.7 35.6 29.0 27.6 28.8 *	25.9 24.6 27.5 22.3 23.2 27.6 * 25.4 28.3 29.7	17.3 15.8 15.4 16.3 * * 18.9 19.7 19.2 *
South								
All areas	15,993	6,507	6,022	3,464	26.0	31.2	26.7	19.2
SMSA Central city	7,845 3,569 4,276 7,083 8,148 7,337 812	3,267 1,384 1,882 * 2,849 3,241 2,934 *	3,065 1,513 1,552 * 2,836 2,956 2,725 *	1,513 672 841 * 1,397 1,951 1,677 *	25.0 23.2 26.8 26.7 24.8 27.1 28.0 21.5	30.9 27.6 33.9 * 29.8 31.4 32.3 *	25.2 25.8 24.7 * 25.9 28.5 29.4 *	17.5 14.9 20.3 * 17.4 20.9 21.3 *
West								
All areas	10,783	4,538	3,976	2,269	32.8	40.9	32.2	24.2
SMSA	7,604 3,154 4,450 3,783 2,953 830 3,821 3,179 2,961 *	3,207 1,032 1,994 1,532 1,243 * 1,495 1,511 1,405 *	3,045 1,326 1,719 1,414 1,118 * 1,632 931 836 *	1,532 796 737 838 593 * 694 737 720 *	31.0 30.5 31.4 32.7 35.7 25.0 29.5 38.3 38.5 *	37.4 32.8 40.3 42.7 47.4 33.2 50.3 50.5 *	32.5 33.6 31.6 31.4 34.7 * 33.5 31.3 30.2 *	21.7 24.4 19.4 24.0 24.4 * 19.4 31.7 33.8 *

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NOTE: Excluded from these statistics are all conditions involving neither restricted activity nor medical attention.

Table 10. Average annual number of persons injured and number of persons injured per 100 persons per year, by class of accident, geographic region, and place of residence: United States, 1969-70

[Data are based on household interviews of the civilian, noninstitutional population. The survey design, general qualifications, and information on the reliability of the estimates are given in appendix I. Definitions of terms are given in appendix II]

	A11	Clas	s of accid	ent	A11	Class	s of accide	ent
Geographic region and place of residence	persons injured <sup>1</sup>	While at work	Home	Other	persons injured <sup>1</sup>	While at work	Home	Other
United States	Number of	persons in	jured in t	housands	Number o	f persons : persons pe	injured pen er year	r 100
All areas	52,339	7,996	20,662	25,418	26.3	4.0	10.4	12.8
SMSA Central city Outside central city	33,738 14,538 19,200	4,847 2,186 2,661	13,227 5,595 7,632	16,587 7,081 9,507	26.0 24.7 27.0	3.7 3.7 3.7 3.7	10.2 9.5 10.8	12.8 12.0 13.4
Large SMSA Other SMSA Outside SMSA Nonfarm Farm	13,675 20,063 18,601 16,751 1,849	1,502 3,345 3,149 2,812 *	5,561 7,666 7,435 6,752 683	9,692 9,696 8,830 7,928 902	27.3 25.2 27.0 27.7 22.1	4.2 4.6 4.6 *	9.6 10.8 11.2 8.2	13.8 12.2 12.8 13.1 10.8
Northeast				1				
All areas	12,078	1,817	4,836	5,839	24.7	3.7	9.9	11.9
SMSA Central city Outside central city	9,934 4,084 5,850	1,376 726 650	3,978 1,620 2,358	4,922 1,875 3,046	25.7 24.4 26.7	3.6 4.3 3.0	10.3 9.7 10.8	12.7 11.2 13.9
Large SMSA Boston New York Philadelphia Other SMSA Outside SMSA Nonfarm Farm	6,471 928 3,752 1,791 3,463 2,144 2,052 *	665 * 711 * *	2,733 * 1,614 845 1,245 858 835 *	3,206 616 1,802 789 1,715 917 896 *	27.7 35.9 23.5 37.2 22.7 20.9 21.1 *	2.8 * 4.7 * *	11.7 * 10.1 17.5 8.2 8.4 8.6 *	13.7 23.8 11.3 16.4 11.2 8.9 9.2
North Central								
All areas	13,485	2,144	5,215	6,496	24.3	3.9	9.4	11.7
SMSA Central city Outside central city	8,355 3,731 4,625	1,283 636 647	3,175 1,289 1,886	4,121 1,866 2,255	23.7 22.9 24.5	3.6 3.9 3.4	9.0 7.9 10.0	11.7 11.4 11.9
Large SMSA Chicago Detroit Other SMSA Outside SMSA Nonfarm Farm	2,659 2,033 626 5,697 5,129 4,401 728	* 939 861 664 *	1,079 853 2,096 2,040 1,823 *	1,309 1,017 * 2,812 2,375 2,025 *	21.7 25.7 14.5 24.8 25.3 26.1 21.1	* * 4.1 4.2 3.9 *	8.8 10.8 9.1 10.1 10.8 *	10.7 12.9 12.2 11.7 12.0 *
South								
All areas	15,993	2,612	6,314	7,696	26.0	4.3	10.3	12.5
SMSA Central city Outside central city	7,845 3,569 4,276	1,322 572 750	2,856 1,345 1,511	3,905 1,733 2,172	25.0 23.2 26.8	4.2 3.7 4.7	9.1 8.7 9.5	12.4 11.3 13.6
Large SMSA, Washington Other SMSA Outside SMSA Nonfarm Farm	762 7,083 8,148 7,337 812	1,213 1,289 1,233 *	2,528 3,459 3,050 *	* 3,544 3,791 3,408 *	26.7 24.8 27.1 28.0 21.5	4.3 4.3 4.7 *	8.9 11.5 11.6 *	12.4 12.6 13.0 *
West								
All areas	10,783	1,424	4,297	5,387	32.8	4.3	13.1	16.4
SMSA Central city Outside central city Large SMSA	7,604 3,154 4,450 3,783	866 * 614 *	3,218 1,341 1,877	3,639 1,606 2,033 2,015	31.0 30.5 31.4 32.7	3.5 * 4.3 *	13.1 13.0 13.2 12.3	14.8 15.5 14.3
Los Angeles San Francisco Other SMSA Outside SMSA Nonfarm Farm	2,953 830 3,821 3,179 2,961 *	* * 557 522 *	1,421 1,147 1,797 1,079 1,045 *	1,546 * 1,624 1,748 1,599 *	35.7 25.0 29.5 38.3 38.5 *	6.7 6.8	13.9 8.3 13.9 13.0 13.6 *	18.7 14.1 12.5 21.0 20.8

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<sup>1</sup>Excluded from these statistics are all conditions involving neither restricted activity nor medical attention.

Table 11. Average annual number of discharges from short-stay hospitals and number of discharges per 1,000 persons per year, by age, geographic region, and place of residence: United States, 1969-70

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[Data are based on household interviews of the civilian, noninstitutional population. The survey design, general qualifications, and information on the reliability of the estimates are given in appendix I. Definitions of terms are given in appendix II]

Geographic region and place of residence	All ages	Under 17 years	17 <del>-</del> 44 years	45-64 years	65 years and over	All ages	Under 17 years	17-44 years	45-64 years	65 years and over
United States	Num	ber of di	scharges	in thous	ands	Number o	of discha P	rges per er year	1,000 p	ersons
All areas	26,019	4,466	11,034	6,052	4,467	131.0	66.9	153.3	147.5	237.3
SMSA Central city Outside central city Large SMSA Other SMSA Outside SMSA	16,310 7,751 8,559 5,906 10,404 9,709	2,908 1,305 1,603 1,099 1,809 1,558	7,111 3,342 3,769 2,529 4,582 3,923	3,818 1,787 2,031 1,388 2,429 2,234	2,474 1,317 1,156 890 1,584 1,994	125.7 131.9 120.6 118.0 130.5 141.0	67.5 71.0 65.0 68.1 67.1 65.7	147.6 154.4 142.1 135.6 155.2 164.6	141.7 142.2 141.2 128.5 150.4 158.7	213.9 213.3 214.3 198.7 223.4 274.7
NoniarmFarm	8,799 910	1,429 129	3,620 303	1,981 254	1,770 224	145.4 108.7	68.4 45.6	169.0 126.0	166.3	281.6
Northeast										
All areas-	6,052	1,087	2,483	1,443	1,038	123.8	69.5	142.4	133.8	205.8
SMSA Central city Outside central city	4,561 2,102 2,458	819 348 470	1,834 873 961	1,154 501 652	754 380 374	118.0 125.7 112.1	67.6 72.2 64.4	132.8 144.4 123.7	131.3 129.3 132.6	191.7 191.1 192.4
Large SMSA Boston New York	2,580 324 1,631 626 1,980 1,491 1,415 76	497 69 301 127 321 268 255 *	1,050 125 670 256 784 650 618 32	625 77 394 154 529 289 274 *	408 53 266 89 347 284 269 *	110.3 125.4 102.0 130.0 129.7 145.5 145.4 147.0	68.7 88.2 61.6 80.7 65.8 76.1 76.5	123.5 136.2 114.8 146.1 147.7 179.5 178.0 213.3	118.6 130.1 109.1 144.7 150.2 144.7 146.3 *	171.8 182.1 160.5 208.4 222.6 256.1 255.2 *
North Central										
All areas	7,457	1,374	3,111	1,751	1,221	134.4	71.6	158.0	154.8	229.9
SMSA Central city Outside central city	4,542 2,237 2,305	869 407 462	1,986 940 1,047	1,076 531 545	611 359 251	129.1 137.2 122.0	70.7 75.2 67.1	154.8 162.5 148.6	150.7 154.1 147.6	208.9 216.4 198.3
Large SMSA Chicago Detroit Other SMSA Outside SMSA Nonfarm Farm	1,487 942 544 3,055 2,915 2,559 356	306 186 120 563 505 438 67	651 424 227 1,335 1,125 1,011 114	328 203 126 748 675 580 95	202 130 72 409 611 530 81	121.6 119.3 125.6 133.0 143.6 151.8 103.4	71.4 67.2 79.1 70.3 73.3 76.9 56.4	146.4 149.0 141.6 159.2 164.0 171.4 118.5	128.1 121.9 140.8 163.4 161.9 177.7 104.7	215.4 209.0 227.8 205.7 256.2 265.5 208.2
South										
All areas	8,244	1,302	3,529	1,913	1,499	134.3	62.4	156.7	155.8	261.4
SMSA Central city Outside central city	3,975 2,028 1,947	694 333 361	1,814 923 891	862 453 409	604 319 285	126.7 131.7 121.9	65.7 66.4 65.0	149.3 157.2 142.0	142.8 148.7 136.7	230.1 217.7 245.7
Large SMSA, Washington Other SMSA Outside SMSA Nonfarm Farm	313 3,662 4,269 3,836 433	71 624 608 564 44	153 1,661 1,715 1,579 136	63 799 1,051 925 125	* 578 895 768 127	109.7 128.4 142.2 146.2 114.4	69.8 65.3 59.0 62.1 35.6	129.1 151.5 165.4 170.1 125.5	130.4 143.8 168.5 176.0 127.4	* 235.3 288.0 292.8 261.3
West						-	}			
All areas	4,267	703	1,909	945	709	129.9	63.4	154.5	142.1	258.7
SMSA Central city Outside central city	3,233 1,384 1,849	526 217 309	1,477 606 870	726 302 424	504 259 245	131.8 133.8 130.3	65.0 69.0 62.5	157.5 153.7 160.1	145.8 137.4 152.4	241.8 244.3 239.3
Large SMSA Los Angeles San Francisco	1,526 1,110 416 1,707 1,034 989 44	226 162 63 301 177 172 *	674 518 157 802 433 413 *	372 249 122 354 219 201 *	254 181 73 250 205 203 *	131.7 134.3 125.4 131.8 124.4 128.7 70.3	63.0 61.8 65.2 66.9 58.9 61.8 *	149.5 161.0 121.6 164.7 145.4 149.0 *	149.5 141.9 166.2 142.1 131.2 132.5 *	254.5 269.3 223.9 230.2 312.0 331.2 *

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Table 12. Average annual number of discharges from short-stay hospitals (including and excluding deliveries) and number of discharges per 1,000 persons per year, by sex, geographic region, and place of residence: United States, 1969-70

[Data are based on household interviews of the civilian, noninstitutional population. The survey design, general qualifications, and information on the reliability of the estimates are given in appendix I. Definitions of terms are given in appendix II]

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			Fem	ale			Fem	ale	
Geographic region and place of residence	Both sexes	Male	Including de- liveries	Excluding deliveries	Both sexes	Male	Including de- liveries	Excluding deliveries	
United States	Number	c of disc	harges in t	housands	Number of discharges per 1,000 persons per year				
All areas	26,019	10,280	15,739	12,370	131.0	107.5	152.8	120.1	
Central city	16,310	6,351	9,959	7,722	125.7	102.1		114.3	
Outside central city	8,559	3,297	5,262	4,116	120.6	95.8	143.8	112.5	
Large SMSA	5,906	2,355	3,551	2,688	118.0	98.4	135.9	102.9	
Other SMSA	10,404	3,996	6,408	5,034	130.5	104.5	154.6	121.5	
Nonfarm	8,799	3,517	5,282	4,047	141.0	120.6	168.5	135.3	
Farm	910	412	498	406	108.7	96.1	121.9	99.4	
Northeast									
All areas	6,052	2,431	3,621	2,725	123.8	103.9	142.0	106.9	
SMSA	1. 561	1 01/	0 71.6	3 076	110 0	00.0	125.0	102.5	
Central city	2,102	803	2,746	2,076	125.7	101.8	147.0	102.8	
Outside central city	2,458	1,011	1,447	] 1,111	112.1	95.7	127.3	97.8	
Large SMSA	2,580	1,012	1,568	1,170	110.3	90.8	128.1	95.6	
BOSTON	1 631	619	1,012	742	102.0	81.4	120.8	88.5	
Philadelphia	626	266	360	270	130.0	115.7	143.1	107.3	
Outside SMSA	1,980	802	1,178	906	129.7	109.7			
Nonfarm	1,415	568	847	631	145.4	121.4	167.6	124.9	
Farm	76	48	*	*	147.0	177.8	*	) *	
North Central				i i					
All areas	7,457	2,979	4,478	3,503	134.4	111.0	156.3	122.3	
SMSA	4,542	1.838	2.704	2.085	129.1	1.08.2	148.5	114.5	
Central city	2,237	923	1,313	1,014	137.2	120.1	152.4	117.7	
Outside central city	2,305	915	1,390	1,071	122.0	98.3	145.0	111.7	
Chicago	1,487	648	839 523	621	121.6 119.3	109.8	132.5	98.1	
Detroit	544	229	316	247	125.6	109.2	141.4	110.5	
Other SMSA	3,055	1,190	1,865	1,463	133.0			123.2	
Nonfarm	2,559	1,141	1,573	1,253	151.8	121.9	179.3	142.8	
Farm	356	156	201	165	103.4	87.7	120.6	99.0	
South								]	
All areas	8,244	3,247	4,996	4,092	134.3	109.8	156.9	128.5	
SMSA	3,975	1,466	2,509	1,999	126.7	98.0	152.8	121.7	
Central city	2,028	791	1,238	982	131.7	108.5	152.7	121.1	
Outside central city	1,947	675	1,2/2	1,017	121.9	88.1	153.0	122.3	
Large SMSA, Washington	313	103	210	165	109.7		130.0	123.2	
Outside SMSA	4,269	1,781	2,487	2,094	142.2	121.9	161.3	135.9	
NonfarmFarm	3,836	1,593	2,243	1,889	146.2		165.6	139.5	
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All, areas	4,267	1,623	2,644	2,049	129.9	102.6	155.4	120.4	
SMSA	3,233	1,233	2.000	1.563	131.8	104.6	156.9	122.6	
Central city	1,384	537	847	645	133.8	109.3	1.56.0	118.8	
James CHCM	1,049	090	1,123	918	127 7	101.3	15/.6	125.5	
Los Angeles	1,526	592 437	934	/31	134.3	108.8	158.4	1118.8	
San Francisco	416	154	261	226	125.4	99.3	147.8	128.0	
Outside SMSA	1,707	641	1,066	831	131.8	103.1	158.4	123.5	
Nonfarm	989	371	618	468	128.7	1 99.9	155.6	117.9	
Farm	44	*	*	*	70.3	*	*	*	
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Table 13. Average annual number of discharges from short-stay hospitals and number of discharges per 1,000 persons per year, by whether or not surgically treated, geographic region, and place of residence: United States, 1969-70

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[Data are based on household interviews of the civilian, noninstitutional population. The survey design, general qualifications, and information on the reliability of the estimates are given in appendix I. Definitions of terms are given in appendix II]

Geographic region and place of residence	All discharges	Surgically treated	Not surgically treated	Total	Surgically treated	Not surgically treated
United States	Number of d	lischarges in	thousands	Number o	of discharges persons per y	per 1,000 ear
All areas	26,019	13,919	12,100	131.0	70.1	60.9
SMSA Central city Outside central city	16,310 7,751 8,559	9,362 4,346 5,017	6,948 3,405 3,542	125.7 131.9 120.6	72.2 73.9 •70.7	53.5 57.9 49.9
Large SMSA Other SMSA Outside SMSA Nonfarm Farm	5,906 10,404 9,709 8,799 910	3,461 5,901 4,557 4,132 425	2,445 4,503 5,152 4,667 485	118.0 130.5 141.0 145.4 108.7	69.1 74.0 66.2 68.3 50.8	48.8 56.5 74.8 77.1 57.9
Northeast						
All areas	6,052	3,519	2,533	123.8	72.0	51.8
SMSA Central city Outside central city	4,561 2,102 2,458	2,696 1,231 1,465	1,865 871 993	118.0 125.7 112.1	69.8 73.6 66.8	48.3 52.1 45.3
Large SMSA Boston New York Philadelphia Other SMSA Outside SMSA Nonfarm Farm	2,580 324 1,631 626 1,980 1,491 1,415 76	1,551 166 987 398 1,145 823 787 36	1,029 157 644 228 835 668 628 40	$110.3 \\ 125.4 \\ 102.0 \\ 130.0 \\ 129.7 \\ 145.5 \\ 145.4 \\ 147.0 \\ 147.0 \\ 110.3 \\ 100.$	66.3 64.3 61.7 82.6 75.0 80.3 80.9 69.6	44.0 60.8 40.3 54.7 65.2 64.5 77.4
North Central						
All areas	7,457	3,943	3,514	134.4	71.1	63.3
SMSA Central city	4,542 2,237 2,305	2,549 1,191 1,358	1,992 1,046 947	129.1 137.2 122.0	72.4 73.1 71.9	56.6 64.2 50.1
Large SMSA Chicago Detroit Other SMSA Outside SMSA Nonfarm Farm	1,487 942 544 3,055 2,915 2,559 356	857 539 318 1,692 1,394 1,212 182	629 403 226 1,363 1,521 1,347 1,347	121.6 119.3 125.6 133.0 143.6 151.8 103.4	70.1 68.2 73.4 73.7 68.7 71.9 52.8	51.4 51.0 52.2 59.4 74.9 79.9 50.5
South						
All areas	8,244	4,061	4,183	134.3	66.1	68.1
SMSA Central city Outside central city Large SMSA, Washington	3,975 2,028 1,947 313	2,246 1,094 1,152 - 203	1,729 934 794 109	126.7 131.7 121.9 109.7	71.6 71.0 72.1 71.1	55.1 60.6 49.7 38.2
Other SMSA Outside SMSA Nonfarm	3,662 4,269 3,836 433	2,043 1,815 1,633 182	1,619 2,454 2,203 251	128.4 142.2 146.2 114.4	71.6 60.5 62.2 48.1	56.8 81.7 84.0 66.3
West						
All areas	4,267	2,397	1,870	129.9	73.0	56.9
SMSA Central city Outside central city	3,233 1,384 1,849	1,871 831 1,041	1,362 554 808	131.8 133.8 130.3	76.3 80.3 73.4	55.5 53.6 57.0
Large SMSA Los Angeles San Francisco Other SMSA Outside SMSA Nonfarm	1,526 1,110 416 1,707 1,034 989 44	849 634 215 1,022 525 500 *	676 476 201 685 508 489 *	131.7 134.3 125.4 131.8 124.4 128.7 70.3	73.3 76.7 64.8 78.9 63.2 65.1 *	58.4 57.6 60.6 52.9 61.1 63.6 *

#### Table 14. Number of physician visits and number of physician visits per person per year, by age, geographic region, and place of residence: United States, 1969-70

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[Data are based on household interviews of the civilian, noninstitutional population. The survey design, general qualifications, and information on the reliability of the estimates are given in appendix I. Definitions of terms are given in appendix II]

Geographic region and place of residence	All ages	Under 17 years	17-44 years	45-64 years	65 years and over	All ages	Under 17 years	17-44 years	45-64 years	65 years and over
United States	Number	of physi	cian visi	ts in tho	usands	Numbe	r of ph perso	nysician on per y	visits ear	per
All areas	883,276	248,707	314,891	202,928	116,750	4.4	3.7	4.4	4.9	6.2
SMSA Central city Outside central city Large SMSA Other SMSA Outside SMSA Nonfarm	598,474 277,021 321,453 246,174 352,300 284,802 257,854	170,532 70,328 100,205 68,672 101,860 78,174 70,644	217,091 99,842 117,248 86,395 130,695 97,800 91,024	137,796 68,081 69,715 60,271 77,525 65,133 57,317	73,055 38,769 34,286 30,836 42,219 43,695 38,870	4.6 4.5 4.9 4.1 4.3	4.0 3.8 4.1 4.3 3.8 3.3 3.4	4.5 4.6 4.4 4.6 4.4 4.1 4.2	5.1 5.4 5.6 4.8 4.6 4.6	6.3 6.4 6.9 6.0 6.0 6.0
Farm	26,948	7,530	6,//6	/,810	4,825	3.2	2.7	2.8	3.0	2.0
All areas	226,817	63,578	75,983	53,804	33,451	4.6	4.1	4.4	5.0	6.6
SMSA Central city Outside central city Boston New York Philadelphia Other SMSA	183,708 82,737 100,972 116,950 12,605 73,505 30,841 66,758 43,109 41,682 1,427	50,977 19,288 31,689 32,203 3,412 20,283 8,508 18,774 12,601 11,952 *	60,287 28,113 32,174 38,118 4,370 24,404 9,344 22,169 15,697 15,374 *	46,054 21,675 24,379 29,406 3,145 17,978 8,283 16,648 7,750 7,481 *	26,390 13,662 12,729 17,224 1,679 10,839 4,706 9,166 7,061 6,874 *	4.8 4.9 4.6 5.0 4.6 4.9 4.6 6.4 4.4 4.2 4.3 2.8	4.2 4.0 4.3 4.4 4.4 4.2 5.48 3.6 3.6 3.6	4.4 4.7 4.1 4.5 4.8 4.2 5.32 4.3 4.4 4.4	5.2 5.6 5.0 5.6 5.3 5.0 7.8 7.7 3.9 4.0	6.7 6.9 6.5 7.3 5.8 6.5 11.0 5.9 6.5 *
North Central										
All areas	230,626	65,523	82,805	53,869	28,430	4.2	3.4	4.2	4.8	5.4
SMSA Central city Outside central city	152,015 71,102 80,912	44,511 18,719 25,793	55,396 25,394 30,001	35,559 17,896 17,663	16,549 9,093 7,456	4.3 4.4 4.3	3.6 3.5 3.7	4.3	5.0 5.2 4.8	5.7 5.5 5.9
Large SMSA Chicago Detroit Other SMSA Outside SMSA Nonfarm Farm	36,766 17,703 97,545 78,611 67,780 10,832	17,014 12,493 4,521 27,498 21,011 17,983 3,028	12,964 6,383 36,049 27,409 24,445 2,964	7,773 4,763 23,023 18,310 14,964 3,345	3,537 2,035 10,976 11,881 10,387 1,494	4.7 4.1 4.2 3.9 4.0 3.1	4.0 4.5 3.0 3.4 3.1 3.2 2.6	4.3 4.6 4.0 4.3 4.0 4.1 3.1	4.9 4.7 5.3 5.0 4.4 4.6 3.7	5.7 6.4 5.5 5.0 5.2 3.8
South								ļ		
All areas	267,987	76,030	95,461	59,936	36,560	4.4	3.6	4.2	4.9	6.4
SMSA Central city Outside central city	140,993 68,327 72,666	43,447 20,113 23,334	53,584 25,093 28,491	27,785 14,521 13,264	16,177 8,600 7,577	4.5 4.4 4.5	4.1 4.0 4.2	4.4 4.3 4.5	4.6 4.8 4.4	6.2 5.9 6.5
Large SMSA, Washington Other SMSA Outside SMSA Nonfarm Farm	14,771 126,222 126,994 114,118 12,876	5,228 38,219 32,583 29,349 3,234	6,242 47,342 41,877 39,026 2,851	2,470 25,315 32,151 28,209 3,943	832 15,346 20,382 17,535 2,848	5.2 4.4 4.2 4.3 3.4	5.1 4.0 3.2 3.2 2.6	5.3 4.3 4.0 4.2 2.6	5.1 4.6 5.2 5.4 4.0	4.9 6.2 6.6 6.7 5.9
West				ł	ł					
All ireas	157,846	43,576	60,641	35,319	18,309	4.8	3.9	4.9	5.3	6.7
SMSA Central city Outside central city	121,759 54,855 66,903	31,597 12,209 19,388	47,824 21,242 26,582	28,398 13,990 14,408	13,939 7,415 6,524	5.0 5.3 4.7	3.9 3.9 3.9	5.1 5.4 4.9	5.7 6.4 5.2	6.7 7.0 6.4
Large SMSA Los Augeles San Francisco Other SMSA Outside SMSA Nonfarm Farm	59,983 43,086 16,898 61,775 36,087 34,274 1,813	14,228 9,860 4,368 17,370 11,978 11,359 *	22,689 16,034 6,655 25,135 12,817 12,179 *	15,859 12,005 3,854 12,539 6,921 6,663 *	7,208 5,187 2,021 6,731 4,370 4,073 *	5.2 5.2 5.1 4.8 4.3 4.5 2.9	4.0 3.8 4.5 3.9 4.0 4.1	5.0 5.2 5.2 4.3 4.4 *	6.4 6.8 5.3 5.0 4.1 4.4	7.2 7.7 6.2 6.2 6.7 6.6

Table 15. Number and percent distribution of physician visits by place of visit, according to geographic region and place of residence: United States, 1969-70

[Data are based on household interviews of the civilian, noninstitutional population. The survey design, general qualifications, and information on the reliability of the estimates are given in appendix I. Definitions of terms are given in appendix II]

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Geographic region and place of residence	Total	Office	Hospital clinic or emergency room	Telephone contact	Other <sup>1</sup>	Total	Office	Hospital clinic or emergency room	Telephone contact	Other <sup>1</sup>	
United States	Numbe	r of phys	ician visit	s in thousa	nds	Percent distribution					
All areas	883,276	615,720	92,599	106,538	68,419	100.0	69.7	10,5	12.1	7.7	
SMSA Central city Outside central city	598,474 277,021 321,453	403,097 181,020 222,078	67,875 38,530 29,345	79,818 32,637 47,181	47,684 24,834 22,849	100.0 100.0 100.0	67.4 65.3 69.1	11.3 13.9 9.1	13.3 11.8 14.7	8.0 9.0 7.1	
Large SMSA Other SMSA Outside SMSA Nonfarm Farm	246,174 352,300 284,802 257,854 26,948	163,303 239,794 212,623 190,313 22,310	28,247 39,628 24,724 23,120 1,604	31,481 48,337 26,720 25,030 1,690	23,143 24,541 20,735 19,391 1,344	$100.0 \\ 100.0 \\ 100.0 \\ 100.0 \\ 100.0 \\ 100.0$	66.3 68.1 74.7 73.8 82.8	11.5 11.2 8.7 9.0 6.0	12.8 13.7 9.4 9.7 6.3	9.4 7.0 7.3 7.5 5.0	
Northeast								10.0			
All areas	226,817	150,626	23,229	31,831	21,131	100.0	66.4	10.2	14.0	9.3	
SMSA Central city Outside central city	183,708 82,737 100,972	120,438 50,855 69,583	20,165 12,531 7,634	25,764 9,423 16,341	17,341 9,927 7,414	100.0 100.0 100.0	65.6 61.5 68.9	11.0 15.1 7.6	14.0 11.4 16.2	9.4 12.0 7.3	
Large SMSA Boston New York Philadelphia Other SMSA Outside SMSA Nonfarm Farm	116,950 12,605 73,505 30,841 66,758 43,109 41,882 1,427	75,920 6,837 49,215 19,868 44,518 30,188 29,121 1,167	13,189 2,042 7,632 3,515 6,976 3,164 3,024 *	14,783 2,042 8,120 4,720 10,981 6,167 5,906 *	13,052 1,684 8,636 2,738 4,283 3,790 3,731 *	$ \begin{array}{c} 100.0\\ 100.0\\ 100.0\\ 100.0\\ 100.0\\ 100.0\\ 100.0\\ 100.0\\ 100.0\\ 100.0\\ \end{array} $	64.9 54.2 67.0 64.4 66.7 70.0 69.6 81.8	11.3 16.2 10.4 11.4 10.4 7.1 7.3 *	12.6 16.2 10.9 15.3 16.4 14.1 14.2 *	11.2 13.4 11.7 8.9 6.4 8.8 9.0	
North Central		ļ									
All areas	230,626	168,560	20,625	28,568	12,872	100.0	73.1	8.9	12.4	5.6	
SMSA Central city Outside central city	152,015 71,102 80,912	104,900 48,251 56,649	16,538 8,744 7,793	20,992 8,883 12,109	9,585 5,224 4,362	100.0 100.0 100.0	69.0 67.9 70.0	10.9 12.3 9.6	13.8 12.5 15.0	6.3 7.3 5.4	
Large SMSA Chicago Detroit Other SMSA Nonfarm Farm	54,469 36,766 17,703 97,545 78,611 67,780 10,832	37,391 23,156 14,235 67,508 63,660 54,221 9,439	6,689 4,269 2,420 9,849 4,088 3,573 *	6,511 6,039 * 14,491 7,576 6,908 *	3,888 3,302 * 5,697 3,287 3,077 *	100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0	68.6 63.0 80.4 69.2 81.0 80.0 87.1	12.3 11.6 13.7 10.1 5.2 5.3 *	11.9 16.4 14.9 9.6 10.2	7.1 9.0 5.8 4.2 4.5 *	
South											
All areas	267,987	187,535	30,153	27,965	22,334	100.0	70.0	11.3	10.4	8.3	
SMSA Central city Outside central city	140,993 68,327 72,666	94,602 45,113 49,489	16,572 9,999 6,574	18,453 7,834 10,618	11,366 5,381 5,985	100.0 100.0 100.0	67.1 66.0 68.1	11.8 14.6 9.0	13.1 11.5 14.6	8.1 7.9 8.2	
Large SMSA, Washington Other SMSA Outside SMSA Nonfarm Farm	14,771 126,222 126,994 114,118 12,876	8,654 85,948 92,933 82,608 10,324	1,050 15,522 13,580 12,772 808	3,083 15,370 9,512 8,739 774	1,985 9,381 10,969 9,999 970	100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0	58.6 68.1 73.2 72.4 80.2	7.1 12.3 10.7 11.2 6.3	20.9 12.2 7.5 7.7 6.0	13.4 7.4 8.6 8.8 7.5	
West											
All areas	157,846	108,999	18,592	18,174	12,080	100.0	69.1	11.8	11.5		
SMSA Central city Outside central city	121,759 54,855 66,903	83,157 36,801 46,357	14,600 7,256 7,344	14,610 6,496 8,114	9,392 4,303 5,089	100.0 100.0 100.0	68.3 67.1 69.3	12.0 13.2 11.0	12.0 11.8 12.1	7.7	
Large SMSA Los Angeles San Francisco Other SMSA Outside SMSA Nonfarm Farm	59,983 43,086 16,898 61,775 36,087 34,274 1,813	41,339 31,014 10,324 41,819 25,842 24,462 1,380	7,319 4,037 3,282 7,281 3,992 3,751	7,114 4,860 2,254 7,496 3,565 3,477 *	4,212 3,175 1,037 5,180 2,689 2,584 *	100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0	68.9 72.0 61.1 67.7 71.6 71.4 76.1	12.2 9.4 19.4 11.8 11.1 10.9 *	11.9 11.3 13.3 12.1 9.9 10.1	7.0 7.4 6.1 8.4 7.5 7.5	

'Includes home, company or industry health unit, other, and unknown.

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## Table 16. Number and percent of the population with one or more physician visits within a year, by age, geographic region, and place of residence: United States, 1969-70

[Data are based on household interviews of the civilian, noninstitutional population. The survey design, general qualifications, and information of the reliability of the estimates are given in appendix II]

Geographic region and place of residence	A11 ages	Under 17 years	17-44 years	45-64 years	65 years and over	All ages	Under 17 years	17-44 years	45-64 years	65 years and over
United States	Number	of perso within a	ns with a year in	physicia thousands	n visit	Percent of persons with a physicia visit within a year				
All areas	140,363	46,280	52,272	28,181	13,631	70.7	69.3	72.6	68.7	72.4
SMSA Central city Outside central city	93,161 41,507 51,654	30,917 12,781 18,135	35,194 15,659 19,535	18,653 8,648 10,006	8,397 4,419 3,978	71.8 70.6 72.8	71.8 69.5 73.5	73.1 72.3 73.7	69.2 68.8 69.6	72.6 71.6 73.7
Large SMSA Other SMSA Outside SMSA Nonfarm Farm	36,583 56,578 47,203 41,976 5,226	12,058 18,859 15,363 13,775 1,588	13,671 21,523 17,078 15,542 1,536	7,581 11,073 9,527 8,112 1,416	3,274 5,125 5,234 •4,548 687	73.1 71.0 68.5 69.4 62.4	74.8 70.0 64.8 65.9 56.1	73.3 72.9 71.7 72.5 63.9	70.2 68.6 67.7 68.1 65.4	73.1 72.3 72.1 72.4 70.6
Northeast										
All areas	35,485	11,772	12,640	7,377	3,696	72.6	75.3	72.5	68.4	73.3
SMSA Central city Outside central city	28,313 12,142 16,170	9,290 3,616 5,674	10,050 4,373 5,677	6,070 2,683 3,387	2,902 1,471 1,432	73.3 72.6 73.7	76.7 75.1 77.7	72.8 72.4 73.1	69.0 69.3 68.9	73.8 74.0 73.7
Large SMSA Boston New York Philadelphia Other SMSA Outside SMSA Nonfarm Farm	17,487 1,861 11,980 3,645 10,826 7,172 6,851 322	5,753 593 3,951 1,209 3,538 2,482 2,370 112	6,252 668 4,268 1,317 3,798 2,590 2,493 97	3,707 387 2,530 791 2,363 1,307 1,229 78	1,775 214 1,232 329 1,127 793 758 35	74.8 72.0 74.9 75.7 70.9 70.0 70.4 62.3	79.5 75.8 80.9 76.9 72.5 70.5 71.1 59.9	73.5 72.8 73.2 75.2 71.6 71.5 71.8 64.7	70.4 65.4 70.1 74.3 67.1 65.4 65.6 62.9	74.7 73.5 74.4 77.0 72.3 71.5 71.9 63.6
North Central										
All areas	38,755	13,194	14,209	7,652	3,701	69.8	68.8	72.2	67.7	69.7
SMSA Central city Outside central city	24,866 11,267 13,599	8,675 3,660 5,015	9,269 4,150 5,119	4,891 2,345 2,546	2,031 1,113 918	70.7 69.1 72.0	70.5 67.6 72.8	72.2 71.7 72.6	68.5 68.1 68.9	69.4 67.1 72.5
Large SMSA Chicago Detroit Other SMSA Outside SMSA Nonfarm Farm	8,571 5,526 3,044 16,295 13,889 11,723 2,166	3,048 1,985 1,063 5,627 4,520 3,839 681	3,180 2,031 1,149 6,089 4,940 4,303 636	1,710 1,101 610 3,181 2,761 2,177 584	632 409 223 1,399 1,669 1,404 266	70.1 70.0 70.3 71.0 68.4 69.6 62.9	71.1 71.7 70.0 70.2 65.6 67.4 57.4	71.5 71.4 71.7 72.6 72.0 73.0 66.1	66.8 66.1 68.2 69.5 66.2 66.7 64.4	67.4 65.8 70.6 70.4 70.0 70.3 68.4
South										
All areas	42,542	13,595	16,299	8,416	4,232	69.3	65.1	72.4	68.6	73.8
SMSA Central city Outside central city	22,297 10,718 11,579	7,298 3,297 4,001	8,948 4,298 4,650	4,122 2,059 2,063	1,929 1,064 865	71.1 69.6 72.5	69.1 65.7 72.1	73.7 73.2 74.1	68.3 67.6 69.0	73.5 72.6 74.6
Large SMSA, Washington Other SMSA Outside SMSA Nonfarm Farm	2,131 20,166 20,245 17,895 2,350	763 6,535 6,297 5,633 665	900 8,047 7,352 6,679 672	348 3,774 4,294 3,639 655	119 1,810 2,303 1,944 359	74.7 70.7 67.4 68.2 62.1	75.0 68.4 61.1 62.1 53.8	75.9 73.4 70.9 71.9 62.0	72.0 67.9 68.8 69.2 66.8	70.0 73.7 74.1 74.1 73.9
West										
All areas	23,580	7,717	9,124	4,736	2,003	71.8	69.6	73.8	71.2	73.1
SMSA Central city Outside central city	17,685 7,379 10,306	5,653 2,208 3,445	6,927 2,839 4,088	3,570 1,561 2,009	1,534 771 763	72.1 71.3 72.6	69.9 70.2 69.7	73.9 72.0 75.2	71.7 71.0 72.2	73.6 72.7 74.5
Large SMSA Los Angeles San Francisco Other SMSA Outside SMSA Nonfarm Farm	8,395 5,872 2,522 9,290 5,896 5,507 388	2,493 1,757 736 3,160 2,064 1,933 130	3,338 2,353 985 3,589 2,197 2,066 131	1,815 1,264 551 1,755 1,166 1,066 100	748 497 251 786 469 442 *	72.5 71.0 76.0 71.7 71.0 71.7 62.0	69.5 67.0 76.2 70.2 68.7 69.5 58.8	74.0 73.1 76.3 73.7 73.7 74.6 63.0	72.9 72.0 75.1 70.4 69.9 70.3 65.8	74.9 74.0 77.0 72.4 71.4 72.1 61.4

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## Table 17. Number of dental visits and number of dental visits per person per year, by age, geographic region, and place of residence: United States, 1969-70

[Data are based or household interviews of the civilian, noninstitutional population. The survey design, general qualifications, and information on the reliability of the estimates are given in appendix I. Definitions of terms are given in appendix II]

Geographic region and place of residence	A11 ages	Under 17 years	17-44 years	45~64 years	65 years and over	A11 ages	Under 17 years	17-44 years	45-64 years	65 years and over
United States	Numbe	er of dent	al visits	in thous	ands	Number	of dent F	al visi er year	ts per	person
All areas	298,232	95,047	119,647	63,621	19,918	1.5	1.4	1.7	1.6	1.1
SMSA Central city Outside central city	217,319 91,282 126,037	69,090 25,139 43,950	85,989 35,764 50,224	48,207 22,482 25,724	14,033 7,896 6,137	1.7 1.6 1.8	1.6 1.4 1.8	1.8 1.7 1.9	1.8 1.8 1.8	1.2 1.3 1.1
Large SMSA Other SMSA Outside SMSA Nonfarm Farm	99,343 117,975 80,914 71,633 9,281	30,182 38,908 25,957 22,578 3,379	39,523 46,466 33,658 30,754 2,904	23,259 24,947 15,414 13,254 2,159	6,379 7,654 5,885 5,045 839	2.0 1.5 1.2 1.2 1.2 1.1	1.9 1.4 1.1 1.1 1.2	2.1 1.6 1.4 1.4 1.2	2.2 1.5 1.1 1.1 1.0	1.4 1.1 0.8 0.8 0.9
Northeast										
All areas	91,606	28,829	36,586	20,340	5,851	1.9	1.8	2.1	1.9	1.2
SMSA Central city Outside central city	75,057 30,260 44,797	23,476 7,380 16,097	29,279 12,148 17,131	17,678 7,943 9,734	4,623 2,789 1,835	1.9 1.8 2.0	1.9 1.5 2.2	$2.1 \\ 2.0 \\ 2.2$	2.0 2.1 2.0	1.2 1.4 0.9
Large SMSA Boston New York Philadelphia Other SMSA Outside SMSA Nonfarm Farm	50,495 5,131 36,872 8,492 24,562 16,550 15,881 *	15,462 1,771 10,819 2,872 8,014 5,353 5,136 *	19,862 2,152 14,345 3,365 9,418 7,307 7,022 *	11,901 910 9,219 1,772 5,777 2,662 2,536 *	3,270 2,490 1,353 1,228 1,187 *	2.2 2.0 2.3 1.8 1.6 1.6 1.6 *	2.1 2.3 2.2 1.8 1.6 1.5 1.5	2.3 2.5 1.9 1.8 2.0 2.0 *	2.3 1.5 2.6 1.7 1.6 1.3 1.4 *	1.4 * 1.5 * 0.9 1.1 1.1 *
North Central										
All areas	78,289	26,418	30,852	16,042	4,976	1.4	1.4	1.6	1.4	0.9
SMSA Central city Outside central city	55,825 23,730 32,095	18,542 7,068 11,474	21,934 8,915 13,019	12,134 5,832 6,302	3,215 1,915 1,300	$1.6 \\ 1.5 \\ 1.7$	$1.5 \\ 1.3 \\ 1.7$	1.7 1.5 1.8	1.7 1.7 1.7	1.1 1.2 1.0
Large SMSA Chicago Detroit Other SMSA Outside SMSA Nonfarm Farm	21,019 13,924 7,095 34,806 22,464 18,195 4,269	6,174 4,089 2,086 12,367 7,877 5,955 1,922	8,709 5,586 3,123 13,225 8,918 7,920 998	4,959 3,431 1,529 7,175 3,908 3,000 908	1,177 818 2,038 1,761 1,321 *	1.7 1.8 1.6 1.5 1.1 1.1 1.2	1.4 1.5 1.4 1.5 1.1 1.0 1.6	2.0 2.0 1.9 1.6 1.3 1.3 1.0	1.9 2.1 1.7 1.6 0.9 0.9 1.0	1.3 1.3 * 1.0 0.7 0.7
South										
All areas	71,133	20,544	30,184	15,324	5,081	1.2	1.0	1.3	1.2	0.9
SMSA Central city Outside central city	40,885 18,331 22,554	11,888 5.131 6,757	17,654 7,625 10,030	8,442 3,950 4,492	2,900 1,625 1,275	1.3 1.2 1.4	1.1 1.0 1.2	1.5 1.3 1.6	1.4 1.3 1.5	$1.1 \\ 1.1 \\ 1.1$
Large SMSA, Washington Other SMSA Outside SMSA NonFarm Farm	5,491 35,394 30,248 26,868 3,380	1,652 10,235 8,656 7,658 998	2,648 15,006 12,530 11,466 1,064	879 7,563 6,882 5,867 1,015	2,589 2,180 1,877 *	1.9 1.2 1.0 1.0 0.9	1.6 1.1 0.8 0.8 0.8	2.2 1.4 1.2 1.2 1.0	1.8 1.4 1.1 1.1 1.0	* 1.1 0.7 0.7 *
West			1					-		
All areas	57,205	19,255	22,025	11,915	4,010	1.7	1.7	1.8	1.8	1,5
SMSA Central city Outside central city	45,552 18,962 26,590	15,184 5,560 9,624	17,121 7,077 10,045	9,953 4,757 5,195	3,294 1,567 1,727	1.9 1.8 1.9	1.9 1.8 1.9	1.8 1.8 1.8	2.0 2.2 1.9	1.6 1.5 1.7
Large SMSA	22,339 15,205 7,134 23,214 11,652 10,688 965	6,893 4,435 2,459 8,291 4,071 3,829 *	8,304 5,956 2,348 8,817 4,904 4,346 *	5,521 3,679 1,842 4,432 1,962 1,851 *	1,620 1,135 * 1,674 * *	1.9 1.8 2.2 1.8 1.4 1.4 1.5	1.9 1.7 2.5 1.8 1.4 1.4 *	1.8 1.9 1.8 1.6 1.6 1.6 *	2.2 2.1 2.5 1.8 1.2 1.2 *	1.6 1.7 * 1.5 * *

Table 18. Number and percent of the population with one or more dental visits within a year, by age, geographic region, and place of residence: United States, 1969-70

[Data are based on household interviews of the civilian, noninstitutional population. The survey design, general qualifications, and information on the reliability of the estimates are given in appendix II]

Geographic region and place of residence	All ages	Under 17 years	17-44 years	45-64 years	65 years and over	All ages	Under 17 years	17-44 years	45-64 years	65 years and over
United States	Averag	e number	of person	s in thou	sands		F	ercent		
All areas	91,148	31.038	37.755	17.743	4.611	45 9	1 46 5	1 52 /	633	1 24 ;
									45.5	
SMSA Central city Outside central city	62,499 25,943 36,556	20,821 7,792 13,029	26,046 10,934 15,111	12,467 5,546 6,921	3,165 1,671 1,494	48.2 44.1 51.5	48.3 42.4 52.8	54.1 50.5 57.0	46.3 44.1 48.1	27.+ 27 27.7
Large SMSA Other SMSA Outside SMSA Nonfarm Farm	25,278 37,221 28,649 25,174 3,475	8,323 12,498 10,217 8,874 1,343	10,371 15,675 11,709 10,558 1,151	5,262 7,205 5,276 4,472 804	1,322 1,843 1,446 1,270 177	50.5 46.7 41.6 41.6 41.5	51.6 46.4 43.1 42.5 47.4	55.6 53.1 49.1 49.3 47.9	48.7 44.6 37.5 37.5 37.2	29.; 26.) 19.) 20.? 18.?
Northeast										
All areas	24,814	8,522	9,961	5,028	1,302	50.7	54.5	57.1	46.6	25.3
SMSA Central city Outside central city	19,937 7,816 12,121	6,682 2,346 4,336	7,993 3,168 4,825	4,218 1,769 2,448	1,045 533 512	51.6 46.7 55.3	55.2 48.7 59.4	57.9 52.4 62.1	48.0 45.7 49.8	26.3 26.3 26.3
Large SMSA Boston New York Philadelphia Other SMSA Outside SMSA Nonfarm Farm	12,335 1,445 8,383 2,508 7,601 4,877 4,627 250	4,053 477 2,705 872 2,628 1,841 1,739 101	4,958 601 3,323 1,034 3,035 1,968 1,881 87	2,633 286 1,858 490 1,585 811 759 52	692 82 498 112 354 257 247 *	52.7 55.9 52.4 52.1 49.8 47.6 47.5 48.4	56.0 61.0 55.4 55.4 53.9 52.3 52.2 54.0	58.3 65.5 57.0 59.0 57.2 54.3 54.2 58.0	50.0 48.3 51.5 46.1 45.0 40.6 40.5 41.9	29 28. 26. 22. 23. 23.
North Central										
All areas	26 122	0 518	10 520	/ 953	1 221	.7 1	40 6	<b>FQ</b> /	1.2 0	<b>6</b> 3 1
	20,122	9,510	10,520	4,055	1,231	4/.L	49.0	53.4	42.9	
Central city Outside central city	17,095 7,066 10,029	6,161 2,309 3,852	6,963 2,895 4,068	3,221 1,444 1,776	750 417 333	48.6 43.3 53.1	50.1 42.7 55.9	54.3 50.0 57.7	45.1 41.9 48.1	25.0 25. 26.1
Large SMSA Chicago Detroit Other SMSA Outside SMSA Nonfarm Farm	5,835 3,879 1,956 11,260 9,027 7,387 1,641	2,117 1,460 657 4,044 3,358 2,686 671	2,338 1,513 825 4,626 3,556 3,049 508	1,146 748 398 2,075 1,632 1,252 380	234 158 76 516 481 400 82	47.7 49.1 45.2 49.0 44.5 43.8 47.6	49.4 52:7 43.3 50.5 48.8 47.1 56.5	52.6 53.2 51.5 55.2 51.8 51.7 52.8	44.8 44.9 44.5 39.1 38.4 41.9	24.) 25.4 24. 26.) 20.2 20.1 21.
South							[			
All areas	24,626	7,841	10,845	4,716	1,223	40.1	37.6	48.2	38.4	21.3
SMSA Central city Outside central city	13,708 6,145 7,563	4,226 1,707 2,518	6,181 2,800 3,381	2,617 1,277 1,340	684 361 323	43.7 39.9 47.3	40.0 34.0 45.4	50.9 47.7 53.9	43.3 41.9 44.8	26. 24.0 27.8
Large SMSA, Washington Other SMSA Outside SMSA Nonfarm Farm	1,554 12,154 10,919 9,703 1,216	534 3,692 3,616 3,200 415	703 5,479 4,664 4,235 429	264 2,353 2,099 1,799 300	53 630 540 468 72	54.4 42.6 36.4 37.0 32.1	52.5 38.7 35.1 35.3 33.6	59.3 50.0 45.0 45.6 39.6	54.7 42.4 33.6 34.2 30.6	31.2 25.7 17.4 17.8 14.8
West	ļ									
All areas	15,586	5,156	6,429	3,146	855	47.5	46.5	52.0	47.3	31.2
SMSA Central city Outside central city	11,759 4,916 6,843	3,753 1,430 2,323	4,909 2,071 2,837	2,411 1,055 1,356	687 360 327	47.9 47.5 48.2	46.4 45.5 47.0	52.4 52.5 52.2	48.4 48.0 48.7	33.0 34.0 31.9
Large SMSA Los Angeles San Francisco Other SMSA Outside SMSA Nonfarm Farm	5,554 3,778 1,776 6,206 3,826 3,458 368	1,619 1,101 518 2,134 1,403 1,249 154	2,372 1,618 754 2,536 1,521 1,393 128	1,219 835 384 1,192 734 662 73	343 222 121 344 168 154 *	47.9 45.7 53.5 47.9 46.0 45.0 58.8	45.1 42.0 53.6 47.4 46.7 44.9 69.7	52.6 50.3 58.4 52.1 51.1 50.3 61.5	49.0 47.6 52.3 47.8 44.0 43.6 48.0	34.4. 33.0 37. 31. 25.0 25.0

## Table 19. Population used in obtaining rates shown in this publication by age or sex, geographic region, and place of residence: United States, 1969-70

[Data are based on household interviews of the civilian, noninstitutional population. The survey design, general qualifications, and information on the reliability of the estimates are given in appendix I. Definitions of terms are given in appendix II]

		Unde	er 45 yea	rs	45 ye	ears and	over		
Geographic region and place of residence	All ages	Total	Under 17 years	17-44 years	Total	45 <b>-</b> 64 years	65 years and over	Male	Female
United States				Populat	ion in th	nousands			
All areas	198,636	138,786	66,790	71,996	59,849	41,022	18,828	95,631	103,005
SMSA Central city Outside central city	129,756 58,774 70,982	91,240 40,038 51,203	43,071 18,393 24,678	48,169 21,645 26,524	38,515 18,736 19,779	26,947 12,563 14,384	11,568 6,174 5,395	62,180 27,779 34,401	67,576 30,995 36,581
Large SMSA Other SMSA Outside SMSA Nonfarm Farm	50,054 79,702 68,880 60,507 8,373	34,775 56,466 47,546 42,311 5,235	16,130 26,941 23,719 20,888 2,831	18,645 29,524 23,827 21,423 2,404	15,279 23,237 21,334 18,197 3,137	10,799 16,148 14,075 11,911 2,164	4,480 7,089 7,259 6,286 973	23,926 38,253 33,451 29,165 4,286	26,127 41,449 35,429 31,343 4,086
Northeast									
All areas	48,900	33,069	15,636	17,433	15,831	10,788	5,043	23,397	25,503
SMSA Central city Outside central city	38,652 16,726 21,926	25,927 10,862 15,066	12,116 4,818 7,298	13,811 6,044 7,767	12,724 5,864 6,861	8,791 3,874 4,916	3,934 1,989 1,944	18,450 7,886 10,564	20,202 8,839 11,363
Large SMSA Boston New York Philadelphia Other SMSA Outside SMSA Nonfarm Farm	23,386 2,583 15,987 4,816 15,266 10,249 9,732 517	15,743 1,700 10,719 3,325 10,184 7,142 6,805 337	7,239 782 4,884 1,573 4,877 3,520 3,333 187	8,504 918 5,834 1,752 5,308 3,622 3,472 150	7,642 884 5,268 1,491 5,082 3,107 2,927 180	5,268 592 3,611 1,064 3,523 1,997 1,873 124	2,375 291 1,657 427 1,559 1,109 1,054 55	11,142 1,236 7,606 2,300 7,308 4,947 4,677 270	12,244 1,348 8,380 2,516 7,958 5,301 5,054 247
North Central	55 (02	00.07/	10 7 92	10 602	16 619	11 200	E 210	26 847	28 6/6
All areas	55,493	38,874	19,183	19,692	16,618	11,308	5,310	20,847	20,040
SMSA Central city Outside central city Chicago Detroit Other SMSA	35,194 16,302 18,892 12,230 7,898 4,332 22,964 20,298 16,854 3,444	25,131 11,198 13,933 8,733 5,612 3,121 16,398 13,743 11,594 2,149	12,298 5,413 6,885 4,286 2,768 1,518 8,012 6,885 5,697 1,187	12,833 5,785 7,048 4,448 2,845 1,603 8,385 6,859 5,897 962	10,063 5,104 4,959 3,497 2,286 1,211 6,565 5,260 1,295	7,138 3,445 3,693 2,560 1,665 895 4,579 4,170 3,264 907	2,925 1,659 1,266 938 622 316 4,579 2,385 1,996 389	16,989 7,686 9,304 5,899 3,801 2,098 11,091 9,858 8,080 1,778	18,205 8,616 9,589 6,332 4,097 2,235 11,873 10,441 8,774 1,667
South									
All areas	61,402	43,393	20,878	22,515	18,009	12,275	5,734	29,563	31,839
SMSA Central city Outside central city	31,378 15,401 15,977	22,715 10,890 11,825	10,568 5,017 5,551	12,147 5,873 6,274	8,663 4,511 4,152	6,037 3,046 2,992	2,625 1,465 1,160	14,954 7,291 7,662	16,424 8,110 8,314
Large SMSA, Washington Other SMSA Outside SMSA Nonfarm Farm	2,854 28,524 30,024 26,238 3,785	2,201 20,514 20,678 18,359 2,319	1,017 9,551 10,311 9,076 1,235	1,185 10,963 10,367 9,283 1,084	652 8,010 9,346 7,880 1,466	483 5,555 6,238 5,257 981	170 2,456 3,108 2,623 486	1,317 13,636 14,609 12,695 1,914	1,537 14,888 15,414 13,543 1,871
• <u>West</u>								15 000	17 010
All areas	32,841	23,450	11,093	12,357	9,391	6,650	2,/41	15,823	17,018
SMSA Central city Outside central city Large SMSA Los Angeles San Francisco Other SMSA	24,532 10,345 14,186 11,584 8,267 3,317 12,948 8,309 7,684	17,467 7,088 10,379 8,097 5,840 2,257 9,370 5,983 5,553	8,090 3,145 4,945 3,588 2,622 966 4,502 3,003 2,782	9,377 3,943 5,435 4,509 3,218 1,291 4,868 2,979 2,771	7,065 3,258 3,807 3,487 2,427 1,060 3,578 2,326 2,130	4,981 2,198 2,783 2,489 1,755 734 2,492 1,669 1,517	2,084 1,060 1,024 998 672 326 1,086 657 613	11,787 4,915 6,871 5,568 4,017 1,551 6,218 4,037 3,713	12,745 5,430 7,315 6,015 4,250 1,766 6,730 4,273 3.971
FarmFarm	626	429	221	208	Ĩ96	<b>'</b> 152	44	324	302

NOTE: For official population estimates for more general use, see U.S. Bureau of the Census reports on the civilian population of the United States in <u>urrent Population Reports</u>, Series, P-20, P-25, and P-60. Table 20. Population of currently employed persons used in obtaining rates shown in this publication by age, geographic region, and place of residence: United States, 1969-70

[Data are based on household interviews of the civilian, noninstitutional population. The survey design, general qualifications, and information on the reliability of the estimates are given in appendix I. Definitions of terms are given in appendix II]

Geographic region and place of residence	17 years	17 <b>-</b> 44	45-64	65 years
	and over	years	years	and over
United States		Population i	n thousands	
All areas	77,317	46,787	27,219	3,311
SMSA	51,562	31,523	18,101	1,937
Central city	23,647	14,132	8,462	1,053
Outside central city	27,914	17,391	9,639	884
Large SMSA	20,165	12,175	7,250	740
Other SMSA	31,397	19,348	10,851	1,198
Outside SMSA	25,755	15,264	9,118	1,374
Nonfarm	22,538	13,781	7,705	1,051
Farm	3,218	1,483	1,413	322
Northeast				
All areas	19,590	11,331	7,398	861
SMSA	15,692	9,003	6,024	665
Central city	6,929	3,933	2,646	351
Outside central city	8,762	5,070	3,379	314
Large SMSA	9,511	5,492	3,599	421
Boston	1,107	622	426	60
New York	6,530	3,764	2,468	298
Philadelphia	1,874	1,106	705	63
Other SMSA	6,181	3,511	2,425	244
Outside SMSA	3,898	2,329	1,373	196
Nonfarm	3,686	2,233	1,280	173
Farm	212	96	93	*
<u>North Central</u> All areas	21,484	12,930	7,595	959
SMSA	13,736	8,461	4,813	461
Central city	6,377	3,809	2,318	250
Outside central city	7,359	4,652	2,495	211
Large SMSA	4,823	2,984	1,702	137
Chicago	3,178	1,953	1,127	98
Detroit	1,645	1,032	575	39
Other SMSA	8,913	5,477	3,111	325
Outside SMSA	7,749	4,469	2,782	498
Nonfarm	6,415	3,869	2,175	371
Farm	1,334	600	607	126

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See note at end of table.

Table 20. Population of currently employed persons used in obtaining rates shown in this publication by age, geographic region, and place of residence: United States, 1969-70-Con.

[Data are based on household interviews of the civilian, noninstitutional population. The survey design, general qualifications, and information on the reliability of the estimates are given in appendix I. Definitions of terms are given in appendix II]

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Geographic region and place of residence	17 years	17 <b>-</b> 44	45 <b>-</b> 64	65 years
	and over	years	years	and over
South		Population i	n thousands	
All areas	23,723	14,814	7,868	1,041
SMSA	12,655	8,183	3,996	475
Central city	6,266	3,928	2,053	285
Outside central city	6,388	4,255	1,943	190
Large SMSA, Washington	1,166	828	314	*
Other SMSA	11,489	7,356	3,682	451
Outside SMSA	11,068	6,631	3,872	566
Nonfarm	9,634	5,960	3,258	416
Farm	1,434	671	614	150
West_	12 520	7 719	/ 359	450
SMSA	9,480	5,876	3,268	336
Central city	4,075	2,463	1,445	166
Outside central city	5,405	3,413	1,822	169
Large SMSA	4,665	2,872	1,635	158
Los Angeles	3,278	2,039	1,142	97
San Francisco	1,387	833	494	61
Other SMSA	4,815	3,005	1,632	178
Outside SMSA	3,041	1,835	1,091	114
Nonfarm	2,802	1,720	991	91
Farm	238	116	99	*

NOTE: For official population estimates for more general use, see U.S. Bureau of the Census reports on the civilian population of the United States in <u>Current Population Reports</u>, Series P-20, P-25, and P-60; and U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics monthly report Employment and Earnings.

#### APPENDIX 1

### TECHNICAL NOTES ON METHODS

#### **Background of This Report**

This report is one of a series of statistical reports prepared by the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS). It is based on information collected in a continuing nationwide sample of households in the Health Interview Survey (HIS).

The Health Interview Survey utilizes a questionnaire which obtains information on personal and demographic characteristics, illnesses, injuries, impairments, chronic conditions, and other health topics. As data relating to each of these various broad topics are tabulated and analyzed, separate reports are issued which cover one or more of the specific topics. The present report is based on data collected in household interviews during 1969 and 1970.

The population covered by the sample for the Health Interview Survey is the civilian, noninstitutionalized population of the United States living at the time of the interview. The sample does not include members of the Armed Forces or U.S. nationals living in foreign countries. It should also be noted that the estimates shown do not represent a complete measure of any given topic during the specified calendar period since data are not collected in the interview for persons who died during the reference period. For many types of statistics collected in the survey, the reference period covers the 2 weeks prior to the interview week. For such a short period, the contribution by decedents to a total inventory of conditions or services should be very small. However, the contribution by decedents during a long reference period (e.g., 1 year) might be sizable, especially for older persons.

## Statistical Design of the Health Interview Survey

General plan.-The sampling plan of the survey follows a multistage probability design which permits a continuous sampling of the civilian, noninstitutionalized population of the United States. The sample is designed in such a way that the sample of households interviewed each week is representative of the target population and that weekly samples are additive over time. This feature of the design permits both continuous measurement of characteristics of samples and more detailed analysis of less common characteristics and smaller categories of health-related items. The continuous collection has administrative and operational advantages as well as technical assets since it permits fieldwork to be handled with an experienced, stable staff.

The overall sample was designed so that tabulations can be provided for each of the four major geographic regions and for urban and rural sectors of the United States.

The first stage of the sample design consists of drawing a sample of 357 primary sampling units (PSU's) from approximately 1,900 geographically defined PSU's. A PSU consists of a county, a small group of contiguous counties, or a standard metropolitan statistical area. The PSU's collectively cover the 50 States and the District of Columbia.

With no loss in general understanding, the remaining stages can be combined and treated in this discussion as an ultimate stage. Within PSU's, then, ultimate stage units called segments are defined in such a manner that each segment contains an expected six households. Three general types of segments are used. Area segments which are defined geographically.

List segments, using 1960 census registers as the frame.

Permit segments, using updated lists of building permits issued in sample PSU's since 1960.

Census address listings were used for all areas of the country where addresses were well defined and could be used to locate housing units. In general the list frame included the larger urban areas of the United States from which about two-thirds of the HIS sample was selected.

The usual HIS sample consists of approximately 8,000 segments which yield a probability sample of about 134,000 persons in 42,000 interviewed households in a year. However, the quarter of 1970 contained a sample reduction of  $\overline{7}$  full weeks of interviewing due to budgetary restrictions, whereas the remaining quarters each contained the full 13 weeks. During the 45 weeks in 1970, the sample was composed of approximately 37,000 households containing about 116,000 persons living at the time of the interview. Therefore during the 52 weeks in 1969 and 45 weeks in 1970, the sample was composed of approximately 79,000 households containing about 250,000 persons living at the time of the interview. Comparability with previous annual estimates is not affected by the reduced sample, since the weighting procedure employed for the Health Interview Survey adjusts for the missing weeks. Although the sampling errors are somewhat higher for 1970 estimates, by combining the 2 years of data the impact of the reduced sample on the sampling error is minimal.

Descriptive material on data collection, field procedures, and questionnaire development in the HIS has been published<sup>1</sup> as well as a detailed description of the sample design<sup>2</sup> and a

report on the estimation procedure and the method used to calculate sampling errors of estimates derived from the survey.<sup>3</sup>

Collection of data.—Field operations for the survey are performed by the U.S. Bureau of the Census under specifications established by the National Center for Health Statistics. In accordance with these specifications the Bureau of the Census participates in survey planning, selects the sample, and conducts the field interviewing as an agent of NCHS. The data are coded, edited, and tabulated by NCHS.

*Estimating procedures.*—Since the design of the HIS is a complex multistage probability sample, it is necessary to use complex procedures in the derivation of estimates. Four basic operations are involved:

- 1. Inflation by the reciprocal of the probability of selection.—The probability of selection is the product of the probabilities of selection from each step of selection in the design (PSU, segment, and household).
- 2. Nonresponse adjustment.—The estimates are inflated by a multiplication factor which has as its numerator the number of sample households in a given segment and as its denominator the number of households interviewed in that segment.
- 3. First-stage ratio adjustment.—Sampling theory indicates that the use of auxiliary information which is highly correlated with the variables being estimated improves the reliability of the estimates. To reduce the variability between PSU's within a region, the estimates are ratio adjusted to the 1960 populations within six color-residence classes.
- 4. Poststratification by age-sex-color.—The estimates are ratio adjusted within each of 60 age-sex-color cells to an independent estimate of the population of each cell for the survey period. These independent estimates are prepared by the Bureau of the Census. Both the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>National Center for Health Statistics: Health survey procedure: concepts, questionnaire development, and definitions in the Health Interview Survey. Vital and Health Statistics. PHS Pub. No. 1000-Series 1-No. 2. Public Health Service. Washington. U.S. Government Printing Office, May 1964.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>U.S. National Health Survey: The statistical design of the health household interview survey. *Health Statistics.* PHS Pub. No. 584-A2. Public Health Service. Washington, D.C., July 1958.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>National Center for Health Statistics: Estimation and sampling variance in the Health Interview Survey. Vital and Health Statistics. PHS Pub. No. 1000-Series 2-No. 38. Public Health Service. Washington. U.S. Government Printing Office, June 1970.

first-stage and poststratified ratio adjustments take the form of multiplication factors applied to the weight of each elementary unit (person, household, condition, and hospitalization).

The effect of the ratio-estimating process is to make the sample more closely representative of the civilian, noninstitutionalized population by age, sex, color, and residence, which thereby reduces sampling variance.

As noted, each week's sample represents the population living during that week and characteristics of the population. Consolidation of samples over a time period, e.g., a calendar quarter, produces estimates of average characteristics of the U.S. population for the calendar quarter. Similarly, population data for a year are averages of the four quarterly figures.

For prevalence statistics, such as number of persons with speech impairments or number of persons classified by time interval since last physician visit, figures are first calculated for each calendar quarter by averaging estimates for all weeks of interviewing in the quarter. Prevalence data for a year are then obtained by averaging the four quarterly figures.

For other types of statistics-namely those measuring the number of occurrences during a specified time period-such as incidence of acute conditions, number of disability days, or number of visits to a doctor or dentist, a similar computational procedure is used, but the statistics are interpreted differently. For these items, the questionnaire asks for the respondent's experience over the 2 calendar weeks prior to the week of interview. In such instances the estimated quarterly total for the statistic is 6.5 times the average 2-week estimate produced by the 13 successive samples taken during the period. The annual total is the sum of the four quarters. Thus the experience of persons interviewed during a year-experience which actually occurred for each person in a 2-calendar-week interval prior to week of interview—is treated as though it measured the total of such experience during the year. Such interpretation leads to no significant bias.

*Explanation of hospital recall.*—The survey questionnaire uses a 12-month-recall period for

hospitalizations. That is, the respondent is asked to report hospitalizations which occurred during the 12 months prior to the week of interview. Information is also obtained as to the date of entry into the hospital and duration of stay. Analysis of this information, and also the results of special studies, has shown that there is an increase in underreporting of hospitalizations with increase in time interval between the discharge and the interview. Exclusive of the hospital experience of decedents, the net underreporting with a 12-month recall is in the neighborhood of 10 percent, but underreporting of discharges within 6 months of the week of interview is estimated to be less than 5 percent. For this reason hospital discharge data in this report are based on hospital discharges reported to have occurred within 6 months of the week of interview. Since the interviews were evenly distributed according to weekly probability samples throughout any interviewing year, no seasonal bias was introduced by doubling the 6-monthrecall data to produce an annual estimate for that year of interviewing. Doubling the 6-month data in effect imputes to the entire year preceding the interview the rate of hospital discharges actually observed during the 6 months prior to interview. However, estimates of the number of persons with hospital episodes (as opposed to estimates of the number of hospital discharges) are based on 12-month recall data since a person's 12-month experiences cannot be obtained by doubling his most recent 6-month experience.

### **General Qualifications**

Nonresponse.—Data were adjusted for nonresponse by a procedure which imputes to persons in a household which was not interviewed the characteristics of persons in households in the same segment which were interviewed. The total noninterview rate, the ratio of the total noninterviewed eligible households to the total eligible households, was 4.5 percent, including a 1.2 -percent refusal rate with the remainder primarily due to the failure to find an eligible respondent at home after repeated calls.

The interview process.-The statistics presented in this report are based on replies obtained in interviews with persons in the sample households. For children and for adults not present in the home at the time of the interview, the information was obtained from a related household member such as a spouse or the mother of a child.

There are limitations to the accuracy of diagnostic and other information collected in household interviews. For diagnostic information, the household respondent can usually pass on to the interviewer only the information the physician has given to the family. For conditions not medically attended, diagnostic information is often no more than a description of symptoms. However, other facts, such as the number of disability days caused by the condition, can be obtained more accurately from household members than from any other source since only the persons concerned are in a position to report this information.

Rounding of numbers.—The original tabulations on which the data in this report are based show all estimates to the nearest whole unit. All consolidations were made from the original tabulations using the estimates to the nearest unit. In the final published tables, the figures are rounded to the nearest thousand, although these are not necessarily accurate to that detail. Devised statistics such as rates and percent distributions are computed after the estimates on which these are based have been rounded to the nearest thousand.

Population figures.-Some of the published tables include population figures for specified categories. Except for certain overall totals by age, sex, and color, which are adjusted to independent estimates, these figures are based on the sample of households in the HIS. These are given primarily to provide denominators for rate computation, and for this purpose are more appropriate for use with the accompanying measures of health characteristics than other population data that may be available. With the exception of the overall totals by age, sex, and color mentioned above, the population figures differ from figures (which are derived from different sources) published in reports of the Bureau of the Census. Official population estimates are presented in Bureau of the Census reports in Series P-20, P-25, and P-60.

#### **Reliability of Estimates**

Since the statistics presented in this report are based on a sample, they will differ somewhat from the figures that would have been obtained if a complete census had been taken using the same schedules, instructions, and interviewing personnel and procedures.

As in any survey, the results are also subject to reporting and processing errors and errors due to nonresponse. To the extent possible, these types of errors were kept to a minimum by methods built into survey procedures. Although it is very difficult to measure the extent of bias in the Health Interview Survey, a number of studies have been conducted to study this problem. The results have been published in several reports.<sup>4-8</sup>

The standard error is primarily a measure of sampling variability, that is, the variations that might occur by chance because only a sample of the population is surveyed. As calculated for this report, the standard error also reflects part of the variation which arises in the measurement process. It does not include estimates of any biases which might be in the data.

<sup>6</sup>National Center for Health Statistics: Comparison of hospitalization reporting in three survey procedures. *Vital and Health Statistics.* PHS Pub. No. 1000-Series 2-No. 8. Public Health Service. Washington. U.S. Government Printing Office, July 1965.

<sup>7</sup>National Center for Health Statistics: Interview data on chronic conditions compared with information derived from medical records. *Vital and Health Statistics.* PHS Pub. No. 1000-Series 2-No. 23. Public Health Service. Washington. U.S. Government Printing Office, May 1967.

<sup>8</sup>National Center for Health Statistics: The influence of interviewer and respondent psychological and behavioral variables on the reporting in household interviews. *Vital and Health Statistics.* PHS Pub. No. 1000-Series 2-No. 26. Public Health Service. Washington. U.S. Government Printing Office, Mar. 1968.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>National Center for Health Statistics: Reporting of hospitalization in the Health Interview Survey. *Vital* and Health Statistics. PHS Pub. No. 1000-Series 2-No.6. Public Health Service. Washington. U.S. Government Printing Office, July 1965.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>National Center for Health Statistics: Health interview responses compared with medical records. Vital and Health Statistics. PHS Pub. No. 1000-Series 2-No. 7. Public Health Service. Washington. U.S. Government Printing Office, July 1965.

The chances are about 68 out of 100 that an estimate from the sample would differ from a complete census by less than the standard error. The chances are about 95 out of 100 that the difference would be less than twice the standard error and about 99 out of 100 that it would be less than 2½ times as large.

The relative standard error of an estimate is obtained by dividing the standard error of the estimate by the estimate itself and is expressed as a percentage of the estimate. For this report, asterisks are shown for any cell with more than a 30-percent relative standard error. Included in this appendix are charts from which the relative standard errors can be determined for estimates shown in the report. In order to derive relative errors which would be applicable to a wide variety of health statistics and which could be prepared at a moderate cost, a number of approximations were required. As a result, the charts provide an estimate of the approximate relative standard error rather than the precise error for any specific aggregate or percentage.

Three classes of statistics for the health survey are identified for purposes of estimating variances.

Narrow range.—This class consists of (1) statistics which estimate a population attribute, e.g., the number of persons in a particular income group, and (2) statistics for which the measure for a single individual during the reference period used in data collection is usually either 0 or 1 or on occasion may take on the value 2 or very rarely 3.

Medium range.—This class consists of other statistics for which the measure for a single individual during the reference period used in data collection will rarely lie outside the range 0 to 5.

Wide range.—This class consists of statistics for which the measure for a single individual during the reference period used in data collection can range from 0 to a number in excess of 5, e.g., the number of days of bed disability.

In addition to classifying variables according to whether they are narrow-, medium-, or wide-range, statistics in the survey are further defined as:

- Type A. Statistics on prevalence and incidence for which the period of reference in the questionnaire is 12 months.
- Type B. Incidence-type statistics for which the period of reference in the questionnaire is 2 weeks.
- Type C. Statistics for which the reference period is 6 months.

Only the charts on sampling error applicable to data contained in this report are presented.

General rules for determining relative sampling errors.—The "guide" on page 44, together with the following rules, will enable the reader to determine approximate relative standard errors from the charts for estimates presented in this report.

- Rule 1. Estimates of aggregates: Approximate relative standard errors for estimates of aggregates such as the number of persons with a given characteristic are obtained from appropriate curves on pages 45 and 47. The number of persons in the total U.S. population or in an agesex-color class of the total population is adjusted to official Bureau of the Census figures and is not subject to sampling error.
- Rule 2. Estimates of percentages in a percent distribution: Relative standard errors for percentages in a percent distribution of a total are obtained from appropriate curves on pages 46 and 48. For values which do not fall on one of the curves presented in the chart, visual interpolation will provide a satisfactory approximation.
- Rule 3. Estimates of rates where the numerator is a subclass of the denominator: This rule applies for prevalence rates or where a unit of the numerator occurs, with few exceptions, only once in the year for any one unit in the denominator. For example, in computing the rate of visual impairments per 1,000 population, the numerator consisting of persons with the impairment is a sub-

class of the denominator, which includes all persons in the population. Such rates if converted to rates per 100 may be treated as though they were percentages and the relative standard errors obtained from the chart P8AN-M. Rates per 1,000, or on any other base, must first be converted to rates per 100; then the percentage chart will provide the relative standard error per 100.

- Rule 4. Estimates of rates where the numerator is not a subclass of the denominator: This rule applies where a unit of the numerator often occurs more than once for any one unit in the denominator. For example, in the computation of the number of persons injured per 100 currently employed persons per year, it is possible that a person in the denominator could have sustained more than one of the injuries included in the numerator. Approximate relative standard errors for rates of this kind may be computed as follows:
  - (a) Where the denominator is the total U.S. population or includes all persons in one or more of the age-sexcolor groups of the total population, the relative error of the rate is equivalent to the relative error of the numerator, which can be obtained directly from the appropriate chart.
  - (b) In other cases the relative standard error of the numerator and of the denominator can be obtained from

the appropriate curve. Square each of these relative errors, add the resulting values, and extract the square root of the sum. This procedure will result in an upper bound on the standard error and often will overstate the error.

Rule 5. Estimates of difference between two statistics (mean, rate, total, etc.): The standard error of a difference is approximately the square root of the sum of the squares of each standard error considered separately. A formula for the standard error of a difference,

is

$$\sigma_d = \sqrt{(X_1 \ V_{x1})^2 + (X_2 \ V_{x2})^2}$$

 $d = X_1 - X_2$ 

where  $X_1$  is the estimate for class 1,  $X_2$ is the estimate for class 2, and  $V_{x1}$  and  $V_{x2}$  are the relative errors of  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  respectively. This formula will represent the actual standard error quite accurately for the difference between separate and uncorrelated characteristics although it is only a rough approximation in most other cases. The relative standard error of each estimate involved in such a difference can be determined by one of the four rules above, whichever is appropriate.

The code shown below identifies the appropriate curve to be used in estimating the relative standard error of the statistic described. The four components of each code describe the statistic as follows:

(1) A = aggregate, P = percentage; (2) the number of calendar quarters of data collection; (3) the type of statistic as described on page 42; and (4) the range of the statistic as described on page 42.

	Use:					
Statistic	Rule	Code	on page			
Persons: Number of: Persons in the U.S. population or in any age-sex category thereof		Not subject to sampling error				
Persons in any other population group	1	A8AN	45			
Persons by chronic limitation status	1	A8AN	45			
Percent distribution by limitation status	2	P8AN-M	46			
Discharges from short-stay hospitals: Number of discharges per year	1	A8CN	47			
Rate of discharges in U.S. population or in any age-sex category         thereof       .         Rate of discharges in any other population group       .	4(a) 4(b)	A8CN Numer. : A8CN Denom. : A8AN	47 47 48			
Physician and dentist visits: Visits in a year	1	A8BM	45			
Visits per person in U.S. population or in any age-sex category thereof	4(a)	A8BM Numer. : A8BM	45			
Visits per person in any other population group per year	4(b)	Denom. : A8AN	4			
Percent distribution by place or visit	2	P8BN-M	43			
Percent of persons with visit in past year	2	P8AN-M	4			
Disability days: Number of days per year	1	A8BW	4:			
Days per person in the U.S. population or any age-sex category thereof	4(a)	A8BW	4			
Days per person in any other population group (including work- loss among currently employed)	4(b)	Numer. : A8BW Demon. : A8AN	4! 4!			
Persons injured: Number of persons injured per year	1	A8BN	4!			
Persons injured per 100 U.S. population or any age-sex category thereof	4(a)	A8BN	4!			
Persons injured per 100 population in any other population group	4(b)	Numer. : A8BN Denom. : A8AN	41			
Acute conditions: Number of acute conditions per year	1	A8BN	4			
Number per 100 persons per year	4(b)	Numer. : A8BN Denom. : A8AN	4			



Size of estimate (in thousands)

Example of use of chart: An aggregate of 5,000,000 (on scale at bottom of chart) for a Narrow range type A statistic (code: A8AN) has a relative standard error of 1.9 percent, read from scale at left side of chart, or a standard error of 95,000 (1.9 percent of 5,000,000). For a Wide range type B statistic (code: A8BW), an aggregate of 10,000,000 has a relative error of 9.3 percent or a standard error of 930,000 (9.3 percent of 10,000,000).

Relative standard errors for aggregates based on eight quarters of data collection for data of all types and ranges

#### Relative standard errors for percentages based on eight quarters of data collection for type A data, Narrow and Medium range

(Base of percentage shown on curves in millions) 100 60 50 40 30 B se 20 ..... 25 5 1..... 16 3 ...2 Relative standard error 10 20 Code: P8AN-M 80 Type A data 50 Narrow and medium range variables 14 зb 1.44 100 • 9 . . . . 7 -----• 5 • 3 ::: 1 • 2 9 1 10 100

Estimated percentage

Example of use of chart: An estimate of 20 percent (on scale at bottom of chart) based on an estimate of 10,000,000 has a relative standard error of 2.8 percent (read from the scale at the left side of the chart), the point at which the curve for a base of 10,000,000 intersects the vertical line for 20 percent. The standard error in percentage points is equal to 20 percent X 2.8 percent or 0.56 percentage points.



Example of use of chart: An aggregate of 1,000,000 (on scale at bottom of chart) for a Narrow range type C statistic (code: A8CN) has a relative standard error of 5.6 percent, read from scale at left side of chart, or a standard error of 56,000 (5.6 percent of 1,000,000).

#### Relative standard errors for percentages based on eight quarters of data collection for type B data, Narrow and Medium range (Base of percentage shown on curves in millions)



Example of use of chart: An estimate of 20 percent (on scale at bottom of chart) based on an estimate of 10,000,000 has a relative standard error of 13.8 percent (read from scale at the left side of the chart), the point at which the curve for a base of 10,000,000 intersects the vertical line for 20 percent. The standard error in percentage points is equal to 20 percent X 13.8 percent or 2.8 percentage points.

### APPENDIX II

#### DEFINITIONS OF CERTAIN TERMS USED IN THIS REPORT

#### Terms Relating to Conditions

Condition.-A morbidity condition, or simply a condition, is any entry on the questionnaire which describes a departure from a state of physical or mental well-being. It results from a positive response to one of a series of "medicaldisability impact" or "illness-recall" questions. In the coding and tabulating process conditions are selected or classified according to a number of different criteria such as whether they were medically attended, whether they resulted in disability, or whether they were acute or chronic; or according to the type of disease, injury, impairment, or symptom reported. For the purposes of each published report or set of tables, only those conditions recorded on the questionnaire which satisfy certain stated criteria are included.

Conditions except impairments are classified by type according to the Eighth Revision International Classification of Diseases, Adapted for Use in the United States,<sup>9</sup> with certain modifications adopted to make the code more suitable for a household interview survey.

Acute condition.—An acute condition is defined as a condition which has lasted less than 3 months and which has involved either medical attention or restricted activity. Because of the procedures used to estimate incidence, the acute conditions included in this report are the conditions which had their onset during the 2 weeks prior to the interview week and which involved either medical attention or restricted activity during that 2-week period. However, certain conditions are always classified as chronic re-

Chronic condition.—A condition is considered chronic if (1) the condition is described by the respondent as having been first noticed more than 3 months before the week of the interview or (2) it is one of the conditions listed below which are always considered chronic regardless of the date of onset.

Allergy, any Arthritis or rheumatism Asthma Cancer Cleft palate Club foot Condition present since birth Deafness or serious trouble with hearing Diabetes Epilepsy Hardening of the arteries Hay fever Heart trouble Hemorrhoids or piles Hernia or rupture High blood pressure Kidney stones Mental illness Missing fingers, hand, or arm-toes, foot, or leg Palsv Paralysis of any kind Permanent stiffness or deformity of the foot, leg, fingers, arm, or back Prostate trouble Repeated trouble with back or spine Rheumatic fever

Serious trouble with seeing, even when wearing glasses

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup>National Center for Health Statistics: Eighth Revision International Classification of Diseases, Adapted for Use in the United States. PHS Pub. No. 1693. Public Health Service. Washington. U.S. Government Printing Office, 1967.

Sinus trouble, repeated attacks of Speech defect, any Stomach ulcer Strokc Thyroid trouble or goiter Tuberculosis Tumor, cyst, or growth Varicose veins, trouble with

Incidence of conditions.—The incidence of conditions is the estimated number of conditions having their onset in a specified time period. As previously mentioned, minor acute conditions involving neither restricted activity nor medical attention are excluded from the statistics. The incidence data shown in some reports are further limited to various subclasses of conditions, such as "incidence of conditions involving bed disability."

Onset of condition.—A condition is considered to have had its onset when it was first noticed. This could be the time the person first felt sick or became injured, or it could be the time when the person or his family was first told by a physician that he had a condition of which he was previously unaware.

#### **Terms Relating to Disability**

Disability.-Disability is the general term used to describe any temporary or long-term reduction of a person's activity as a result of an acute or chronic condition.

Disability day.-Short-term disability days are classified according to whether they are days of restricted activity, bed days, hospital days, work-loss days, or school-loss days. All hospital days are, by definition, days of bed disability; all days of bed disability are, by definition, days of restricted activity. The converse form of these statements is, of course, not true. Days lost from work and days lost from school are special terms which apply to the working and school-age populations only, but these too are days of restricted activity. Hence "days of restricted activity" is the most inclusive term used to describe disability days.

*Restricted-activity day.*—A day of restricted activity is one on which a person cuts down on his usual activities for the whole of that day because of an illness or an injury. The

term "usual activities" for any day means the things that the person would ordinarily do on that day. For children under school age, usual activities depend on whatever the usual pattern is for the child's day, which will in turn be affected by the age of the child, weather conditions, and so forth. For retired or elderly persons, usual activities might consist of almost no activity, but cutting down on even a small amount for as much as a day would constitute restricted activity. On Sundays or holidays, usual activities are the things the person usually does on such days-going to church, playing golf, visiting friends or relatives, or staying at home and listening to the radio, reading, looking at television, and so forth. Persons who have permanently reduced their usual activities because of a chronic condition might not report any restricted-activity days during a 2-week period. Therefore absence of restricted-activity days does not imply normal health.

Restricted activity does not imply complete inactivity, but it does imply only the minimum of usual activities. A special nap for an hour after lunch does not constitute cutting down on usual activities, nor does the elimination of a heavy chore such as cleaning ashes out of the furnace or hanging out the wash. If a farmer or housewife carries on only the minimum of the day's chores, however, this is a day of restricted activity.

A day spent in bed or a day home from work or school because of illness or injury is, of course, a restricted-activity day.

Bed-disability day.—A day of bed disability is one on which a person stays in bed for all or most of the day because of a specific illness or injury. All or most of the day is defined as more than half of the daylight hours. All hospital days for inpatients are considered to be days of bed disability even if the patient was not actually in bed at the hospital.

Work-loss day.—A day lost from work is a day on which a person did not work at his job or business for at least half of his normal workday because of a specific illness or injury. The number of days lost from work is determined only for persons 17 years of age and over who reported that at any time during the 2-week period covered by the interview they either worked at or had a job or business. (See "Currently employed persons" under "Demographic Terms.")

Person-day. – Person-days of restricted activity, bed disability, and so forth are days of the various forms of disability experienced by any one person. The sum of days for all persons in a group represents an unduplicated count of all days of disability for the group.

Condition-day. - Condition-days of restricted activity, bed disability, and so forth are days of the various forms of disability associated with any one condition. Since any particular day of disability may be associated with more than one condition, the sum of days for conditions may add to more than the total number of person-days.

Chronic activity limitation.—Persons are classified into four categories according to the extent to which their activities are limited at present as a result of chronic conditions. Since the usual activities of preschool children, school-age children, housewives, and workers and other persons differ, a different set of criteria is used for each group. There is a general similarity between them, however, as will be seen in the following descriptions of the four categories:

1'. Persons unable to carry on major activity for their group (major activity refers to ability to work, keep house, or engage in school or preschool activities)

Preschool children:

Inability to take part in ordinary play with other children.

School-age children: Inability to go to school.

Housewives: Inability to do any housework.

Workers and all other persons: Inability to work at a job or business.

2. Persons limited in amount or kind of major activity performed (major activity refers to ability to work, keep house, or engage in school or preschool activities) Preschool children:

Limited in amount or kind of play with other children, e.g., need special rest periods, cannot play strenuous games, or cannot play for long periods at a time.

School-age children:

Limited to certain types of schools or in school attendance, e.g., need special schools or special teaching or cannot go to school full time or for long periods at a time.

Housewives:

Limited in amount or kind of housework, e.g., cannot lift children, wash or iron, or do housework for long periods at a time.

#### Workers and all other persons:

Limited in amount or kind of work, e.g., need special working aids or special rest periods at work, cannot work full time or for long periods at a time, or cannot do strenuous work.

3. Persons not limited in major activity but otherwise limited (major activity refers to ability to work, keep house, or engage in school or preschool activities)

Preschool children:

Not classified in this category.

School-age children:

Not limited in going to school but limited in participation in athletics or other extracurricular activities.

Housewives:

Not limited in housework but limited in other activities such as church, clubs, hobbies, civic projects, or shopping.

Workers and all other persons:

Not limited in regular work activities but limited in other activities such as church, clubs, hobbies, civic projects, sports, or games.

4. Persons not limited in activities (includes persons whose activities are not limited in any of the ways described above)

Injury condition.—An injury condition, or simply an injury, is a condition of the type that is classified according to the nature of injury code numbers (N800-N999) in the International Classification of Diseases. In addition to fractures, lacerations, contusions, burns, and so forth, which are commonly thought of as injuries, this group of codes includes effects of exposure, such as sunburn; adverse reactions to immunization and other medical procedures; and poisonings. Unless otherwise specified, the term injury is used to cover all of these.

Since a person may sustain more than one injury in a single accident, e.g., a broken leg and laceration of the scalp, the number of injury conditions may exceed the number of persons injured.

Statistics of acute injury conditions include only those injuries which involved at least 1 full day of restricted activity or medical attendance.

Person injured.—A person injured is one who has sustained one or more injuries in an accident or in some type of nonaccidental violence. (See definition of injury condition.) Each time a person is involved in an accident or in nonaccidental violence causing injury that results in at least 1 full day of restricted activity or medical attention he is included in the statistics as a separate person injured; hence one person may be included more than once.

The number of persons injured is not equivalent to the number of accidents for several reasons: (1) the term "accident" as commonly used may not involve injury at all, (2) more than one injured person may be involved in a single accident, so the number of accidents resulting in injury would be less than the number of persons injured in accidents, and (3) the term "accident" ordinarily implies an accidental origin whereas "persons injured" as used in the Health Interview Survey includes persons whose injuries resulted from certain nonaccidental violence.

The number of persons injured in a specified time interval is always equal to or less than the incidence of injury conditions since one person may incur more than one injury in a single accident.

#### Terms Relating to Class of Accident

Class of accident.-Injuries, injured persons, and resulting days of disability may be grouped according to class of accident. This is a broad classification of the types of events which resulted in personal injuries. Most of these events are accidents in the usual sense of the word, but some are other kinds of mishap, such as overexposure to the sun or adverse reactions to medical procedures, and others are nonaccidental violence, such as attempted suicide. The classes of accident are (1) moving motor vehicle accidents, (2) accidents occurring while at work, (3) home accidents, and (4) other accidents. These categories are not mutually exclusive. For example, a person may be injured in a moving motor vehicle accident which occurred while the person was at home or at work. The accident class "moving motor vehicle" includes "homemoving motor vehicle" and "while at workmoving motor vehicle." Similarly, the classes "while at work" and "home" include duplicated counts, e.g., "moving motor vehicle-while at work" is included under "while at work."

Nonmoving motor vehicle accident.—If the motor vehicle was not moving at the time of the accident, the accident is considered a "nonmoving motor vehicle" accident and is classified in the "other accident" category.

Accident while at work.—The class of accident is "while at work" if the injured person was 17 years of age or over and was at work at a job or a business at the time the accident happened.

Home accident.—The class of accident is "home" if the injury occurred either inside or outside the house. "Outside the house" refers to the yard, buildings, and sidewalks on the property. "Home" includes not only the person's own home but also any other home in which he may have been when he was injured.

Other accident. —The class of accident is "other" if the occurrence of injury cannot be classified in one of the first two class-of-accident categories (i.e., while at work or home). This category therefore includes persons injured in motor vehicle accidents or in public places (e.g., tripping and falling in a store or on a public sidewalk) and also nonaccidental injuries such as homicidal and suicidal attempts. The survey does not cover the military population, but current disability of various types resulting from prior injury occurring while the person was in the Armed Forces is covered and is included in this class. The class also includes mishaps for which the class of accident could not be ascertained.

#### **Terms Relating to Hospitalization**

Hospital.—For this survey a hospital is defined as any institution meeting one of the following criteria: (1) named in the listing of hospitals in the current Guide Issue of Hospitals, the Journal of the American Hospital Association, (2) named in the listing of hospitals in the Directories of the American Osteopathic Hospital Association, or (3) named in the annual inventory of non-Federal hospitals submitted by the States to the Health Care Facilities Service, Health Resources Administration, in conjunction with the Hill-Burton program.

Short-stay hospital.—A short-stay hospital is one in which the type of service provided by the hospital is general; maternity; eye, ear, nose, and throat; children's; or osteopathic; or it may be the hospital department of an institution.

Hospital ownership.—Hospital ownership is a classification of hospitals according to the type of organization that controls and operates the hospital. The category to which an individual hospital is assigned and the definition of these categories follows the usage of the American Hospital Association.

Surgical operation.—A surgical operation includes any cutting or piercing of the skin or other tissue, stitching of cuts or wounds, setting of fractures and dislocations, the introduction of tubes for drainage "tapping," and terms ending in "scopy" (e.g., cystoscopy). Deliveries are counted as operations. Injections and transfusions, however, are not included, nor are routine circumcisions.

Only operations performed in hospitals upon inpatients are included.

Hospital episode. – A hospital episode is any continuous period of stay of 1 night or more in a hospital as an inpatient except the period of stay of a well newborn infant. A hospital episode is recorded for a family member whenever any part of his hospital stay is included in the 12-month period prior to the interview week.

Hospital discharge.—A hospital discharge is the completion of any continuous period of stay of 1 or more nights in a hospital as an inpatient except the period of stay of a well newborn infant. A hospital discharge is recorded whenever a present member of the household is reported to have been discharged from a hospital in the 12-month period prior to the interview week. (Estimates were based on discharges which occurred during the 6-month period prior to the interview.)

### Terms Relating to Dental Visits

Dental visit.—A dental visit is defined as any visit to a dentist's office for treatment or advice, including services by a technician or hygienist acting under a dentist's supervision.

Interval since last dental visit.—The interval since the last dental visit is the length of time prior to the week of interview since a dentist or dental hygienist was last visited for treatment or advice of any type.

### Terms Relating to Physician Visits

Physician visit.—A physician visit is defined as consultation with a physician, in person or by telephone, for examination, diagnosis, treatment, or advice. The visit is considered to be a physician visit if the service is provided directly by the physician or by a nurse or other person acting under a physician's supervision. For the purpose of this definition "physician" includes doctors of medicine and osteopathic physicians. The term "doctor" is used in the interview rather than "physician" because of popular usage. However, the concept toward which all instructions are directed is that which is described here.

Physician visits for services provided on a mass basis are not included in the tabulations. A service received on a mass basis is defined as any service involving only a single test (e.g., test for diabetes) or a single procedure (e.g., smallpox vaccination) when this single service was administered identically to all persons who were at the place for this purpose. Hence obtaining a chest X-ray in a tuberculosis chest X-ray trailer is not included as a physician visit. However, a special chest X-ray given in a physician's office or in an outpatient clinic is considered a physician visit.

Physician visits to hospital inpatients are not included.

If a physician is called to a house to see more than one person, the call is considered a separate physician visit for each person about whom the physician was consulted.

A physician visit is associated with the person about whom the advice was sought, even if that person did not actually see or consult the physician. For example, if a mother consults a physician about one of her children, the physician visit is ascribed to the child.

Interval since last physician visit.—The interval since the last physician visit is the length of time prior to the week of interview since a physician was last consulted in person or by telephone for treatment or advice of any type whatever. A physician visit to a hospital inpatient may be counted as the last time a physician was seen.

*Place of visit.*—The place of visit is a classification of the types of places at which a physician visit occurs. Definitions of the various categories are as follows:

Home is defined as any place in which the person was staying at the time of the physician's visit. It may be his own home, the home of a friend, a hotel, or any other place the person may have been staying (except as an overnight patient in a hospital).

Office is defined as the office of a physician in private practice only. This may be an office in the physician's home, an individual office in an office building, or a suite of offices occupied by several physicians. For purposes of this survey, physicians connected with prepayment-grouppractice plans are considered to be in private practice.

Hospital clinic is defined as an outpatient clinic or emergency room in any hospital.

Company or industry health unit refers to treatment received from a physician or under a physician's supervision at a place of business (e.g., factory, store, office building). This includes emergency or first-aid rooms located in such places if treatment was received there from a physician or trained nurse.

Telephone contact refers to advice given in a telephone call by the physician directly or through a nurse. (Calls for appointments are excluded.)

Other refers to advice or treatment received from a physician or under a physician's general supervision at a school, at an insurance office, at a health department clinic, or any other place at which a physician consultation might take place.

#### **Demographic Terms**

Age.—The age recorded for each person is the age at last birthday. Age is recorded in single years and grouped in a variety of distributions depending on the purpose of the table.

Geographic region.—For the purpose of classifying the population by geographic area, the States are grouped into four regions. These regions, which correspond to those used by the U.S. Bureau of the Census, are shown in figure I.

Place of residence.—The place of residence of a member of the civilian, noninstitutionalized population is classified as inside a standard metropolitan statistical area (SMSA) or outside an SMSA and either farm or nonfarm.

Standard metropolitan statistical areas. – The definitions and titles of SMSA's are established by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget with the advice of the Federal Committee on Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas. There were 212 SMSA's defined for the 1960 decennial census.

The definition of an individual SMSA involves two considerations: first, a city or cities of specified population which constitute the central city and identify the county in which it is located as the central county; second, economic and social relationships with contiguous counties (except in New England) which are metropolitan in character so that the periphery of the specific metropolitan area may be determined. SMSA's are not limited by State boundaries. In New England SMSA's consist of towns and cities, rather than

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Region	States Included
Northeast	Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania
North Central .	Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, North Dakota, South Dakota, Kansas, Nebraska,
South	<ul> <li>Delaware, Maryland,</li> <li>District of Columbia,</li> <li>Virginia, West Virginia,</li> <li>North Carolina, South</li> <li>Carolina, Georgia, Florida,</li> <li>Kentucky, Texas, Tennessee,</li> <li>Alabama, Mississippi,</li> <li>Arkansas, Louisiana,</li> </ul>
West	Oklahoma Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, Utah, Nevada, Washington, Alaska, Oregon, California, Hawaii

counties. The metropolitan population in this report is based on SMSA's as defined in the 1960 census and does not include any subsequent additions or changes.

Central cities .- Each SMSA must include at least one central city. The complete title of an SMSA identifies the central city or cities. If only one central city is designated, then it must have 50,000 inhabitants or more. The area title may include, in addition to the largest city, up to two city names on the basis and in the order of the following criteria: (1) the additional city has at least 250,000 inhabitants or (2) the additional city has a population of one-third or more of that of the largest city and a minimum population of 25,000. An exception occurs where two cities have contiguous boundaries and constitute, for economic and social purposes, a single community of at least 50,000, the smaller of which must have a population of at least 15,000.

Large metropolitan areas.-Statistics are presented in this report for eight large metropolitan areas. The titles and definitions of these areas as specified for the 1960 Decennial Census are shown below. Six of these areas were standard metropolitan statistical areas and two-New York and Chicago-were classified as standard consolidated areas and consisted for four

Area	Formal Title	Counties
Boston	Boston, Mass.	Suffolk, Middlesex (part), Essex (part), Norfolk (part), Plymouth (part)
New York	New-York-Northeastern New Jersey New York, N.Y. SMSA	Bronx, Kings, New York, Queens, Richmond, Nassau, Rockland, Suffolk, Westchester
	Newark, N.J. SMSA Jersey City, N.J. SMSA	Essex, Morris, Union Hudson
	Paterson-Clifton-Passaic, N.J. SMSA Middlesex County	Bergen, Passaic
Philadelphia	Somerset County Philadelphia, PaN.J.	Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, Philadelphia, Burlington, Camden, Gloucester
Detroit	Detroit, Mich.	Macomb, Oakland, Wayne
Chicago	Chicago-Northwestern Indiana Chicago, III. SMSA Gary-Hammond-East Chicago SMSA	Cook, Du Page, Kane, Lake, McHenry, Will, Chicago (city) Lake, Porter
Washington	Washington, D.CMdVa.	Washington, D.C., Montgomery, Prince Georges, Alexandria (city), Falls Church (city), Arlington, Fairfax
Los Angeles	Los Angeles-Long Beach, Calif.	Los Angeles, Orange
San Francisco	San Francisco-Oakland, Calif.	Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Francisco, San Mateo, Solano

SMSA's and two additional counties and of two SMSA's, respectively.

Farm and nonfarm residence.-The population residing outside SMSA's is subdivided into the farm population, which comprises all non-SMSA residents living on farms, and the nonfarm population, which comprises the remaining outside SMSA population. The farm population includes persons living on places of 10 acres or more from which sales of farm products amounted to \$50 or more during the previous 12 months or on places of less than 10 acres from which sales of farm products amounted to \$250 or more during the preceding 12 months. Other persons living outside an SMSA were classified as nonfarm if their household paid rent for the house but their rent did not include any land used for farming.

Sales of farm products refer to the gross receipts from the sale of field crops, vegetables, fruits, nuts, livestock and livestock products (milk, wool, etc.), poultry and poultry products, and nursery and forest products produced on the place and sold at any time during the preceding 12 months.

Currently employed.—Persons 17 years of age and over who reported that at any time during the 2-week period covered by the interview they either worked at or had a job or business are currently employed. Current employment includes paid work as an employee of someone else; self-employment in business, farming, or professional practice; and unpaid work in a family business or farm. Persons who were temporarily absent from a job or business because of

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a temporary illness, vacation, strike, or bad weather are considered as currently employed if they expected to work as soon as the particular event causing the absence no longer existed.

Free-lance workers are considered currently employed if they had a definite arrangement with one employer or more to work for pay according to a weekly or monthly schedule, either full time or part time.

Excluded from the currently employed population are persons who have no definite employment schedule but work only when their services are needed. Also excluded from the currently employed population are (1) persons receiving revenue from an enterprise but not participating in its operation, (2) persons doing housework or charity work for which they receive no pay, (3) seasonal workers during the portion of the year they were not working, and (4) persons who were not working, even though having a job or business, but were on layoff or looking for work.

The number of currently employed persons estimated from the Health Interview Survey (HIS) will differ from the estimates prepared from the Current Population Survey (CPS) of the U.S. Bureau of the Census for several reasons. In addition to sampling variability they include three primary conceptual differences, namely: (1) HIS estimates are for persons 17 years of age and over; CPS estimates are for persons 16 years of age and over. (2) HIS uses a 2-week reference period, while CPS uses a 1-week reference period. (3) HIS is a continuing survey with separate samples taken weekly; CPS is a monthly sample taken for the survey week which includes the 12th of the month.

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