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# Volume of X-ray Visits 

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Statistics on volume of medical and dental X-ray visits, by area of body $x$-rayed, place of X-ray, type of X-ray, age, sex, race, residence, geographic region, family income, and education. Based on data collected in household interviews during the period July 1960-June 1961.
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## VOLUME OF X-RAY VISITS

## SELECTED FINDINGS

During the 12 -month period starting in July 1960 the U. S. National Health Survey, in its Health Interview Survey program, collected information about medical and dental X-ray visits. Since about half of the total radiation dosage to the whole body of an average person is accounted for by medical and dental X-ray exposures, it is of interest to study how these X-rays are distributed in the several age and sex groups in the population of the United States.

During a 12 -month period members of the civilian, noninstitutional population reported that they had made an estimated 85 million visits to medical facilities for medical X-rays, and about 49 million visits for dental X-rays. During a medical X-ray visit one or more areas of the body were x-rayed; a total of about 93 million areas of the body were $x$-rayed during the 85 million visits. An X-ray of an area of the body may have included one or more film exposures, one or more fluoroscopic views, or one or more X-ray treatments. No attempt was made to collect information about the number of film exposures, fluoroscopic views, or ports used for treatment; in addition no data were collected about treatment with radioactive materials, including radium and radioisotopes.

The chest was the area of the body $x$-rayed most frequently, with an estimated 51 million visits. Next in terms of frequency were X-rays of the extremities, about 14 million visits. Most of the 85 million medical X-ray visits made by individuals were for diagnostic purposes; there were 82 million diagnostic X-ray visits compared with about 3 million visits reported for treatment; about 2 million of the visits were made for both diagnosis and treatment.

[^0]Males had a higher rate of medical X-ray visits than did females, but the reverse was true for dental X-ray use. Nonwhite persons between the ages of $15-44$ had more medical X-ray visits per 100 persons than did white persons. The greater rate of X-rays of the chest by nonwhite persons accounted for this racial difference. On the other hand, rates of visits for dental X-rays were higher for white persons than for nonwhite persons.

As family income and educational attainment of the head of the family rose, the rate of dental X-ray visits also increased. For medical X-ray visits, an increase in the $X$-ray visit rate was correlated with rise in educational level of the head of the family, but the rate remained approximately the same for each income group.

Residents of the Western States had the highest rate of medical and dental X-ray visits. Persons residing in urbanized areas of the country, using areas defined in the 1950 Census, made greater use of medical and dental $X$-ray facilities in proportion to population than did residents in the rural areas.

A higher percentage (50.0) of medical X-rays of various areas of the body were performed in the hospital than in other places. The percentage in hospitals includes both outpatients and inpatients. About two out of each five chest X-rays were made in a place other than a hospital or doctor's office, including such places as health departments, mobile X-ray units, industrial places, or schools.

## SOURCE AND LIMITATIONS OF THE DATA

The information presented in this report was obtained from a continuing household interview survey of a probability sample representative of the civilian, noninstitutional population residing in the United States. During the 12 -month period,

July 1960-June 1961, interviews were obtained in approximately 38,000 households containing about 125,000 persons living at the time of the interview. Data about health, social, and demographic characteristics of each household member were recorded on the questionnaire reproduced in Appendix III. Information on the volume of X-ray visits and areas of the body $x$-rayed wasobtained in response to questions 21-25.

A brief description of the statistical design of the survey, the methods of estimation, and general qualifications of the data obtained from surveys is presented in Appendix I. Since 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 directed toward the section, "Reliability of Estimates," which contains charts indicating relative sampling errors and instructions for their use. The sampling errors for most of the estimates are of relatively low magnitude. However, when a number, or the numerator or denominator of a rate or percentage, is small, the sampling error may be high. In these instances, the estimates must be interpreted with caution.

Definitions of certain terms, and particularly those related to X-ray visits, are explained in Appendix II. Some of the terms have specialized meanings for the purpose of the survey. Familiarity with these definitions will assist the reader in interpreting the data. For example, an X-ray visit was included if X-rays had been used for film exposure, fluoroscopy, or treatment. If radioactive materials, such as radium or radioactive isotopes, were used for treatment or diagnosis, an X-ray visit was not counted.

A general limitation to all data obtained by household interview is that the data are no better than the respondent's knowledge of and willingness to discuss his affairs. To determine the format which would elicit the most accurate and complete information, pretests of the X-ray questions were conducted, and the answers were compared with X-ray records of sample populations (see Appendix IV). These pretests indicated that memory recall of X-ray visits was satisfactory up to a period of three months. Beyond that period, however, a larger proportion of X-ray visits were not reported in the interview. Therefore, the X-ray questions were phrased in terms of a three-month reference period. As indicated in Appendix IV, visits for treatment were less well reported than visits for diagnosis.

Questions were formulated to elicitinformation in terms of the X-ray visit rather than the

X-ray exposure since it was assumed that respondents would be likely to know how many times a visit was made during which an area of the body was $x$-rayed or fluoroscoped, but that they would not know the number of exposures (films or fluoroscopic views). For similar reasons the X-ray visits were classified in terms of six general areas of the body rather than such specific parts of the body as individual bones or internal organs. The use of radioisotopes as a source of radiation for medical purposes was not included in these data because relatively few respondents would know sufficient details about this application.

## MEDICAL X-RAY VISITS

## Volume of Visits

From data collected during July 1960-June 1961 it is estimated that about 85 million visits were made to medical facilities for medical X-rays during this period (table 1). One visit was counted each time a person went to a doctor's office, hospital, or other facility to have one or more areas of the body x-rayed. Since the same person may have had more than one such visit during the period, this does not mean that 85 million persons had medical X-rays during a year's time.

Respondents in the household health interview were asked how many times each household member visited an X-ray facility for a medical or dental X-ray during the three months prior to the week of interview. No data about X-ray visits were collected for active military personnel, institutionalized members of the population, or deceased members of the household.

During an average three-month period about three fourths of all persons, who had X-ray experience made a single visit for a medical X-ray (table A). The remainder made two or more visits. As age increased the frequency of multiple visits rose; about one third of the x-rayed persons aged 65 years and over made two or more visits to an X-ray facility during a three-month period. Multiple visits were made chiefly for treatment X-rays, while the majority of single visits were for diagnostic purposes.

On the average there were about 48 visits a year for medical X-rays for each 100 persons in the population. Relatively few persons under 15 years of age had an X-ray visit, but from 15-64 years of age the rate remained quite stable except as noted below. In general, persons between the ages of 45-64 years reported the highest rate of medical X-ray use.

Table A. Percent distribution of X-ray visits (other than dental) during an average three-month period by number of X-ray visits in three-month period, according to selected characteristics: United States, July 1960-June 1961

| Characteristic | Number of X-ray visits in three-month period. |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total | 1 | 2 | 3 | $4+$ |
|  | Percent distribution |  |  |  |  |
| All persons with x-ray visits--------- | 100.0 | 75.9 | 14.2 | 5.1 | 4.8 |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 100.0 | 76.4 | 15.3 | 4.4 | 3.9 |
| 15-29------------------------------------------1-2- | 100.0 | 82.8 | 11.5 | 3.1 | 2.6 |
| 30-44- | 100.0 | 78.2 | 12.4 | 4.9 | 4.4 |
|  | 100.0 | 69.7 | 16.9 | 6.7 | 6.7 |
|  | 100.0 | 70.9 | 16.4 | 6.1 | 6.6 |
| 65+ | 100.0 | 66.1 | 18.2 | 8.5 | 7.3 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 100.0 | 75.7 | 14.3 | 5.3 | 4.7 |
| Inside urbanized area | 100.0 | 75.8 | 14.3 | 5.2 | 4.7 |
| Other urban places | 100.0 | 75.3 | 14.4 | 5.6 | 4.8 |
| Rural- | 100.0 | 76.3 | 14.0 | 4.8 | 4.9 |
| Family income |  |  |  |  |  |
| Under \$2,000- | 100.0 | 75.4 | 13.6 | 15.9 | 5.1 |
| \$2,000-3,999 | 100.0 | 76.5 | 14.6 | 4.0 | 4.9 |
|  | 100.0 | 76.0 | 13.9 | 5.5 | 4.5 |
| \$7,000+-- | 100.0 | 76.0 | 14.3 | 4.8 | 4.9 |
|  | 100.0 | 74.7 | 15.5 | 5.6, | 4.3 |
| Type of x -ray |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 100.0 | 76.4 | 14.3 | 5.0 | 4.4 |
| Treatment-------------------------------- | 100.0 | 38.0 | 10.4 | 13.5 | 38.5 |

The rate of medical X-ray visits was about the same for members of white and nonwhite races for all ages combined and for some of the age groups (table 1). There was a substantial racial difference in the rate for the age groups $15-$ 44 years for both sexes combined and for females; moreover, there is an apparent, but not significant, difference in the rate for males aged 15-44 (table 1 and fig. 1). ${ }^{1}$ This difference is partially

[^1]explained by the higher rate of chest X-ray visits among nonwhite persons in the middle years of life (table B). No such racial difference in rates was' present in the data for other areas of the body x-rayed.

The rate of X-ray visits for males was higher than that for females in each age group (table 1 and fig. 2). The sex difference in rates was marked among persons 45 years and over, probably because of the high frequency of chest X-rays among males. The contradictory data in table 1 showing higher rates for nonwhite females than for nonwhite males in the age groups 15-64 may

Table B. Number of chest X-ray visits per 100 persons per year, by race, sex, and age: United States, July 1960-June 1961

be due to sampling error since the difference in rates is not statistically significant.

There were also differences in the rates of medical X-ray visits by place of residence (table 2 and fig. 3). Residents of urbanized areas reported the highest rate, while rural-farm residents had the lowest rate. This urban-rural difference, which has also been noted in statistics dealing with the use of other health facilities, e.g., physician and dental visits, may be due to the lesser availability of X-ray facilities in rural areas. The sex difference mentioned above ap-
pears to be less pronounced in rural areas than in urban areas, but this may be an artifact resulting from sampling error. The age curve of the rates was substantially of the same pattern in each area of residence.

Residents of the Western States reported higher rates of medical X-ray visits than did residents in the Northeast, North Central, and South regions (table 3 and fig. 4). The lowest rates were reported from the Northeast. The sex difference in rates was most pronounced in the North Central region, and least in the South. The


Figure 1. Medical X-ray visits per. 100 persons per year, by race and age.
age changes in the rates were about the same in all four regions, except that in the West the rate for persons $15-29$ years of age was somewhat higher than the comparable rate in the other regions. Males in this age group had a much higher rate than did females. A possible explanation is


Figure 2. Medical X-ray visits and chest X-ray visits per 100 persons per year, by sex and age.


Figure 3. Medical X-ray visits per 100 persons per year, by residence and age.
that males in this age-sex group are known to have a high rate of injury and the injury rate is higher in the West than in any other geographic region (see Health Statistics, Series B, No. 37). In general, the rate of medical X-ray visits was substantially the same in each age-sex-in-


Figure 4. Medical X-ray visits per 100 persons per year, by region and age.
come group, except in three instances (table 4 and fig. 5). These three instances were: in the $\$ 7,000$ and over family income group, the higher rate of X-ray visits among males was more pronounced than in the other income groups; and for both sexes combined in the top income group the rate for the 45-64 year age group was higher than that for the same ages in the other incomegroups; and in the under $\$ 2,000$ income group the rate for females of ages $15-29$ years was substantially higher than that in the other income groups.

There are several possible explanations for these differences. There may be less concern over the possible hazards of radiation for routine detection purposes in men than in women of younger adult ages. It is also possible that men more often receive X-rays in connection with their employment. Among higher income males in the 45-64 year age range, the high rate of X-ray visits could reflect a greater use of X-rays in physical examinations aimed at detection of lung cancer, cardiac abnormalities, and other conditions to which this group is considered subject to risk. In the upper income group a relatively high proportion of the X-ray visits were in doctors' offices.

Persons in lower income families have a high proportion of X-ray visits in hospitals. There may be an association between this and the high rate of X-rays, especially chest X-rays, in lower income women of childbearing ages. Women in this group, requiring the services of a physician for prenatal or postnatal care, or of a hospital for delivery, may frequently receive chest X-rays as a


Figure 5. Medical X-ray visits per 100 persons per year, by fomily income ond age.


Figure 6. Medical X-ray visits per 100 persons par year, by education of head of the family and age.
part of physicians' assessments of their health. This is often done in prenatal clinics or at photofluorographic units in certain hospitals.

The rate of medical X-ray visits rose markedly with increasing levels of education of the head of the family (table 5 and fig. 6). Again within the two age groups, 15-29 and 45-64 years, the greatest variation among educational groups was noted. Table 6 shows the effects on the rates of medical X-ray visits resulting from cross-classification of family income and education of head of the family. The table indicates that the use of medical X-rays is related to educational level and that income does not influence this relationship to any great extent.

X-rays of the chest area were responsible for more than half of the medical X-ray visits (table 7 and fig. 7). A total of about 93 million gross areas of the body were x-rayed during the 85 million visits, or an average of 1.1 body areas per visit. Therefore during relatively few visits were multiple areas of the body x-rayed. The second area of the body in order of frequency of area x-rayed was the extremities. The sex difference in rate of X -ray visits noted for all visits was present in some of the data by area of the body, notably in X-rays of the chest and extremities, the two largest groups. However, females had the higher rate of X-ray visits for the lower


Figure 7. Medical X-ray visifs per 100 persons per year, by area of body x-rayed.
and upper abdomen. X-rays of the head and neck were equal in rate between the sexes. It is probable that the peaking in the rate of X-ray visits for extremities for males aged 15-29 was caused by a high injury rate for this age group (see Health Statistics, Series B, No. 37).

There were about 82 million X-ray visits for diagnosis and 3 million visits for treatment (table C). About 2 million of the total of 85 million visits were for both diagnosis and treatment during the same visit: one area of the body wastreated by X-rays while another area was x-rayed for diagnostic purposes.

About 89 million of the 93 million areas of the body x-rayed, or 96 percent of the total, were x-rayed for diagnostic purposes. The remainder were treated by X-radiation (compare tables $C$ and 7). The chest and extremities were the most frequent sites of diagnostic X-rays with about 72 percent of the total number of diagnostic

Table C. Number of diagnostic X-ray visits and number per 100 persons per year, by race and area of body x-rayed: United States, July 1960-June 1961

| Area of body | Race |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | All races | White |  |  |
| All X-ray visi | Number of X-ray visits in thousands |  |  |  |
|  | 82,288 | 72,725 | 9,564 |  |
| Chest-- | 50,588 | 42,933 |  | 7,654 |
| Lower abdomen | 10,418 | 9,857 |  | 561 |
| Upper abdomen- | 9,724 | 8,981 |  | 743 |
| Extremities-- | 13,215 | 12,294 |  | 921 |
| Head and neck | 5,102 | 4,669 |  | 433 |
| Skin ${ }^{\text {2 }}$ | (*) | (*) |  | (*) |

Number per 100 persons per year








| 46.2 | 46.2 | 46.6 |
| ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 28.4 | 27.3 | 37.3 |
| 5.9 | 6.3 | 2.7 |
| 5.5 | 5.7 | 3.6 |
| 7.4 | 7.8 | 4.5 |
| 2.9 | 3.0 | 2.1 |
| $(*)$ | $(*)$ | $(*)$ |

[^2]X-rays. Of the approximately 4 million areas of the body treated by X-rays, the skin and head and neck accounted for about 49 percent of the total.

There was a racial difference in the use of diagnostic X-rays. The rate of diagnostic chest X-rays was somewhat greater for nonwhite persons than for white persons. However, the rates for the abdomen and extremities were higher for white persons than for nonwhite persons. No racial differences were apparent for treatment X-rays.

Areas of the Body X-rayed by Place of X-ray

The place of medical X-ray differs substantially according to the area of the body $x$-rayed. Therefore, the place of X-ray was tabulated for each area of the body rather than for the X-ray visit. Three locations are shown in tables 8-10; hospital includes both mpatient and outpatient X-ray services, doctor's office includes radiologists and other doctors with X-ray equipment in their offices, and other includes such places as schools, mobile units, health departments, etc. The number of unknown places of X-ray included in this latter group cannot be determined.

The majority of X-rays for areas of the body other than the chest were performed in hospitals (table 8 and fig. 8). For the chest, about two fifths of the X-rays were made in other and unknown places. It is probable that most of these were diagnostic chest X-rays conducted for screening purposes by various agencies, such as health departments, industries, schools, and nonprofit health agencies. The largest percentages of X-rays performed in doctors' offices were for the extremities, head and neck, skin, and other and unknown areas of the body.

Table 9 shows the distribution by place for X-rays of the chest, and table 10 shows place of X-ray for other combined body areas according to various demographic, social, and economic characteristics. In general, smaller proportions of X-rays of the chest were performed in hospitals than corresponding percentages of X-rays of other areas of the body. Table 9 shows that in only three demographic groups were more than half of the chest X-ray visits reported as having been made to the hospital, namely, persons under 15 , persons with family income under $\$ 2,000$, and persons residing in the New England States. Relatively small proportions of chest X-ray visits were made to the doctor's office, while larger percentages were made to other and unknown


Figure 8. Percent distribution of areas of the body $x$-rayed by place of X-ray.
places of X-rays. For areas of the body other than the chest the hospital was the most frequent place of X-rays in all demographic classes.

The place of X-ray treatment, shown in table D, probably reflects the location of available equipment required for treatment of various areas of the body. Low-voltage X-ray equipment used for treatment of skin conditions is usually available in the dermatologist's office. Deep X-ray treatment for pathology of the chest and abdomen is usually performed in the hospital. The large percentage of treatment X-rays of the extremities occurring in the doctor's office perhaps results from the use of X-rays to determine proper reduction and placement of casts in fractures or dislocations. The percentages shown in this table are based on relatively small numbers and should be interpreted with caution due to high sampling errors.

## DENTAL X-RAY VISITS

The data on dental X-ray visits will be more meaningful to readers if reference is made to other reports from the U. S. National Health Survey on dental care. Health Statistics, Series B,

Table D. Percent distribution of areas of the body treated by X-rays, by place of X-ray: United States, July 1960-June 1961

| Area of body | ```Total areas of body treated by X-rays``` | Place of X-ray |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Hospital | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Doctor's } \\ & \text { office } \end{aligned}$ | Other and unknown |
| All areas of | Percent distribution |  |  |  |
|  | 100.0 | 44.5 | 51.0 | 4.6 |
| Chest- | 100.0 | 76.9 | 12.8 | 10.3 |
| Abdomen | 100.0 | 80.9 | 9.2 | 9.8 |
| Extremities | 100.0 | 31.7 | 65.2 | 3.1 |
| Head and neck | 100.0 | 47.3 | 50.6 | 1.9 |
| Skin- | 100.0 | 4.7 | 94.4 | 0.9 |

Nos. 14 and 15, covering the period from July 1957-June 1959, show data on interval and frequency of visits, and volume of visits, by the same variables shown in this report.

An estimated 49 million dental X-ray visits, or an average of 27 per 100 persons, occurred during the 12 -month period from July 1960-June 1961 (table 11). Figure 9 shows a comparison between the age distribution of dental X-ray visits with the age distribution of all dental visits shown in Series B, No. 15, based on data collected during July 1957-June 1959. The two curves are quite similar, and give the impression that during one of each five dental visits a dental X-ray procedure is performed. In each instance the age group 15-29 years reported the highest rate of dental services.

There was a substantial racial difference in the rates of dental X-ray visits; the rate per 100 white persons was about twice that for nonwhite persons (table 11 and fig. 10). Such a difference in rates could imply lesser need for dental X-rays or inability or unwillingness to obtain them. Table E shows that within each racial group, the rate of dental X-ray visits rose remarkably with increased income. Since about 31 percent of the white population has a family income of $\$ 4 ; 000$ or less as compared with 72 percent of the nonwhite population (table 21 ), it is probable that much of the difference between racial groups in the rate of dental X-rays results from factors associated with income.


Figure 9. Comparison between rates per 100 persons per year of dental X-ray visits and dental visits (adapfed from fable 2, Health Statistics Series B-15, July 1957-June 1959), by ages under 65.


Figure 10. Dental X-ray visits per 100 persons per year, by race and ages under 65.

A considerable difference in rates by sex is present in the data shown in figure 11, with the rate for females higher in each age group than the corresponding rate for males. This sex difference was not noted for nonwhite persons. The
difference was marked in the age group 15-29 years, and may be explained by the use of dental X-rays for straightening of teeth and other dental care for cosmetic reasons. Another cause may be childbirth and associated increase in dental caries.

The rate of dental X-ray visits was highest in urbanized areas and lowest in rural areas (table 12 and fig. 12). The sex-age difference at ages 15-29 years was marked in urbanized areas of residence but the difference was smaller in other places of residence.

Persons in the West and Northeast regions of the United States had considerably higher rates of dental X-ray visits than did persons residing in the South and North Central States (table 13 and fig. 13). Except in the South the rate was highest for the age group 15-29 years.

The dental X-ray visit rate was directly related to the rise in family income (table 14 and fig. 14). There was a substantial increase in the rate for the income group $\$ 7,000$ and over compared with that for the next lower income group. Members of the highest income group probably make more use of orthodontia and of preventive dental practice through increased frequency of dental examinations than do members of the other groups. The persons in the lower income groups probably incur dental expense for X-ray visits as the need arises. This is suggested by the fact that for the age group 15-29, the rates arequite closely comparable for each of the three lower income groups.

Table E. Number of dental X-ray visits per 100 persons per year, by race, family income, and age: United States, July 1960-June 1961

| Age | White |  | Nonwhite |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Under $\$ 4,000$ | \$4,000+ | Under $\$ 4,000$ | \$4,000+ |
|  | Number of dental X-ray visits per 100 persons per year |  |  |  |
| All ages- | 16.8 | 34.8 | 11.6 | 25.2 |
| Under 15--- | 10.5 | 27.0 | 10.7 | 18.1 |
| 15-29-- | - 35.1 | 48.0 | 16.1 | 37.3 |
| 30-44 | 20.2 | 42.2 | 16.5 | 26.6 |
| 45+ | 10.8 | 28.6 | 6.1 | 23.8 |
| 45-64 | 13.6 | 31.1 | 7.0 | 27.0 |
| 65+ | 7.7 | 17.5 | 3.6 | 5.3 |



Figure 11. Dental X-ray visits per 100 persons per year, by sex and ages under 65.


Figure 12. Dental X-ray visits per 100 persons per year, by residence and ages under 65.


Figure 13. Denfol X-ray visits per 100 persons per year, by region and ages under 65.


Figure 14. Dental X-ray visits per 100 persons per year, by fomily income and ages under 65.


Figure 15. Dental X-ray visits per 100 persons per year, by education of head of the family and ages under 65.

Table 15 and figure 15 show a substantial rise in the rate of dental X-ray visits with increase in education of head of the family. The rise in rate closely resembles that shown in the previous table for family income. Such a similarity in rates is expected since, in general; higher income is associated with higher educational level (table 20).

Tables 16-21 show the populations used in computing the rates presented in this report.

## DETAILED TABLES -

## MEDICAL X-RAY VISITS BY RACE, RESIDENCE, REGION, FAMILY INCOME, EDUCATION OF FAMILY HEAD, SEX, AND AGE

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## MEDICAL X-RAY VISITS BY AREA OF BODY X-RAYED

7. Number of medical $X$-ray visits and number of medical X-ray visits per 100 persons per year, by area of body x-rayed, sex, and age: United States, July 1960-June 1961

## AREAS OF BODY X-RAYED BY PLACE OF X-RAY

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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]


Table 2. Number of medical X-ray visits and number of medical X-ray visits per 100 persons per year, by residence, sex, and age: United States, July 1960-June 1961
[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]

| Sex and age | Residence |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { All } \\ \text { areas } \end{gathered}$ | Urban |  |  | Rural nonfarm | Rural farm |
|  |  | Total | Inside urbanized areas | Other urban places |  |  |
| Both sexes | Number of medical X -ray visits in thousands |  |  |  |  |  |
| All ages------------------------------ | 85,303 | 56,593 | 43,322 | 13,271 | 22,190 | 6,520 |
| Under 15- | 9,403 | 5,459 | 4,137 | 1,322 | 3,340 | 604 |
| 15-29 | 19,418 | 13,269 | 9,960 | 3,308 | 4,698 | 1,451 |
| 30-44 | 22,044 | 13,747 | 10,574 | 3,173 | 6,776 | 1,521 |
| 45+- | 34,439 | 24,119 | 18,651 | 5,468 | 7,377 | 2,943 |
| 45-64- | 25,852 | 18,103 | 14,087 | 4,017 | 5,501 | 2,248 |
| 65+ | 8,587 | 6,016 | 4,565 | 1,451 | 1,876 | 696 |
| Male |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| All ages------------------------------ | 43,063 | 28,472 | 21,772 | 6,699 | 11,062 | 3,530 |
| Under 15 | 5,308 | 3,241 | 2,491 | 750 | 1,777 | (*) |
| 15-29 | 9,463 | 6,283 | 4,535 | 1,747 | 2,291 | 890 |
| 30-44 | 10,891 | 6,850 | 5,380 | 1,471 | 3,184 | 857 |
| 45+--- | 17,401 | 12,098 | 9,367 | 2,731 | 3,810 | 1,494 |
| 45-64 | 13,345 | 9,401 | 7,453 | 1,948 | 2,931 | 1,013 |
| 65+ | 4,057 | 2,697 | 1,914 | 783 | 879 | 481 |
| Female |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| All ages------------------------------- | 42,240 | 28,122 | 21,549 | 6,572 | 11,128 | 2,990 |
| Under 15- | 4,095 | 2,218 | 1,646 | 572 | 1,563 | (*) |
| 15-29- | 9,954 | 6,986 | 5,425 | 1,561 | 2,407 | 561 |
| 30-44- | 11,153 | 6,897 | 5,194 | 1,703 | 3,592 | 665 |
| 45+- | 17,037 | 12,021 | 9,284 | 2,737 | 3,566 | 1,450 |
| 45-64- | 12,507 | 8,703 | 6,633 | 2,069 | 2,570 | 1,235 |
|  | 4,530 | 3,319 | 2,651 | 668 | 997 | (*) |

Both sexes


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Male



## Female


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Number of medical $x$-ray visits per 100 persons per year


Table 3. Number of medical $X$-ray visits and number of medical X-ray visits per 100 persons per year, by region, sex, and age: United States, July 1960-June 1961
[Data are based on household interviews of the civilian, noninstitutional population. The survey design, general qualitications, and infornation on the reliability of the estimates are given in Appendix I. Definitions of terms are given in Appendix II]

| Sex and age | Region |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | All regions | Northeast | $\begin{aligned} & \text { North } \\ & \text { Central } \end{aligned}$ | South | West |
| Both sexes | Number of medical X-ray visits in thousands |  |  |  |  |
| All ages- | 85,303 | 20,514 | 23,544 | 25,170 | 16,076 |
| Under 15-2 | - 9,403 | 2,178 | 2,400 | 2,806 | 2,018 |
| 15-29- | 19,418 | 4,316 | 5,208 | 5,883 | 4,011 |
| 30-44- | 22,044 | 5,236 | 6,180 | 6,440 | 4,189 |
| 45+- | 34,439 | 8,784 | 9,756 | 10,040 | 5,859 |
| 45-64 | 25,852 | 6,567 | 7,505 | 7,386 | 4,395 |
| 65+-- | 8,587 | 2,217 | 2,251 | 2,654 | 1,465 |
| All ages - | 43,063 | 10,399 | 12,389 | 12,265 | 8,011 |
| Under 15 | 5,308 | 1,388 | 1,361 | 1,519 | 1,040 |
| 15-29-- | 9,463 | 1,856 | 2,708 | 2,720 | 2,179 |
| 30-44- | 10,891 | 2,636 | 3,198 | 3,052 | 2,005 |
| 45+- | 17,401 | 4,518 | 5,122 | 4,973 | 2,787 |
| 45-64 | 13,345 | 3,442 | 3,947 | 3,726 | 2,230 |
| 65+ | 4,057 | 1,077 | 1,175 | 1,248 | 557 |
| Female |  |  |  |  |  |
| All ages-- | 42,240 | 10,115 | 11,155 | 12,905 | 8,065 |
| Under 15- | 4,095 | 791 | 1,040 | 1,287 | 978 |
| 15-29- | 9,954 | 2,459 | 2,500 | 3,163 | 1;831 |
| 30-44- | 11,153 | 2,600 | 2,982 | 3,388 | 2,184 |
| 45+- | 17,037 | 4,266 | 4,633 | 5,067 | 3,072 |
| 45-64 | 12,507. | 3,125 | 3,557 | 3,660 | 2,164 |
| 65+- | 4,530 | 1,140 | 1,076 | 1,407 | 907 |

Both sexes


Table 4. Kumber of medical X-ray visits and number of medical X-ray visits per 100 persons per year, by family income, sex, and age: United States, July 1960-June 1961
[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]

| Sex and age | Family income |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | All <br> incomes | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Under } \\ & \$ 2,000 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \$ 2,000- \\ 3,999 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \$ 4,000- \\ 6,999 \end{gathered}$ | \$7,000+ | Unknown |
| Both sexes | Number of medical X-ray visits in thousands |  |  |  |  |  |
| All | 85,303 | 12,944 | 16,033 | 27,330 | 25,126 | 3,870 |
| Under 15- | 9,403 | 852 | 1,626 | 3,628 | 2,961 | (*) |
| 15-29- | 19,418 | 3,493 | 4,154 | 6,028 | 4,912 | 831 |
| 30-44 | 22,044 | 1,821 | 3,584 | 8,413 | 7,277 | 948 |
| 45+ | 34,439 | 6,778 | 6,669 | 9,260 | 9,976 | 1,756 |
| 45-64- | 25,852 | 3,608 | 4,656 | 7,529 | 8,824 | 1,235 |
| 65+ | 8,587 | 3,169 | 2,013 | 1,732 | 1,152 | 521 |
| Male |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| All ages-- | 43,063 | 5,988 | 7,921 | 13,649 | 13,534 | 1,973 |
| Under 15-1 | 5,308 | 537 | 908 | 1,919 | 1,733 | (*) |
| 15-29- | 9,463 | 1,437 | 1,851 | 2,922 | 2,827 | 426 |
| 30-44- | 10,891 | 788 | 1,731 | 4,244 | 3,614 | 514 |
| 45+ | 17,401 | 3,225 | 3,432 | 4,563 | 5,360 | 822 |
| 45-64- | 13,345 | 1,788 | 2,348 | 3,721 | 4,865 | 624 |
|  | 4,057 | 1,437 | 1,084 | 842 | 495 | (*) |
| Female |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| All ages- | 42,240 | 6,956 | 8,113 | 13,681 | 11,592 | 1,898 |
| Under 15- | 4,095 |  | - 719 | 1,709 | 1,229 | (*) |
| 15-29- | 9,954 | 2,056 | -2,303 | 3,106 | 2,085 | 404 |
| 30-44- | 11,153 | 1,033 | 1,853 | 4,169 | 3,663 | 435 |
| 45+ | 17,037 | 3,553 | 3,237 | 4,697 | 4,616 | 935 |
| 45-64- | 12,507 | 1,821 | 2,308 | 3,808 | 3,960 | 612 |
| 65+ | 4,530 | 1,732 | 930 | 88 | 656 | (*) |

## Both sexes



Number of medical X-ray visits per 100 persons per year


Table 5. Number of medical X-ray visits and number of medical X-ray visits per 100 persons per year, by education of family head, sex, and age: United States, July 1960-June 1961
[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]


## Both sexes



Male


Female




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Table 6. Number of medical X-ray visits and number of medical X-ray visits per 100 persons per year, by family income, education of family head, sex, and age: United States, July 1960-June 1961
[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 1. Definitions of terms are given in Appendix II]

| Sex and age | Family income and education of family head |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total | Under \$4,000 |  |  | \$4,000+ |  |  | Income or education unknown |
|  |  | Under 9 years | $\begin{aligned} & 9-12 \\ & \text { years } \end{aligned}$ | College | Under 9 years | $\begin{aligned} & 9-12 \\ & \text { years } \end{aligned}$ | College |  |
| Both sexes $\quad$ Number of medical X -ray visits in'thousands | Number of medical X-ray visits in'thousands |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| All ages- | 85,303 | 13,990 | 11,083 | 3,159 | 12,516 | 25,200 | 14,128 | 5,228 |
| Under 15 | 9,403 | 1,042 | 1,127 | (*) | 1,281 | 3,318 | 1,952 | 414 |
| 15-29 | 19,418 | 2,137 | 3,667 | 1,669 | 2,050 | 5,702 | 3,076 | 1,117 |
| 30-44 | 22,044 | 2,426 | 2,451 | (*) | 2,978 | 8,102 | 4,454 | 1,246 |
| 45+- | 34,439 | 8,385 | 3,838 | 833 | 6,207 | 8,078 | 4,646 | 2,451 |
| 45-64 | 25;852 | 5,006 | 2,589 | 477 | 5,100 | 6,911 | 4,085 | 1,684 |
| $65+$ | 8,587 | 3,379 | 1,249 | (*) | 1,107 | 1,167 | 561 | 768 |
| Male |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| All ages- | 43,063 | 7,039 | 5,124 | 1,391 | 6,419 | 13,122 | 7,430 | 2,538 |
| Under 15- | 5,308 | 658 | 674 | (*) | 689 | 1,880 | 1,067 | (*) |
| 15-29- | 9,463 | 950 | 1,505 | 767 | 1,123 | 3,030 | 1,578 | 511 |
| 30-44 | 10,891 | 1,207 | 973 | (*) | 1,251 | 4,182 | 2,392 | 646 |
|  | 17,401 | 4,224 | 1,973 | (*) | 3,356 | 4,030 | 2,393 | 1,129 |
| 45-64 | 13,345 | 2,442 | 1,378 | (*) | 2,739 | 3,574 | 2,160 | 834 |
|  | 4,057 | 1,782 | 594 | (*) | 617 | 456 | (*) | (*) |
| Female |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| All ages-- | 42,240 | 6,950 | 5,959 | 1,768 | 6,097 | 12,078 | 6,698 | 2,689 |
| Under 15- | 4,095 | 384 | 453 | (*) | 593 | 1,439 | 885 | (*) |
| 15-29- | 9;954 | 1,187 | 2,162 | 902 | 927 | 2,672 | 1,499 | 606 |
| 30-44 | 11,153 | 1,219 | 1,478 | (*) | 1,727 | 3,920 | 2,062 | 600 |
|  | 17, 037 | 4,161 | 1; 865 | 537 | 2,851 | 4,048 | 2,253 | 1,322 |
| 45-64 | 12,507 | 2,564 | 1,210 | (*) | 2,361 | 3,337 | 1,925 | 850 |
| 65+- | 4,530 | 1,597 | 655 | (*) | 490 | 711 | (*) | 473 |

Both sexes



Male



Female


Number of medical X -ray visits per 100 persons per year

| 47.9 | 44.2 | 53.8 | 77.1 | 48.9 | 45.8 | 51.3 | 38.8 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 16.4 | 12.1 | 16.2 | (*) | 18.2 | 16.5 | 19.3 | 11.7 |
| 57.1 | 46.1 | 72.0 | 114.9 | 43.5 | 53.3 | 62.3 | 45.5 |
| 63.0 | 60.0 | 74.9 | (*) | 62.9 | 60.4 | 66.8 | 54.2 |
| 66.5 | 58.4 | 72.8 | 68.9 | 68.0 | 74.6 | 79.8 | 47.2 |
| 71.2 | 63.7 | 80.4 | 73.8 | 69.8 | 75.9 | 85.4 | 49.8 |
| 55.4 | 52.0 | 60.8 | (*) | 60.7 | 67.8 | 54.1 | 42.4 |
| 49.7 | 46.6 | 55.0 | 72.3 | 49.4 | 48.2 | 54.8 | 39.2 |
| 18.2 | 15.0 | 18.7 | (*) | 19.2 | 18.4 | 20.8 | (*) |
| 58.4 | 41.8 | 67.1 | 93.7 | 45.8 | 61.1 | 69.5 | 43.6 |
| 64.9 | 65.0 | 67.2 | (*) | 56.1 | 63.9 | 72.0 | 59.4 |
| 71.2 | 64.2 | 98.1 | (*) | 70.9 | 73.6 | 84.1 | 47.4 |
| 76.3 | 69.9 | 111.8 | (*) | 72.7 | 74.6 | 90.0 | 52.4 |
| 58.4 | 57.8 | 76.3 | (*) | 63.6 | 66.0 | (*) | (*) |
| 46.2 | 42.0 | 52.7 | 81.3 | 48.4 | 43.5 | 47.8 | 38.3 |
| 14.6 | 9.1 | 13.5 | (*) | 17.2 | 14.6 | 17.7 | (*) |
| 55.9 | 50.1 | 75.8 | 142.3 | 40.9 | 46.6 | 56.3 | 47.3 |
| 61.2 | 55.7 | 81.0 | (*) | 69.0 | 57.1 | 61.6 | 49.5 |
| 62.3 | 53.6 | 57.2 | 67.1 | 64.9 | 75.6 | 75.7 | 47.0 |
| 66.5 | 58.8 | 60.9 | (*) | 66.7 | 77.2 | 80.7 | 47.5 |
| 53.0 | 46.8 | 51.3 | (*) | 57.4 | 68.9 | (*) | 46.2 |

Table 7. Number of medical X-ray visits and number of medical X-ray visits per 100 persons per year, by area of body x-rayed, sex, and age: United States, July 1960-June 1961
[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]

| Sex and age | $\begin{gathered} \text { All } \\ \text { medical } \\ \text { X-ray } \\ \text { visits } \end{gathered}$ | Area of body $x$-rayed |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Chest | Lower abdomen | Upper abdomen | Extremities | Head and neck | Skin ${ }^{2}$ |
| Both sexes | Number of medical X-ray visits in thousands |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| All ages | 85,303 | 51,084 | 11,119 | 9,969 | 13,610 | 5,972 | 1,000 |
| Under 15 | 9,403 | 3,912 | 818 | 378 | 3,399' | 1,298 | (*) |
| 15-29- | 19,418 | 12,576 | 1,752 | 1,637 | 3,225 | 1,117 | (*) |
| 30-44 | 22,044 | 14,013 | 2,584 | 2,828 | 2,674 | 1,384 | (*) |
| 45+- | 34,439 | 20,582 | 5,966 | 5,126 | 4,312 | 2,172 | (*) |
| 45-64 | 25,852 | 15,461 | 4,090 | 3,909 | 3,191 | 1,632 | (*) |
| 65+ | 8,587 | 5,121 | 1,876 | 1,217 | 1,121 | 540 | (*) |
| Male |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| All ages---- | 43,063 | 25,868 | 4,897 | 4,494 | 7,581 | 2,879 | 497 |
| Under 15-- | 5,308 | 2,115 | (*) | (*) | 2,072 | 805 | (*) |
| 15-29- | 9,463 | 5,802 | 766 | 585 | 2,285 | 424 | (*) |
| 30-44- | 10,891 | 6,963 | 1,153 | 1,293 | 1,519 | 555 | (*) |
| 45+- | 17,401 | 10,987 | 2,656 | 2,443 | 1,704 | 1,094 | (*) |
| 45-64 | 13,345 | 8,299 | 2,010 | 1,870 | 1,386 | 825 | (*) |
| 65 | 4,057 | 2,688 | 646 | 574 | (*) | (*) | (*) |
| Female |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| All ages--- | 42,240 | 25,216 | 6,222 | 5,475 | 6,028 | 3,092 | 502 |
| Under 15- | 4,095 | 1,797 | 496 | (*) | 1,326 | 493 | (*) |
| 15-29.- | 9,954 | 6,774 | 986 | 1,052 | 940 | 692 | (*) |
| 30-44- | 11,153 | 7,050 | 1,431 | 1,535 | 1,154 | 829 | (*) |
| 45+- | 17,037 | 9,595 | 3,310 | 2,683 | 2,607 | 1,078 | (*) |
| 45-64 | 12,507 | 7,161 | 2,080 | 2,040 | 1,806 | 807 | (*) |
| $65+$ | 4,530 | 2,434 | 1,229 | 643 | 802 | (*) | (*) |

## Both sexes

All ages---------------------------


Male


Male



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${ }^{1}$ The sum of visits by area of body x -rayed may be greater than the total number of visits, since during one visit more than one aren of body may be x-rayed.
${ }^{2}$ Skin includes an estimated 39,000 unknown areas $x$-rayed.

Table 8. Number and percent distribution of areas of body x-rayed, by place of X-ray, according to age: United States, July 1960-June 1961
[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]

| Area of body and age | Place of X-ray |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | ```Total areas of body x-rayed``` | Hospital | $\begin{array}{\|l} \text { Doctor's } \\ \text { office } \end{array}$ | Other. and unknown | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Total } \\ & \text { areas of } \\ & \text { body } \\ & \text { x-rayed } \end{aligned}$ | Hospital | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Doctor's } \\ & \text { office } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Other } \\ & \text { and } \\ & \text { unknown } \end{aligned}$ |
| All areas of body | Number of areas of body in thousands |  |  |  | Percent distribution |  |  |  |
| All ages---------------- | 92,752 | 46,383 | 24,856 | 21,513 | 100.0 | 50.0 | 26.8 | 23.2 |
| Under 15-----------.-.-.------- | 9,876 | 5,640 | 3,121 | 1,115 | -100.0 | 57.1 | 31.6 | 11.3 |
| 15-29----------------------.-- | 20,654 | 10,092 | 4,436 | 6,126 | 100.0 | 48.9 | 21.5 | 29.7 |
| 30-44--- | 23,729 | 10,483 | 6,754 | 6,493 | 100.0 | 44.2 | 28.5 | 27.4 |
| 45+--------------------------- | 38,493 | 20,169 | 10,545 | 7,779 | 100.0 | 52.4 | 27.4 | 20.2 |
| 45-64-----------------------1-- | 28,539 | 14,511 | 7,896 | 6,132 | 100.0 | 50.8 | 27.7 | 21.5 |
| 65+-------------------------- | 9,954 | 5,658 | 2,649 | 1,647 | 100.0 | 56.8 | 26.6 | 16.5 |
| Chest |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| All ages----------------- | 51,084 | 20,955 | 10,499 | 19,631 | 100.0 | 41.0 | 20.6 | 38.4 |
| Under 15---------------------- | 3,912 | 2,134 | 962 | 816 | 100.0 | 54.6 | 24.6 | 20.9 |
| 15-29-------------------------- | 12,576 | 5,080 | 1,746 | 5,750 | 100.0 | 40.4 | 13.9 | 45.7 |
| 30-44--------------------------- | 14,013 | 4,828 | 3,014 | 6,170 | 100.0 | 34.5 | 21.5 | 44.0 |
| 45+--------------------------- | 20,582 | 8,912 | 4,776 | 6,894 | 100.0 | 43.3 | 23.2 | 33.5 |
|  | 15,461 | 6,460 | 3,442 | 5,558 | 100.0 | 41.8 | 22.3 | 35.9 |
| 65+-------------------------- | 5,121 | 2,451 | 1,334 | 1,336 | 100.0 | 47.9 | 26.0 | 26.1 |
| Abdomen |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| All ages------------ | 21,088 | 14,232 | 5,843 | 1,013 | 100.0 | 67.5 | 27.7 | 4.8 |
| Under 15---------------------- | 1,196 | 812 | (*) | (*) | 100.0 | 67.9 | (*) | (*) |
| 15-29 | 3,388 | 2,384 | 838 | $\stackrel{*}{*}$ | 100.0 | 70.4 | 24.7 | (*) |
| 30-44-------------------------- | 5,412 | 3,417 | 1,792 | (*) | 100.0 | 63.1 | 33.1 | (*) |
| 45+----------------------------- | 11,092 | 7,619 | 2,878 | 594 | 100.0 | 68.7 | 25.9 | 5.4 |
| 45-64----------------------- | 7,999 | 5,353 | 2,255 | 392 | 100.0 | 66.9 | 28.2 | 4.9 |
| $65+$ | 3,092 | 2,266 | 623 | (*) | 100.0 | 73.3 | 20.1 | (*) |
| Extremities |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| All ages---------.------- | 13,610 | 7,366 | 5,596 | 648 | 100.0 | 54.1 | 41.1 | 4.8 |
| Under 15------------------------ | 3,399 | 1,849 | 1,340 | (*) | 100.0 | 54.4 | 39.4 | (*) |
|  | 3,225 | 1,695 | 1,372 | (*) | 100.0 | 52.6 | 42.5 | (*) |
| 30-44--------------------------- | 2,674 | 1,406 | 1,153 | (*) | 100.0 | 52.6 | 43.1 | (*) |
| 45+----------------------------- | 4,312 | 2,415 | 1,731 | (*) | 100.0 | 56.0 | 40.1 | (*) |
|  | 3,191 | 1,731 | 1,370 | (*) | 100.0 | 54.2 | 42.9 | (*) |
| 65+-------------------------- | 1,121 | 683 |  | (*) | 100.0 | 60.9 | (*) | (*) |
| All other areas of body |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| All ages----------------- | 6,971 | 3,831 | 2,918 | (*) | 100.0 | 55.0 | 41.9 | (*) |
| Under 15------------------------- | 1,369 | 844 | 484 | (*) | 100.0 | 61.7 | 35.4 | (*) |
| 15-29---------------------------- | 1,464 | 932 | 481 | (*) | 100.0 | 63.7 | 32.9 | (*) |
| 30-44--------------------------- | 1,631 | 832 | 794 | (*) | 100.0 | 51.0 | 48.7 | (*) |
|  | 2,507 | 1,223 | 1,160 | (*) | 100.0 | 48.8 | 46.3 | (*) |
| 45-64-------------------------1- | 1,887 | 966 | 829 | (*) | 100.0 | 51.2 | 43.9 | (*) |
| 65+------------------------ | 620 | (*) | (*) | (*) | 100.0 | (*) | (*) | (*) |

Table 9. Number and percent distribution of chest X-ray visits, by place of X-ray, according to selected characteristics: United States, July 1960-June 1961
[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]

| Characteristic | Place of X-ray |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total chest <br> $\underset{\substack{\text { X-ray } \\ \text { visits }}}{\text { cher }}$ <br> visits | Hospital | $\begin{array}{\|l} \text { Doctor's } \\ \text { office } \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Other } \\ & \text { and } \\ & \text { unknowm } \end{aligned}$ | Total chest x-ray <br> visits | Hospital | Doctor's office | Other and unknown |
| Total chest X-ray visits----- | Number of chest X-fay visits in thousands |  |  |  | Percent distribution |  |  |  |
|  | 51,084 | 20,955 | 10,499 | 19,631 | 100.0 | 41.0 | 20.6 | 38.4 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Under 15 | 3,912 | 2,134 | 962 | 816 | 100.0 | 54.6 | 24.6 | 20.9 |
| 15-29------------------------------- | 12,576 | 5,080 | 1,746 | 5,750 | 100.0 | 40.4 | 13.9 | 45.7 |
| 30-44 | 14,013 | 4,828 | 3,014 | 6,170 | 100.0 | 34.5 | 21.5 | 44.0 |
| 45+- | 20,582 | 8,912 | 4,776 | 6,894 | 100.0 | 43.3 | 23.2 | 33.5 |
| 45-64 | 15,461 | 6,460 | 3,442 | 5,558 | 100.0 | 41.8 | 22.3 | 35.8 |
|  | 5,121 | 2,451 | 1,334 | 1,336 | 100.0 | 47.9 | 26.0 | 26.1 |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male- | 25,868 | 10,081 | 5,485 | 10,302 | 100.0 | 39.0 | 21.2 | 39.8 |
| Female----------------------------- | 25,216 | 10,873 | 5,014 | 9,328 | 100.0 | 43.1 | 19.9 | 37.0 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total urban-----.-.-.--------------- | 34,802 | 14,621 | 7,495 | 12,686 | 100.0 | 42.0 | 21.5 | 36.5 |
| Inside urbanized area | 27,028 | 11,278 | 6,016 | 9,734 | 100.0 | 41.7 | 22.3 | 36.0 |
| Other urban places--------------- | 7,774 | 3,342 | 1,479 | 2,952 | 100.0 | 43.0 | 19.0 | 38.0 |
| Rural nonfarm- | 12,638 | 5,113 | 2,331 | 5,194 | 100.0 | 40.5 | 18.4 | 41.1 |
|  | 3,644 | 1,220 | 673 | 1,750 | 100.0 | 33.5 | 18.5 | 48.0 |
| Region |  |  | - |  |  |  |  |  |
| Northeast---------------------------- | 11,836 | 5,298 | 2,679 | 3,860 | 100.0 | 44.8 | 22.6 | 32.6 |
| North Central | 15,361 | 6,294 | 2,508 | 6,559 | 100.0 | 41.0 | 16.3 | 42.7 |
| South- | 15,101 | 5,985 | 2,959 | 6,158 | 100.0 | 39.6 | 19.6 | 40.8 |
| West---------------------------------- | 8,785 | 3,378 | 2,354 | 3,054 | 100.0 | 38.5 | 26.8 | 34.8 |
| Geographic division |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| New England States------------------ | 2,333 | 1,385 | (*) | 640 | 100.0 | 59.4 | (*) | 27.4 |
| Middle Atlantic States-------------- | 9,503 | 3,913 | 2,370 | 3,219 | 100.0 | 41.2 | 24.9 | 33.9 |
| East North Central States---------- | 11,180 | 4,670 | 1,394 | 5,115 | 100.0 | 41.8 | 12.5 | 45.8 |
| West North Central States-----.---- | 4,182 | 1,624 | 1,114 | 1,444 | 100.0 | 38.8 | 26.6 | 34.5 |
| South Atlantic States-------------- | 7,829 | 2,806 | 1,407 | 3,616 | 100.0 | 35.8 | 18.0 | 46.2 |
| East South Central States---------- | 2,752 | 913 | 469 | 1,371 | 100.0 | 33.2 | 17.0 | 49.8 |
| West South Central States---.-....-- | 4,520 | 2;266 | 1,083 | 1,171 | 100.0 | 50.1 | 24.0 | 25.9 |
| Mountain States- | 1,838 | 952 | 451 | 435 | 100.0 | 51.8 | 24.5 | 23.7 |
|  | 6,947 | 2,425 | 1,903 | 2,620 | 100.0 | 34.9 | 27.4 | 37.7 |
| Family income |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Under \$2,000 | 8,434 | 4,404 | 1,139 | 2,891 | 100.0 | 52.2 | 13.5 | 34.3 |
|  | 9,966 | 4,346 | 1,649 | 3,971 | 100.0 | 43.6 | 16.5 | 39.8 |
|  | 15,890 | 6,142 | 3,160 | 6,588 | 100.0 | 38.7 | 19.9 | 41.5 |
|  | 14,731 | 5,228 | 4,081 | 5,421 | 100.0 | 35.5 | 27.7 | 36.8 |
| Unknown------------------------------ | 2,063 | 834 | 470 | 759 | 100.0 | 40.4 | 22.8 | 36.8 |
| Education of family head |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 16,872 | 6,969 | 3,028 | 6,875 | 100.0 | 41.3 | 17.9 |  |
|  | 22,806 | 9,613 | 4,716 | 8,477 | 100.0 | 42.2 | 20.7 | 37.2 |
| College------------------------------ | 10,377 | 3,890 | 2,562 | 3,925 | 100.0 | 37.5 | 24.7 | 37.8 |
|  | 1,029 | 483 | (*) | (*) | 100.0 | 46.9 | (*) | (*) |

Table 10. Number and percent distribution of areas of body (except chest) x-rayed, by place of X-ray, according to selected characteristics: United States, July 1960-June 1961
[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 I].


Table 11. Number of dental X-ray visits and number of dental X-ray visits per 100 persons per year, by race, sex, and age: United States, July 1960-June 1961
[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]


Table 12. Number of dental X-ray visits and number of dental X-ray visits per 100 persons per year, by residence, sex, and age: United States, July 1960-June 1961
[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 1. Definitions of terms are given in Appendix II]

| Sex and age | Residence |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | All areas | Urban |  |  | Rural |
|  |  | Total | Inside urbanized areas | Other urban places |  |
| Both sexes | Number of dental X-ray visits in thousands |  |  |  |  |
| All ages--------------------- | $48,768$ | 33,379 | 26,776 | 6,603 | 15,389 |
| Under 15---- | 12,230 | 7,794 | 6,275 | 1,519 | 4,436 |
| 15-29--- | 13,881 | 10,028 | 7,808 | 2,220 | 3,854 |
| 30-44---- | 12,351 | 7,961 | 6,532 | 1,429 | 4,390 |
| 45+- | 10,305 | 7,597 | 6,161 | 1,435 | 2,709 |
| 45-64--- | 8,686 | 6,318 | 5,169 | 1,149 | 2,368 |
| 65+-- | 1,619 | 1,279 | 993 | (*) | (*) |
| Male | 1 |  |  |  |  |
| All ages-------- | 20,661 | 14,029 | 11,132 | 2,898 | 6,632 |
| Under 15--- | 5,978 | 3,824 | 3,112 | 712 | 2,153 |
| 15-29-- | 5,086 | 3,725 | 2,720 | 1,006 | 1,361 |
| 30-44- | 5,149 | 3,312 | 2,701 | 612 | 1,837 |
| 45+----- | 4,449 | 3,167 | 2,599 | 568 | 1,281 |
| 45-64- | 3,717 | 2,666 | 2,190 | 476 | 1,051 |
| 65+- | 731 | 2, 501 | - 409 | (*) | (*) |
| Female |  |  |  |  |  |
| All ages---------------------- | 28,106 | 19,350 | 15,645 | 3,705 | 8,756 |
| Under 15-- | 6,253 | 3,970 | 3,163 | 807 | 2,283 |
| 15-29--- | 8,795 | 6,302 | 5,088 | 1,214 | 2,493 |
| 30-44-- | 7,202 | 4,649 | 3,831 | 818 | 2,553 |
| 45 r | 5,857 | 4,429 | 3,562 | 867 | 1:427 |
| 45-64- | 4,969 | 3,652 | 2,979 | 673 | 1,317 |
| 65+- | 888 | 777 | 584 | (*) | (*) |

Both sexes

| A11 ages---------------------- | 27.4 | 31.2 | 34.6 | 22.4 | 21.6 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 21.4 | 24.5 | 27.6 | 16.6 | 17.5 |
| 15-29 | 40.8 | 48.3 | 52.7 | 37.3 | 29.1 |
| 30-44- | 35.3 | 38.1 | 41.8 | 27.0 | 31.2 |
| 45+ | 19.9 | 22.8 | 25.5 | 15.7 | 14.6 |
|  | 23.9 | 27.2 | 30.0 | 19.1 | 18.1 |
| 65+-------------------------------- | 10.4 | 12.7 | 14.2 | (*) | (*) |
| Al1 ages- | 23.9 | 27.5 | 30.2 | 20.5 | 18.6 |
| Under 15--------------------------- | 20.5 | 23.7 | 27.1 | 15.2 | 16.6 |
| 15-29--- | 31.4 | 38.0 | 38.9 | 35.7 | 21.3 |
| 30-44-- | 30.7 | 33.5 | 36.6 | 24.5 | 26.7 |
| 45+ | 18.2 | 21.0 | 23.7 | 13.8 | 13.7 |
|  | 21.3 | 24.7 | 27.4 | 17.1 | 15.7 |
|  | 10.5 | 11.7 | 13.8 | (*) | (*) |
| Female |  |  |  |  |  |
| All ages-- | 30.7 | 34.6 | 38.6 | 24.1 | 24.7 |
| Under 15--------------------------- | 22.3 | 25.3 | 28.1 | 18.2 | 18.5 |
| 15-29------------------------------ | 49.4 | 57.5 | 64.9 | 38.8 | 36.5 |
| 30-44- | 39.5 | 42.1 | 46.4 | 29.3 | 35.5 |
| 45+--------------------------------- | 21.4 | 24.3 | 26.9 | 17.3 | 15.6 |
|  | 26.4 | 29.4 | 32.4 | 20.8 | 20.6 |
| $65+$ | 10.4 | 13.4 | 14.5 | (*) | (*) |

Table 13. Number of dental X-ray visits and number of dental X-ray visits per 100 persons per year, by region, sex, and age: United States, July 1960-June 1961
[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]


Both sexes


Number of dental X-ray visits per 100 persons per year


Table 14. Number of dental X-ray visits and number of dental X-ray visits per 100 persons per year, by family Income, sex, and age: United States, July 1960-June 1961
[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]

| Sex and age | Family income |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { All } \\ \text { incomes } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Under } \\ & \$ 2,000 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \$ 2,000- \\ 3,999 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \$ 4,000- \\ 6,999 \end{gathered}$ | \$7,000+ | Unknown |
| Both sexes | Number of dental X-ray visits in thousands |  |  |  |  |  |
| All ages-- | 48,768 | 3,067 | 5,984 | 15,919 | 21,744 | 2,054 |
| Under 15- | 12,230 | 438 | 1,346 | 4,298 | 5,678 | 470 |
| 15-29 | 13,881 | 1,340 | 2,182 | 4,760 | 5,021 | 579 |
| 30-44- | 12,351 | (*) | 1,238 | 4,314 | 6,080 | 402 |
| 45+-- | 10,305 | 972 | 1,218 | 2,546 | 4,966 | 604 |
| 45-64- | 8,686 | 561 | 931 | 2,209 | 4,493 | 493 |
| $65+$ | 1,619 | 411 | (*) | (*) | 473 | (*) |
| Male |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| All ages------ | 20,661 | 1,240 | 2,267 | 6,794 | 9, 578 | 782 |
| Under 15- | 5,978 | (*) | 691 | 2,074 | 2,741 | (*) |
| 15-29- | 5,086 | 535 | 688 | 1,639 | 2,077 | (*) |
| 30-44- | 5,149 | (*) | 472 | 1,924 | 2,460 | (*) |
|  | 4,449 | (*) | 416 | 1,157 | 2,300 | (*) |
| 45-64 | 3,717 | (*) | (*) |  | 2,090 | (*) |
|  | 731 | (*) | (*) | (*) | (*) | (*) |
| Female |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| A11 ages------------ | 28,106 | 1,827 | 3,717 | 9,125 | 12,166 | 1,272 |
| Under 15- | 6,253 | (*) | 655 | 2,224 | 2,937 | (*) |
| 15-29- | 8,795 | 805 | 1,494 | 3,121 | 2,944 | 432 |
| 30-44- | 7,202 | (*) | 766 | 2,390 | 3,620 | (*) |
| 45+-- | 5,857 | 583 | 802 | 1,389 | 2,666 | 417 |
| 45-64 | 4,969 | (*) | 603 | 1,227 | 2,403 | (*) |
| 65+ | 888 | (*) | (*) | (*) | (*) | (*) |

## Both sexes

All ages---------------------------

 30-44------------------------------------


65+-----------------------------------
Male
A11 ages--------------------------
 15-29-----------------------------------

 45-64----------------------------------
65+
Female








| 27.4 | 12.9 | 17.4 | 25.7 | 45.3 | 20.7 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 21.4 | 7.4 | 12.2 | 19.1 | 37.6 | 18.0 |
| 40.8 | 30.5 | 30.4 | 39.2 | 59.1 | 32.0 |
| 35.3 | (*) | 22.9 | 31.7 | 52.7 | 22.9 |
| 19.9 | 9.0 | 11.3 | 18.7 | 38.7 | 16.0 |
| 23.9 | 10.9 | 13.3 | 20.2 | 41.7 | 19.8 |
| 10.4 | 7.2 | (*) | (*) | 22.8 | (*) |
| 23.9 | 11.5 | 13.8 | 22.1 | 40.1 | 16.5 |
| 20.5 | (*) | 12.4 | 18.0 | 35.9 | (*) |
| 31.4 | 25.1 | 20.4 | 28.9 | 50.1 | (*) |
| 30.7 | (*) | 18.8 | 28.7 | 44.3 | (*) |
| 18.2 | (*) | 8.4 | 16.9 | 35.2 | (*) |
| 21.3 | (*) | (*) | 17.6 | 37.2 | (*) |
| 10.5 | (*) | (*) | (*) | (*) | (*) |
| 30.7 | 14.1 | 20.7 | 29.3 | 50.5 | 24.5 |
| 22.3 | (*) | 12.0 | 20.1 | 39.4 | (*) |
| 49.4 | 35.7 | 39.4 | 48.3 | 67.7 | 45.5 |
| 39.5 | (*) | 26.4 | 34.6 | 60.5 | (*) |
| 21.4 | 9.1 | 13.7 | 20.6 | 42.3 | 19.9 |
| 26.4 | (*) | 15.4 | 23.0 | 46.6 | (*) |
| 10.4 | (*) | (*) | (*) | (*) | (*) |

Table 15. Number of dental X-ray visits and number of dental $X$-ray visits per 100 persons per year, by education of family head, sex, and age: United States, July 1960-June 1961
[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]

| Sex and age | Education of family head |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Al1 } \\ \text { educational } \\ \text { groups } \end{gathered}$ | Under 9 years | $\begin{array}{r} 9-12 \\ \text { years } \end{array}$ | College | Unknown |
| Both sexes | Number of dental X -ray visits in thousands |  |  |  |  |
| All age | 48,768 | 8,823 | 23,433 | 15,676 | 836 |
| Under 15- | 12,230 | 1,932 | 6,414 | 3,721 | (*) |
| 15-29- | 13,881 | 2,430 | 6,809 | 4,411 | (*) |
| 30-44- | 12,351 | 1,618 | 6,023 | 4,511 | (*) |
| 45+- | 10,305 | 2,845 | 4,186 | 3,033 | (*) |
| 45-64 | 8,686 | 2,227 | 3,696 | 2,575 | (*) |
| 65+- | 1,619 | 618 | . 491 | 458 | (*) |
| Male |  |  |  |  |  |
| A11 ages---------------------------- | 20,661 | 3,938 | 9,485 | 6,928 | (*) |
| Under 15- | 5,978 | 992 | 3,118 | 1,791 | (*) |
| 15-29- | 5,086 | 895 | 2,415 | 1,698 | (*) |
| 30-44- | 5,149 | 751 | 2,325 | 2,006 | (*) |
| 45+-- | 4,449 | 1,300 | 1,627 | 1,433 | (*) |
| 45-64- | 3,717 | 980 | 1,440 | 1,239 | (*) |
| $65+$ | 731 | (*) | (*) | (*) | (*) |
| Female |  |  |  |  |  |
| All ages | 28,106 | 4,886 | 13,948 | 8,748 | 525 |
| Under 15- | 6,253 | 940 | 3,297 | 1,930 | (*) |
| 15-29- | 8,795 | 1,534 | 4,394 | 2,713 | (*) |
| 30-44- | 7,202 | - 867 | 3,698 | 2,505 | (*) |
| 45+-- | 5,857 | 1,545 | 2,560 | 1,600 | (*) |
| 45-64-- | 4,969 | 1,247 | 2,256 | 1,336 | (*) |
|  | 888 | (*) | (*) | (*) | (*) |
| Both sexes | Number of dental X-ray visits per 100 persons per year |  |  |  |  |
| All ages | 27.4 | 14.5 | 29.5 | 47.8 | 17.3 |
| Under 15-- | 21.4 | 11.7 | 22.8 | 32.9 | (*) |
| 15-29- | 40.8 | 24.3 | 41.1 | 66.9 | (*) |
| 30-44- | 35.3 | 17.3 | 34.5 | 60.5 | (*) |
| 45+-- | 19.9 | 11.4 | 24.1 | 40.7 | (*) |
| 45-64 | 23.9 | 13.8 | 28.0 | 45.2 | (*) |
|  | 10.4 | 7.0 | 11.9 | 26.3 | (*) |
| Male |  |  |  |  |  |
| All ages | 23.9 | 13.2 | 24.7 | 43.3 | (*) |
| Under 15-------------------- | 20.5 | 11.8 | 21.6 | 31.5 | (*) |
| 15-29- | 31.4 | 17.7 | 32.0 | 53.5 | (*) |
| 30-44 | 30.7 | 17.3 | 27.8 | 54.0 | (*) |
|  | 18.2 | 10.8 | 20.3 | 41.8 | (*) |
| 45-64- | 21.3 | 12.7 | 22.4 | 45.3 | (*) |
| 65+ | 10.5 | (*) | (*) | (*) | (*) |
| Female |  |  |  |  |  |
| All ages | 30.7 | 15.8 | 33.9 | 52.1 | 20.9 |
| Under 15-------------- | 22.3 | 11.6 | 24.1 | 34.4 | (*) |
| 15-29- | 49.4 | 31.1 | 48.8 | 79.4 | (*) |
| 30-44- | 39.5 | 17.4 | 40.6 | 67.0 | (*) |
| 45+- | 21.4 | 11.9 | 27.5 | 39.9 | (*) |
| 45-64 | 26.4 | 14.8 | 33.3 | 45.0 | (*) |
| 65+- | 10.4 | (*) | (*) | (*) | (*) |

Table 16. Population used in obtaining rates shown in this publication, by race, residence, sex, and age: United States, July 1960-June 1961
[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 temas are given in Appendix II]


NOTE: For official population estimates for more general use, see Bureau of the Census reports on the civilian population of the United States, in Current Population Reports: Series P-20, P-25, and P-60.

Table 17. Population used in obtaining rates shown in this publication, by region, sex, and age: United States, July 1960-June 1961
[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]

| Sex and age | Region |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { All } \\ \text { regions } \end{gathered}$ | Northeast | North Central | South | West |
| Both sexes | Population in thousands |  |  |  |  |
| All ages----------------------------- | 177,984 | 46,269 | 49,743 | 54,208 | 27,763 |
| Under 15----------------------------------- | 57,186 | 13,757 | 16,034 | 18,157 | 9,238 |
| 15-29--------------------------------------- | 33,993 | 8,416 | 9,309 | 10,955 | ; 5,314 |
| 30-44- | 34,999 | 9,800 | 9,588 | 10,048 | 5,563 |
|  | 51,805 | 14,296 | 14,813 | 15,048 | 7,649 |
|  | 36,298 | 9,934 | 10,084 | 10,761 | 5,518 |
| 65+----------------------------------- | 15,507 | 4,362 | 4,729 | 4,286 | 2,131 |
| Male |  |  |  |  |  |
| All ages----------------------------- | 86,572 | 22,277 | 24,641 | 26,206 | 13,448 |
| Under 15- | 29,166 | 7,058 | 8,242 | 9,229 | 4,637 |
| $15-29-$ | 16,191 | 3,972 | 4,573 | 5,196 | 2,450 |
| 30-44------------------------------------- | 16,775 | 4,651 | 4,740 | 4,724 | 2,661 |
|  | 24,441 | 6,597 | 7,086 | 7,058 | 3,701 |
|  | 17,489 | 4,683 | 4,917 | 5,146 | 2,742 |
| 65+----------------------------------- | 6,952 | 1,915 | 2,168 | 1,911 | 958 |
| Female |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 91,412 | 23,991 | 25,102 | 28,002 | 14,316 |
| Under 15----------------------------------1- | 28,020 | 6,700 | 7,792 | 8,928 | 4,601 |
| 15-29-------------------------------------- | 17,803 | 4,444 | 4,735 | 5,760 | 2,864 |
| 30-44------------------------------------- | 18,224 | 5,149 | 4,848 | 5,324 | 2,903 |
| 45+-----------------------9-------------- | 27,365 | 7,699 | 7,728 | 7,990 | 3,948 |
| 45-64------------------------------- | 18,809 | 5,252 | 5,167 | 5,615 | 2,776 |
| 65+- | 8,555 | 2,447 | 2,561 | 2,375 | 1,173 |

NOTE: For official population estimates for more general use, see Bureau of the Census reports on the civilian population of the United States, in Current Population Reports: Series P-20, P-25, and P-60.

Table 18. Population used in obtaining rates shown in this publication, by family income, sex, and age: United States, July 1960-June 1961
Tata 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]

| Sex and age | Family income |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | All <br> incomes | Under $\$ 2,000$ | $\begin{gathered} \$ 2,000- \\ 3,999 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \$ 4,000- \\ 6,999 \end{gathered}$ | \$7,000+ | Unknown |
| Both sexes | Population in thousands |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 177,984 | 23,814 | 34,390 | 61,864 | 47,973 | 9,943 |
|  | 57,186 | 5,915 | 11,007 | 22,560 | 15,098 | 2,606 |
| 15-29 | 33,993 | 4,389 | 7,168 | 12,131 | 8,496 | 1,810 |
| 30-44- | 34,999 | 2,699 | 5,413 | 13,595 | 11,534 | 1,758 |
| 45+- | 51,805 | 10,811 | 10,803 | 13,579 | 12,844 | 3;768 |
| 45-64 | 36,298 | 5,130 | 6,987 | 10,925 | 10,769 | 2,486 |
| 65+ | 15,507 | 5,681 | 3,815 | 2,654 | 2,075 | 1,282 |
| Male |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| A11 ages----------------------------- | 86,572 | 10,816 | 16,404 | 30,717 | 23,884 | 4,751 |
| Under 15- | 29,166 | 3,072 | 5,568 | 11,501 | 7,643 | 1,382 |
| 15-29 | 16,191 | 2,135 | 3,380 | 5,668 | 4,148 | 860 |
| 30-44- | 16,775 | 1,185 | 2,506 | 6,697 | 5,554 | 833 |
| 45+ | 24,441 | 4,424 | 4,951 | 6,851 | 6,540 | 1,675 |
| 45-64 | 17,489 | 2,063 | 3,065 | 5,585 | 5,617 | 1,158 |
| $65+$ | 6,952 | 2,361 | 1,885 | 1,266 | 922 | 517 |
| Female |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| All ages | 91,412 | 12,998 | 17,986 | 31,147 | 24,088 | 5,192 |
| Under 15- | 28,020 | 2,843 | 5,439 | 11,060 | 7,455 | 1,224 |
| 15-29 | 17,803 | 2,254 | 3,788 | 6,462 | 4,348 | 950 |
| 30-44- | 18,224 | 1,514 | 2,907 | 6,898 | 5,981 | 925 |
| 45+- | 27,365 | 6,387 | 5,852 | 6,728 | 6,305 | 2,093 |
| 45-64 | 18,809 | 3,067 | 3,922 | 5,340 | 5,152 | 1,328 |
| 65+- | 8,555 | 3,320 | 1,930 | 1,388 | 1,153 | 765 |

NOTE: For official population estimates for more general use, see Bureau of the Census reports on the civilian population of the United States, in Current Population Reports: Series P-20, P-25, and P-60.

Table 19. Population used in obtaining rates shown in this publication, by education of family head, sex, and age: United States, July 1960-June 1961
[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]


NOTE: For official population estimates for more general use, see Bureau of the Census reports on the civilian population of the United States, in Current Population Reports: Series P-20, P-25, and P-60.

Table 20. Population used in obtaining rates shown in this publication, by family income, education of family head, sex, and age: United States, July 1960-June 1961
[Data are based on bousehold interviews of the civilian, noninstitutional population. The survey design, general qualifications, and informatipn on the reliability of the estimates are given in Appendix I. Definitions of terms are given in Appendix II]


NOTE: For official population estimates for more general use, see Bureau of the Census reports on the civilian population of the United States, in Current PopuLation Reports: Series P-20, P-25, and P-60.

Table 21. Population of racial groups with known family income and number and percent of total with family income under $\$ 4,000$, by age: United States, July 1960-June 1961
[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]

| Age | White |  |  | Nonwhite |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Population with known family income | Family income under $\$ 4,000$ |  | Population with known. family income | Family income under $\$ 4,000$ |  |
|  |  | Number | Percent |  | Number | Percent |
|  |  | Po | lation i | thousands |  |  |
| All ages------------ | 148,652 | 44,269 | 29.8 | 19,389 | 13,935 | 71.9 |
| Under 15------------------- | 46,863 | 11,206 | 23.9 | 7,716 | 5,716 | 74.1 |
| 15-29------------------------ | 28,207 | 8,737 | 31.0 | 3,976 | 2,820 | 70.9 |
| 30-44- | 29,754 | 5,913 | 19.9 | 3,486 | 2,198 | 63.1 |
|  | 43,827 | 18,414 | 42.0 | 4,210 | 3,200 | 76.0 |
| 45-64--------------------1-2- | 30,629 | 9,795 | 32.0 | 3,182 | 2,323 | 73.0 |
| 65+--------------------- | 13,197 | 8,618 | 65.3 | 1,028 | 878 | 85.4 |

NOTE: For official population estimates for more general use, see Bureau of the Census reports on the civilian population of the United States, in Current Population Reports: Series P-20, P-25, and P-60.

## APPENDIX I

## TECHNICAL NOTES ON METHODS

## Background of This Report

This report on Volume of X-ray Visits is one of a series of statistical reports prepared'by the National Health Survey. It is based on information collected in a continuing nationwide sample of households in the Health Interview Survey, a major aspect of the program.

The Health Interview Survey utilizes a questionnaire which, in addition to personal and demographic characteristics, obtains information on illnesses, injuries, chronic conditions and impairments, 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 the consolidated sample for 52 weeks of interviewing during the period July 1960-June 1961.

The population covered by the sample for the Health Interview Survey is the civilian, noninstitutional population of the United States living at the time of the interview. The sample does not include members of the Armed Forces, U. S. nationals living in foreign countries, or crews of vessels.

## Statistical Design of the Health Interview Survey

General plan. -The sampling plan of the survey follows a multístage probability design which permits a continuous sampling of the civilian, noninstitutional population of the United States. The first stage of this design consists of drawing a sample of 500 from the 1,900 geographically defined Primary Sampling Units (PSU's) into which the United States has been divided. A PSU is a county, a group of contiguous counties, or a Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area.

With no loss in general understanding, the remaining stages can be telescoped and treated in this discussion as an ultimate stage. Within PSU's then, ultimate stage units called segments are defined, also geographically, in such a manner that each segment contains an expected six households in the sample. Each week a random sample of about 120 segments is drawn. In the approximately 700 households in those segments, household members are interviewed concerning factors related to health.

Since the household members interviewed each week are a representative sample of the population, samples for successive weeks can be combined into larger samples. Thus, the design permits both continuous measurement of characteristics of high incidence or prevalence in the population, and through the larger consolidated samples, more detailed analysis of less common characteristics and smaller categories. The continuous collection has administrative and operational
advantages as well as technical assets, sincé it permits field work to be handled with an experienced, stable staff.

Sample size and geographic detail.-Over the 12month period ending June 1961, the sample included approximately 125,000 persons from 38,000 households in 6,400 segments. The over-all sample was designed in such a fashion that tabulations can be provided for each of the major geographic regions and for urban and rural sectors of the United States.

Collection of data. - The field operations for the household survey are performed by the Bureau of the Census under specifications established by the Public Health Service. In accordance with these specifications the Bureau of the Census designs and selects the sample; conducts the field interviewing, acting as the collecting agent for the Public Health Service; and edits and codes the questionnaires. Tabulations are prepared by the Public Health Service using the Bureau of the Census electronic computers.

Estimating methods.-Each statistic produced by the survey-for example, the number of dental X-ray visits-is the result of two stages of ratio estimation. In the first of these, the factor is the ratio of the 1950 decennial population count to the 1950 estimated population in the U. S. National Health Survey's first-stage sample of PSU's. These factors are applied for some 50 color-residence classes.

Later, ratios of sample-produced estimates of the population to official Bureau of the Census figures for current population in about 60 age-sex-color classes are computed, and serve as second-stage factors for ratio estimating.

The effect of the ratio estimating process is to make the sample closely representative of the population by age, sex, color, and residence, thus reducing sampling variance.

As noted, each week's sample represents the population living during that week as well as characteristics of the population. Consolidation of samples over a time period, say a c'alendar quarter, produces estimates of average characteristics of the U. S. population for that calendar quarter.

For population statistics, such as the population used in obtaining rates of medical X-ray visisits, figures for a specific calendar quarter are averages of estimates for all weeks of interviewing in that quarter. Similarly, population data for a year are averages of the four quarterly figures.

For statistics measuring the number of occurrences during a specified time period, such as the number of dental X-ray visits, a similar computational procedure is used, but the statistics have a different interpretation. For the X-ray visit items, the questionnaire asks for the respondent's experience over the three months prior to the week of interview. In such instances the es-
timated quarterly total for the statistic is obtained by averaging estimates for all weeks of interviewing in the quarter. The annual total is the sum of the four quarterly estimates. Thus, the experience of persons interviewed during a year-experience which actually occurred for each person in a 13 -calendar-week period prior to the week of interview-is treated in analysis as though it measured the total of such experience occurring in the year. Such interpretation leads to no significant bias.

## 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 was 5 percent; 1 percent was refusal, and the remainder was primarily due to the failure to find any ellgible household respondent after repeated trials.

The interview process.-The statistics presented in this report are based on replies secured in interviews of persons in the sampled households. Each person 17 years and over, available at the time of interview, was interviewed individually. Proxy respondents within the household were employed for children and for adults not available at the time of the interview, provided the respondent was closely related to the person about whom information was being obtained.

There are limitations to the accuracy of diagnostic and other information collected in household interviews. For diagnostic information, the household respondent can, at best, 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 descripton of aymptomb. However, other types of facts such as those concerning the circumstances and consequences of illness or injury and the resulting action taken or sought by the individual can be obtained more accurately from household members than from any other source, sinceonly the persons concerned are in a position to report all of this type of 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 publishedtables the figures are rounded to the nearest thousand, although they are not necessarily accurate to that detail. Derived statistics such as rates and percent distributions are computed after the estimates on which they 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 over-all totals by age, sex, and color, which are adjusted to independent estimates, these flgures are based on the sample of households in the U. S. National Health Survey. They are given primarily for the purpose of providing 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. In some instances they will permit users to re-
combine published data into classes more suitable to their specific needs. With the exception of the overall totals by age, sex, and color, mentioned above, the population figures may in some cases differ from corresponding figures (which are derived from different sources) published in reports of the Bureau of the Census. For population data for general use, see the official estimates presented in Bureau of the Census reports in the P-20, P-25, and P-60 series.

## Reliability of Estimates

Since the estimates 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 measurement error.

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 lie in the data. 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 twicethe standard error and about 99 out of 100 that it would be less than $2 \%$ 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. 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 relatye 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 for the period of reference is usually either 0 or 1 , on occasion may take on the value 2 , and very rarely, 3 .

Medium range. -This class consists of other statistics for which the measure for a single individual for the period of reference will rarely He outside the range 0 to 5 .

Wide range. -This class consists of statistics for which the measure for a single individual for the period of reference frequently will range from 0 to a number in excess of 5 , e.g., the number of days of restricted activity experienced during the year.

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 data 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 two weeks.
Type C. -Statistics on data, such as hospitalizations, for which the period of reference
$/$. is six months.
Type D.-Statistics on data, such as X-ray visits, for which the period of reference in the questionnaire is three months.
Only the charts on sampling error applicable to data contained in this report are presented. Those shown are charts for aggregates based on four calendar quarters of data collection.

General rules for determining relative sampling errors. - The "guide" on page 40 , 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 of estimates of aggregates, such as the number of persons with a given characteristic, or the number of X-ray visits are obtained from appropriate curves on page 41 . The number of persons in the total U. S. population or in an age-sex-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 of percentages in a percent distribution of a total are obtained from appropriate curves on page 42. 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: (Not required for statistics presented in this report.)
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 dental X-ray visits per 100 persons per year, several of the X-ray visits included in the numerator could be assigned to each 100 persons (one unit) in the denominator. 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 beobtained directly from the appropriate chart.
(b) In other cases, obtain the relative standard error of the numerator and of the denominator 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, and often will overstate the error.

## Guide to Use of Relative Standard Error Charts

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 the statistic as described on page 38; and (4) the range of the statistic as described on page 38 .

| Statistic | Use: |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Rule | Code on | page |
| Number of: |  |  |  |
| Persons, by residence, region, income or education | 1 | A4AN | 41 |
| Persons in the U. S. population, or total number of persons in any age-sex-color category | Not | to sampling error |  |
| X-ray visits | 1 | A4DM | 41 |
| Percentage distribution of: <br> X-ray visits | 2 | P4DN-M | 42 |
| X-ray visits per 100 persons: |  |  |  |
| In the total U. S. population or in any age-sex-color group of the total U. S. population- | 4(a) | A4DM | 41 |
| In any other population group--------------- | 4(b) | $\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { Numer.: A4DM } \\ \text { Denom.: A4AN }\end{array}\right.$ | 41 |

Relative standard errors for aggregates based on four quarters of data collection for type A, Narrow range, and type D, Medium range date


Example of use of chart: An aggregate of $1,000,000$ (on scale at bottom of chart) for a Medium range type $D$ statistic (code: A4DM) has a relative standard error of 13.2 percent, read from scale at left side of chart, or a standard error of 132,000 (13.2 percent of $1,000,000$ ).

Relative standard errors for percentages based on four quarters of data collection
for type $D$ 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 6.4 percent (read from the scale at the left side of the chart), the point at which the curve for a base of $10,000,000 \mathrm{in}$ tersects the vertical iine for 20 percent. The standard error in percentage points is equal to 20 percent $X 6.4$ percent or 1.3 percentage points.

## APPENDIX II

## DEFINITIONS OF CERTAIN TERMS USED IN THIS REPORT

## Terms Relating to X-rays

X-ray visit. - An X-ray visit is defined as a visit by a person to a physician's office, dentist's office, hospital, mobile X-ray unit, Public Health Department, etc., during the course of which X-ray equipment is used for diagnosis or treatment. X-ray includes X-ray film photography and X-ray emission for treatment and fluoroscopy, but excludes the use of radioisotopes. Only one visit is counted each time the person is x-rayed, regardless of the number of X-ray films exposed or the number of ports used. However, statistics are collected for each of the separate areas of the body toward which X-rays have been emitted (see below).

An X-ray visit is counted each time the person is $x$-rayed during the reference period. Hence, one person may be included in the statistics more than once. However, if several areas of the body are x-rayed during a single visit, only one X-ray visit is recorded. The term X-ray visit is used synonymously with "person-" event in other National Health Survey statistics, e.g., person-day.

Statistics are prepared separately for dental X-ray visits and medical X-ray visits, i.e., other than dental. A dental X-ray visit is defined as an X-ray usually taken in a dentist's office for the primary purpose of studying the condition or formation of the teeth. If an X-ray of the teeth or jaw is taken in a hospital or clinic primarily for dental purposes, it is counted as a dental X-ray.

Place of X-ray. -The place of X-ray is a classification of the types of places at which an X-ray visit (other than dental) took place. Place of X-ray is not recorded for dental X-ray visits. The definitions of the three categories are as follows:

1. Hospital is defined as the place at which X-rays were received while an inpatient in the hospital and also X-rays received as an outpatient at a hospital clinic.
2. Doctor's office is defined as the office of any doctor who has his own X-ray equipment, or the office of a radiologist. 'Doctor's office" also includes clinics run by a group of doctors if the clinic provides X-ray services.
3. Other is defined as places other than hospitals or doctors' offices at which X-ray services are provided. For example, such places include schools, mobile units, Public Health Departments, etc.

Type of service.-X-ray service is classifled as diagnosis or treatment. Dlagnosis is defined as X-rays for checkup or examination using X-ray or fluoroscopic procedures to determine the presence, absence, or state of a disease or condition. X-rays for treatment are X-rays used in treating a condition which has already been diagnosed.

Body areas.-For each X-ray other than dental, the area of the body to which the X-rays are directed is classified in one of six categories in addition to an "unknown" group, shown in the accompanying chart.


The six categories are defined as follows:

1. Head and neck is defined as that portion of the body, exclusive of skin covering, above the trunk.
2. Chest is defined as that portion of the trunk above the diaphragm including the shoulder.
3. Upper abdomen is defined as that portion of the body between the diaphragm and the transverse colon.
4. Lower abdomen is defined as the remainder of the trunk including the hip.
5. Extremities are defined as the arms exclusive of the shoulders and the legs exclusive of the hip.
6. Skin is defined as the outer covering of the body made up of an epithelial layer, the scarf skin, and the true skin.

## Demographic, Social, and Economic 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 upon the purpose of the table.

Race. - In this report, the population has been subdivided into two groups according to race, "White" and "Nonwhite." 'Nonwhite" includes Negro, American Indian, Chinese, Japanese, and so forth. Mexican persons are included with "White" unless definitely known to be Indian or other nonwhite race.

Family income. - Each member of a family is classified according to the total income of the family of which he is a member. Within the household all persons related to each other by blood, marriage, or adoption constitute a family. Unrelated individuals are classified according to their own income.

The income recorded is the total of all income received by members of the family (or by an unrelated individual) in the 12 -month period ending with the week of interview. Income from all sources is included, e.g., wages, salaries, rents from property, pensions, help from relatives, and so forth.

Education of family head.-Each member of a family is classified according to the education of the head of the family of which he is a member. Within the household all persons related to each other by blood, marriage, or adoption constitute a family. Unrelated individuals are classified according to their own education.

The categories of educational status show the highest grade of school completed. Only grades completed in regular schools, where persons are given a formal education, are included. A "regular" school is one which advances a person toward an elementary or high school diploma, or a college, university, or professional school degree. Thus, education in vocational, trade, or business schools outside the regular school system is not counted in determining the highest grade of school completed.

## Location of Residence Terms

Urban residence. - The definition of urban areas used in the U. S. National Health Survey is the same as
that used in the 1950 Census. According to this definition, the urban population comprises all persons living in (a) places of 2,500 inhabitants or more incorporated as cities, boroughs, and villages; (b) incorporated towns of 2,500 inhabitants or more except in New England, New York, and Wisconsin, where "Towns" are simply minor civil divisions of counties; (c) the densely settled urban fringe, including both incorporated and unincorporated areas around cities of 50,000 or more; and (d) unincorporated places of 2,500 inhabitants or more outside any urban fringe.

In this report, the urban population has been subdivided into those living "Inside urbanized areas" and those living in "Other urban places."

Inside urbanized areas. - Following the definition used in the 1950 Census, the population in urbanized areas comprises all persons living in (a) cities of 50,000 inhabitants or more in 1940 or according to a special census taken between 1940 and 1950; and (b) the densely settled urban fringe, including both incorporated and unincorporated areas, surrounding these cities.
Other urban places.-The remaining urban population not classified as living 'Inside urbanized areas" is classified as living in "Other urban places."
Rural residence. - The remaining population not classified as "Urban" is classified as "Rural." In this report the rural population has been subdivided into "Rural farm" and 'Rural nonfarm."

Rural farm. - All rural residents living on farms are classified as "Rural farm." ln deciding whether members of a household reside on a farm or ranch, the statement of the household respondent that the house is on a farm or ranch is accepted, with the following exception. A house occupied by persons who pay cash rent for the house and yard only is not counted as a farm or ranch even though the surrounding area is farm land. This special case does not cover: (1) the living quarters of a tenant farmer who rents farm land as well as house and yard; (2) the quarters of a hired hand who receives living quarters on a farm as part of his compensation; or (3) separate living quarters inside a structure which is classified as on a farm. In all these cases the living quarters are counted as on a farm.
Rural nonfarm. -The remaining rural population not classified as "Rural farm" is classified as "Rural nonfarm."
Region and geographic division.-For the purposes of classifying the population by geographic area of residence, the U.S. National Health Survey uses the same grouping of states used by the Bureau of the Census and many other agencies. The major regions and geographic divisions are:
$\underline{\text { Region and Division } \quad \underline{\text { States Included }}}$

Northeast

New England

Middle Atlantic

Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode lsland, Connecticut New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania

North Central
East North Central Michigan, Ohio, Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin
West North Central

South
South Atlantic

Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas

Delaware, Maryland, District of Columbia, Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida

East South Central Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi
West South Central Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Texas
West
Mountain

Pacific

Pacific

Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, Utah, Nevada Washington, Oregon, California, Alaska, Hawaii

## APPENDIX III

QUESTIONNAIRE


| 1. (o) What is the nome of the hood of this housotwid? (Enter anme in first columa) <br> (b) What ore the names of all other parsans wha live hero? (List all pertans who usually live bere, and $\mathbf{s l l}$ perions ataying here tho have no usual place of reaidence elsewere. Liat these persona in the preacribed arder.) <br> (c) Do ent (other) ledgera or reocatis live herel No Yes (List) $\qquad$ <br> (d) Is there anjome alse who livea here who is now tempororily In a ho epital? No Ye: (Litt) <br> (a) Awoy an buatinaen No Ye= (List) $\qquad$ <br> (f) On a Halif? No Yes (Lint) <br> (g) Ie there anpone el ate troying here now? No Yee (List) $\qquad$ <br> (h) Do any of the people tn thla household have a heme ol sembera? No (leave do queationmite) $\square$ Yes (apply houzthold membership rales; if aot a member, delete) | Leat name | Lest usme |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2. How are you related to the hood of the houschold? (Enrer relenionship to head, for example: bead, =iff, danghter, grandson, norber-in-law, parmer, lodger, lodger's चife, etc.) | Relationahip <br> Head | Relationabip |


| 1．How old were pau on your lost birthday？ | Age＿ma $\square^{\text {Under }} 1$ | ABE＿$\quad \square$Uader <br> 1 jear |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 4．Reere（Check ane bos for eseh persoo） | White $\square$ $\square$ Orher | $\square$ Fhite $\square$ $\square$ Ocher |
| 5．Son（Check one bax for each perion） | $\square$ male $\square$ Female | $\square$ male $\quad \square$ Femile |
| If 17 years old or over，aak： <br> 6．Are you now mantied，widowed，divorced，separated or newer marrledt （Check one box for each per soo） |  | $\square$ Uader 17 yeare $\square$ Married $\quad \square$ Divorced $\square$ Widowed $\quad \square$ Seperated $\square$ Never married |
| If 17 yeara old or over，sak： <br> 7．（a）What is the highegt grade yau attended In echoal？ （Circle bighent grade stteaded ar check＂None＂） <br> （b）Did you finlah the $\cdot$ grode（yeor）？ |  |  |
| If Male and 17 yeare old or over，ask： <br> 日．（a）Old yau ower earve in the Armed Forcees of the United Stotes？ <br> If＂Yes，＂ask： <br> （b）Are you now in the Armed Farces，not countiag the reserves？ （Lf＇Yes，＂＇delete this person from questionamire） | Fen．or and． 17 yre Ye： No $\square$ Ye： No | $\square$ Fem．or mad． 17 yra． Yes No Ye： No |
| （e）Woz any of your eorvice during a war or was it peace－time only？ <br> if＂War，＂ask： <br> （d）During which war did you servel <br> If＂Peece－time＂only，ask： <br> （e）Won any of pour service between June 27， 1950 and Januory 31， 1955 ？ |  | Peace－ time ooly $\square$ WVII $\square$ Koresen $\square$ Other |
| If 17 years old $\propto$ over，ask： <br> 9．（a）Whet werc you dolng mast of the past 12 meath ．． <br> （For marales）：working，or doling something el sa？ <br> （For females）：werking，keppt ng house，or doing memothing of cet <br> If＂Something else＂checked，and persoo is 45 yeare old or over，atk： <br> （b）Are you remired？ | $\square$ Uader 17 year： Vorking Keeping house Somethiag else Ye： $\square$ No | Under 17 yearp Forking Seeping houre－ Something eles Yes－ $\square$ No |
| If＂Warkiog．＂in q．$S(8)$ ，ask： <br> 10．（a）Were you working last weet or the wedk befora？ <br> If＂Keeping hona c ＂or＂Something clae＂in $\mathrm{q} .9(\mathrm{~s})$ ，ask： <br> （b）Did pou work ot o job or businese of ony tlme last wack or the weok before？ <br> If＂No，＂ia q．10（a）or $10(b)$ ，esk： <br> （c）Even though you did not work last weak or thei weok before，do you hove o lob or businesst | Uader 17 years Yes No Yes No | Under 17 years Ye』 No Ye： No |
| MOTE：Detefmine wich dulas are at home and record this informacion．Betiaining with question 11 yon are to intervice for bimaelf ar berself，each adult person who is at home． |  |  |
| 11．Wore yoe sict on eny，fime LAST WEEK OR THE WEEK BEFOREP（Thot is，the 2 －woel perled which ended tant Sundayl？ <br> （a）Whet wes the matter？ <br> （b）Anythling elvel？ | $\square$ Yes $\square$ No | $\square$ Yee $\square$ No |
| 12．Lest weoh or the week before did you take cny medicine or treatonent for my condition（besides．．．which you fold me about）？ <br> （a）Fow whet cenditions？ <br> （b）Anything eleo？ | $\square$ Yex $\square$ No | $\square \mathrm{Ye} \mathrm{\%}$［〕No |
| 13．Last weak ar the wack befoee did you hove any aceldente or lalurien？ <br> （a）What were they？ <br> （b）Anything olse？ | $\square \mathrm{Yea}$ | $\square \mathrm{Yes} \cdot \square \mathrm{N}^{\text {o }}$ |
| 14．Did rou aver have an（any ather）aceldont or infury thet was mill botheriag pou lant week or the week before？ <br> （a）In thot way did it bothow youl <br> （b）Anything alter | $\square \text { Yes } \quad \square \mathrm{No}$ | $\square \mathrm{Ye日} \quad \square$ No |
| 15．AT THE PRESENT TIME do you hove aay ailurants or conditions then hove lazted for a long time？（If＂No＂）．Even thowgh they don＇t bother you dl the timo？ <br> （0）What are they？ <br> （b）Anything eles？ | $\square$ Yes $\square$ No | $\square \mathrm{Ye:} \quad \square \mathrm{No}$ |
| 16．Han anyeen to the famlly－you，your－．，ate．－hed any of these conditiona DURING THE PAST 12 MONTHSP <br> （Read Card A，coodition by condition；record any cooditiona meationed in the columa for the prersan） | $\square \mathrm{Y}$ ¢ $\quad \square$ No | $\square \mathrm{Yea}$ |
| 17．Doese anyone In tho tomily hove any of thane candifione？ <br> （Read Card B，condition by coodition；record any condixiona mentioned in the column for the perion） | $\square \mathrm{Yes}$ | $\square \mathrm{Yes}$ |
| For pers dat 17 years old or over，show who rea ponded for（or was present dariog che anking of） question：11－17．If person reapoaded for zelf，ithow wetber eptirely or partly．For penioce under 17 ahow who remponded for chem． | Reapoaded for self－eatirely Reapooded for self－partly Col．No $\qquad$ wan respondent | Reaponded for self－entirely Responded for self－partly Col．No． $\qquad$ was reapoodent |
| 18．（a）Has anyone to the family been in a hospital OURING THE PAST 12 MONTHS？ If＇Yea，＂ <br> （b）How many different timea were you in the heapital ovarnight ar longert | $\square \mathrm{Y}^{\square} \mathrm{\square}$ Nos | Yen $\square$ No $\qquad$ No．of timen |
| 19（0）Duelng the past 12 monthe has onyone in the fomily beon a potient in o nursing hame or eaniftivm？ <br> If＂Yes，＂ <br> （b）How mony times weve you in a nursing home or adation lum？ | Yes No $\qquad$ No．of time＊ | $\square$ Yes $\square$ No $\qquad$ No．of timet |
| 20．If baby onder one year listed an a hounehold member，atik： <br> （a）Was ．．．．baby barn in a haspital or ot home？ <br> If＂hospical＂in q．20（a）and 1 or more in q．1B（b），ank： <br> （b）Was thila hospitallization included In the number you juet gove mes？ | $\square$ Houpital $\square$ $\square$ Yea $\square$ | $\square$ Hospital  <br> $\square$ Yes $\square$ Hom <br> $\square$ No  |



| Table II - HOSPITALIZATION DURING PAST 12 MONTHS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Col. <br> No. <br> of <br> per- <br> 500 <br> (b) | Question No. <br> (b) | Whatn did you anter the haspital? <br> (Month, year) <br> (c) | How many night: wore you in the ho apital? <br> (d) | To Loterviewer |  |  |  | What did they say of the thesplital the condifion wastdid they glve it a medical nome? <br> (If "chey" didn't say, ask): <br> What did the laat dector you palked to say it wes? <br> (Show same derail as in cols. (d-1)-(d-5) of T.I) (If coodition from accident of iojury, also fill Table A) <br> (b) | Were any operations performed on you during this stry of the hotploal? <br> If "Yes," <br> (a) Whot wan the nume of the operation? <br> (b) Any ather operations? |
|  |  |  |  |  | How many of theat-nigbts were in the patit 12 months? <br> (e) | Fill you need to ask cols. <br> (I) and ( g$)$ ? <br> (x) | How meny of these --nights were last wreek or the week before? (f) | Was thip person still io the hospital on 1.Est <br> Suoday night? $(\mathrm{g})$ |  |  |
| 1 |  |  | Mo: $\qquad$ <br> Yr: $\qquad$ | Nights |  | $\square \mathrm{Yes}$ No | Nighta None | $\square$ Ye: No |  | $\square \mathrm{Yes} \square^{\text {No }}$ |
| 2 |  |  | Mo: $\qquad$ Yr: $\qquad$ | Nights |  | $\square$ Yes <br> . No | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { Nights } \\ \square \text { None } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | Ye: No | - | $\square \mathrm{Yes} \square^{\text {No }}$ |
| 3 |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Mo: } \\ & \mathbf{Y}_{5}: \end{aligned}$ | $\overline{\text { Nights }}$ |  | Yes No | Night $\square$ <br> None | $\square$ Yėı $\square$ No |  | $\square \mathrm{Yes}$ 吅 |


| X-RAY CJESTIONS |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 21. (a) We are interested in all kinds of X-roys - Did you hove your reesh $X$-rayed during the past $\overline{3}$ monrins-- itinar is, from - - tirough iost Sundayif <br> If "Yes," <br> (b) How many times? | $\square$ <br> No. of timea | $\square$ <br> $\square$ $\square$ <br> No. of times $\qquad$ |
| 22. During the past 3 mentbs did you hove o CHEST X-rey? ${ }^{\text {a }}$, | $\square$ Yes-Chest $\quad \square \mathrm{No}$ | $\square$ Yea-Chest $\square \mathrm{No}$ |
| 23. (o) Did you have any (other) kind of $X$-ray of all during the past 3 monthe? U 'Yes," <br> (b) What part of the hedy wan $X$-rayed? | $\square$ Yes $\quad \square \mathrm{No}$ | $\square$ Yes $\quad \square$ No |






| Table A - (Accideats and Injurics) |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| 1. When did the aceldent happen? Year: $\qquad$ <br> (If 1960 of 1961 also enter the month) <br> Mooth: $\qquad$ | 2. At the time of the eccldemt, what part of the body wae hurt? What kind of thjury wos 1t? Anything else? <br> Perifs) of body Kind of injory(s) |
| 3. (a) Was a cat, truck, bue or ather motor vahiele invalved In the aceident in any woy? <br> (b) Was more thas ane motor vahicio Involved? <br> (c) Was if (elther one) moving at the tlime? |  |
| 4. Were you outzide the vahicle, oen |  |
| Section A - (Moror Vahiclo Accident | Section B . (Noa-Motor Vahicle Accidomis) |
| If "Oatside" is q. 4, esk: <br> 5. (a) How did the orecident happen? <br> 1. Accident between motor vehicle and pernon riding on bicycle, in arteetcar, on railroad train, oo borsedrawn vehicle <br> 2. Accident between motor vehicle and persoo who was walking, tuaning, of atandios <br> 3. $\square$ Other (Specify hew the eceldent happened) $\qquad$ - $\qquad$ <br> (b) Whot kind(s) of mator whicle was involvod? <br> 1. Cer <br> 2. $\square$ Taxi <br> 3. $\square$ Bas <br> 4. $\square$ Truck <br> 5. $\square$ Morocycle $\square$ Other (speatif) | 7. How did the orecident happent <br> A.t. Any injury involving en manemrolled fire or exploaion <br> 2. Aoy iajury involving the discbagge of a firearm <br> 3. $\square$ Any injwy from an accident involving a noo-motor rehicle in mocion (atreetcer, railroad train, airplane, boat, bicyele, horse-drawn vehicle) <br> B.4. $\square$ Any injory caused by machinery (belt of moter drivea) while is opermion <br> (Specity tind of machitnery) $\qquad$ <br> s. $\square$ Any injory caused by edge or point of kaife, sciasors, atill ar ocher curting of piercing implemeat <br> 6. $\square$ Any injary caused by fareign body in eye, windpipe, ar ocher orificea <br> 7. $\square$ Any iajory canaed by animal ar insect <br> 8. Any injury caused by poiscocus anbetance awallowed (Spacify eubatance) $\qquad$ <br> c.9. Fell on evaite or atepa of from a beight <br> 10. All orbet fall: <br> 1I. Buaped ioco object on persoo (covere all collizions between persons incloding atriking, punching, ticting, etc.) <br> 12. Struck by moving object (ioclode objects beld in own hand ar hand of other person, alao falling, flying, throw abjects) <br> 13. Handling ar atepping co aharp of roogb objecte ancb as atones, splintern, broken ellase, rope, etc. <br> 14. Caught in, pipched or crabbed between two moving objecte or between a moving and a atetionary abject <br> 19. $\square$ Came in contect with hot object or znhatance or opeallame <br> 16. $\square$ One-time lifting ot other gertime etertion <br> 17. Twiating, stombling, etc. <br> D.18. $\square$ Orber (spectfy how eeetdent hoppaned) |
| If "Gettios in or oct" "'Passenger" or "Driver," ia q. 4, ask: <br> 6. (a) How did the aceldent happent <br> 1. Accident between two of more metor webicles on roadvey <br> 2. Accident betweca motof vehicle and some other object on rondway <br> (Specity object) $\qquad$ <br> 3. Motor whicle came to sudden stop con roadminy <br> 4. $\square$ Motof vebicle ran off road way <br> 5. $\square$ Orber (Specily how the accitent happaned) $\qquad$ Acc. op roedway $\qquad$ Acc. not ion roadwey <br> (b) Whot kind af motor vehlicte mere you In (getting in) (getting out of) when the oecident huppened? <br> 1. $\square$ Car Truek <br> 2. Texi <br> 3. Bus <br> 4. $\square$ $\square$ $\square$ ruck <br> 3. $\square$ Moporcycle $\square$ Orhet (Spesity) |  |
| ASR FOR ALL ACCIDENTS |  |
| 8. (o) Where did the oecident happen-- ot home or aome other place? <br> 1. At home (inside house) $\square$ At <br> If "Some orher place," ask: <br> (b) Whot EInd of plaee wes in? <br> 3. $\square$ Streer and bighwny (incloden roadway) $\square$ $\square$ <br> 4. $\square$ Farm $\square$ <br> 5. $\square$ Induntrial place (incladea premiaéa') $\square$ <br> 8. $\square$ $\square$ | (adjeceat preminen) Some other place <br> (incladea achool premises) <br> e of recreation and aparts, except at acbool <br> (Spacity the place where eceldent happaned) $\qquad$ |
| 9. Were you of work of your job or busines: when the aceident hopp <br> 1. $\square$ Yes <br> 2. $\square$ No <br> 3. $\square$ $\square$ Fh | in Armed Services <br> 4. $\square$ Under 17 at time of accideat |
|  | FOOTNOTES AND COMMENTS |



## APPENDIX IV

## PRETESTING THE X-RAY QUESTIONS

## Introduction

During the 12 -month period from July 1960-June 1961 five new questions and a new table were added to the Health Interview Survey questionnaire to obtain information about the volume of medical and dental X-ray visits made by the civilian, noninstitutional population of the United States. A pilot study was conducted in Hagerstown, Maryland, in October 1959 to test the design of the questions. A second pretest with revised probe questions was conducted in Washington, D. C., and vicinity in January 1960.

Preliminary study by the National Health Survey and the Bureau of the Census indicated the desirability of using a "record-check" type of pretest. A "recordcheck" pretest, as the name implies, is one in which the actual experience of members of the sample for the reference period has been obtained from records of the specific events. The responses obtained during the household interview are then compared with the data from records and degree of match noted. In the case of the Hagerstown and Washington pilot studies, the objectives were to test the effectiveness of the design of the probe questions, and especially, to determine the optimum period of memory recall of X-ray experience.

## HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND SAMPLE SURVEY, OCTOBER 1959

## Planning and Conducting the Survey

Because of the nature of the X-ray questions proposed for addition to the regular NHS questionnaireduring July 1960-June 1961, it was decided to pretest the questions among a sample of households in which at least one member had had X-ray experience during the previous 12 months. A sample of names and addresses was obtained from the records of certain X-ray facilities in Hagerstown. These facilities included dentists, physicians, the X-ray department of the hospital, the X-ray unit of a private clinic, and the chest X-ray center of the city health department. At the time the names and addresses were recorded, the date, place of visit, type of X-ray, and part of body x-rayed were also recorded.

Interviewers were not informed that X-ray records were available, nor were they given the names of persons at the addresses where interviews were to be conducted. This was done partly to safeguard the confidentiality of the information, but primarily to avoid biasing the interviewers through a foreknowledge of X-ray experience of persons in the household.

In order to simulate the length and complexity of the customary interviewing situation, the NHS questionnaire in use between July 1959 and June 1960 was used in the pretest. The X-ray questions and table (shown in table I) replaced the health insurance probe questions, hospital insurance coverage questions in table II, hospitalization, and table A, accidents. Questionnaires and interviewer instructions were prepared, and selection and training of six regularly employed NHS interviewers was undertaken.

The survey was conducted during the week of October 26, 1959. Observers from the National Health Survey and the Bureau of the Census accompanied each of the interviewers to find out the reactions of both interviewer and respondent to the new questions and answers to these questions.

A total of 92 completed household interviews were obtained from among the X-ray record cases: 26 dental X-ray cases and 66 medical X-ray cases. Table A summarizes the findings of the study with respect to degree of "match" with the record source data.

The definition of match used in this pretest was more rigorous than the categories of classification used later for the processing of the regular NHS questionnaire for the period July 1960-June 1961. The part of the body x-rayed was considered a match only if the same specific part'mentioned in the interview was noted in, the record. For example, an interview report of an X-ray of the back was not considered a match if the record source specified a chest X-ray. During the regular survey, six body areas were used to classify part of the body and a glossary of terms was prepared of acceptable terms for each of the six areas. Therefore, it is reasonable to expect that the percentage of "matched" cases, shown above, would have been higher using less rigid rules.

## WASHINGTON, D.C. SAMPLE SURVEY, JANUARY 1960

## Planning and Conducting the Survey

On the basis of the results of the Hagerstown study, the format of the X-ray probe questions was redesigned, and planning began for a further pretest in a sample population in Washington, D. C., and immediate vicinity, in January 1960. Changes in the probe questions were in the direction of improving match percentages for medical X-ray visits which were quite low in the Hagerstown study. For example, treatment X-rays were relatively poorly reported; to improve this percentage a probe was specifically directed toward treat-

| Item | Medical |  | Dental |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Number } \\ & \text { of } \\ & \text { persons } \end{aligned}$ | Percent of visits matched ${ }^{1}$ |  | Percent of visits matched ${ }^{1}$ |
| 12-month recall------ | 66 | 67 | 26 | 87 |
| 6-month recall | 33 | 70 | --- | --- |
| 3-month recall- | 15 | 73 | --- | --- |
| Self-respondent-- | 42 | 76 | 14 | 100 |
| Proxy-respondent- | 24 | 50 | 12 | 79 |
| X-ray film procedures | 50 | 56 | $\cdots$ | . $\cdot$ |
| Fluoroscopy--------- | 10 | 40 | -•• | -•• |
| Treatment X-rays--- | 6 | 33 | $\cdots$ | - - |

1"Match" was defined as a report in the interview of the same part of the body and type of procedure as that shown in the record. The date reported by the respondent must have been within the limits of the recall period to be accepted as a "Match."
ment in a question on a single part of the body (see tables I and II). Three columns, were added to the hospitalization table to inquire about X-rays during each period of hospitalization recorded.

The memory recall period was reduced from 12 to 3 months. In addition, a number of cases were included in the sample who had X-rays within two weeks of the interview week, in order to test whether a two-week-recall period would produce better results than a threemonth period.

Cases were selected to include a group of hospital inpatients and outpatients, radiologist's patients, and mobile X-ray unit cases. Interviewing was conducted from January 18-23, and 169 completed interviews were obtained (see below).

## Results of the Survey

The percentages of matched cases were higher in this study, both for the two-week-recall and three-month-recall periods. The criteria for 4 match were essentially the same as for the Hagerstown pretest; that is, a report of an X-ray of the same part of the body but with the added feature of a report for the same month of visit as that shown on the record. Table B shows results of this study.

For some types of X-ray visits it appears that a two-week-reference period would be better than a longer period, as judged from the match rates. However, match rates alone fail to reveal two other factors that must be considered in conducting a population survey for the purpose of producing estimates of the aggregate number of visits. First, some persons who have had X-rays in the past two weeks may be in a hospital at the time an interviewer calls at the household. This results in a higher than normal noninterview rate, with consequent loss of data. Second, the use of a two-week recall period appreciably increases the relative sampling error as compared with a three-month-recall
period when producing annual estimates of the aggregate number of visits. The problems of noninterview, together with the decreased volume of data ruled against the use of a two-week reference period for this topic.

It will be noted that although the over-all level of reporting of medical X-ray visits for three-month recall was at about the same level in Hagerstown and in Washington ( 73 percent), the Washington study was heavily weighted with proxy respondents. For self responses and also for proxy responses the Washington test produced better match rates. If one applies the Washington pretest match rates to the self-proxy respondent ratio in the National Health Interview Survey, this yields about a 77 percent expected rate of match on the basis of the matching criteria used in the pretest.

There is evidence that a match rate of 73 percent on the pretest (or 77 percent adjusted for respondent differences) is not an indication of the extent of reporting of the gross volume of X-ray visits, but rather indicates the precision with which respondents can reproduce the circumstances of visits to a degree that they can be unmistakably identified with visits in a record source. There were, for the 169 persons in the pretest, 406 visits in the medical record. For these same persons 438 visits were reported by interview but only 73 percent "matched" the record. In terms of gross volume of visits the record and the interview are not highly discrepant. It is quite possible that some persons in the pretest had X-ray visits at locations outside of the sources of the records, and reported such visits on interview. It is also possible that some respondents may have reported on interview X-ray visits which were prior to the three-month-reference period. Whatever the reason, the number of visits reported equaled or exceeded the number in the record for all classes of patients except the "treatment" group. For this group there were 169 X-ray visits in the records, 139 reported on interview, and 81 ( 48 percent) matched by the criteria employed.

Table B. Sumpary of results of Washington pretest

| Type of case | Number of persons in 3-month period | Percent of visits matched |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 2-week recall | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 3-month } \\ & \text { recall } \end{aligned}$ |
| Total | 169 | 69 | 73 |
| Hospital- | 115 | 70 | 70 |
| Outpatient- | 23 | 75 | 69 |
| Treatment- | 10 | 100 | 48 |
| Inpatient- | 82 | 67 | 72 |
| Radiologist-- | 40 | 67 | 80 |
| Mobile X-ray unit | 14 | 60 | 79 |
| Self respondent | 79 | 84 | 80 |
| Hospital- | 49 | 90 | 78 |
| Outpatient- | 14 | 100 | 82 |
| Treatment-- | 6 | 100 | 60 |
| Inpatient- | 29 | 86 | 79 |
| Radiologist------ | 22 | 50 | 84 |
| Mobile X-ray unit-- | 8 | 100 | 88 |
| Proxy respondent- | $90^{\circ}$ | 66 | 70 |
| Hospital---- | 66 | 65 | 70 |
| Outpatient | 9 | 33 | 57 |
| Treatment- | 4 | 100 | 32 |
| Inpatient- | 53 | 65 | 75 |
| Radiologist- | 18 | 100 | 74 |
| Mobile X-ray unit--- | 6 | 33 | 67 |

Although all of the factors involvedin underreporting, overreporting, and mismatching could not be identified from the pretests, it was concluded that the precision of reporting was not less than shown by the percentages in table $B$ and that the gross volume of reporting was reasonably complete for all classes of patients except those receiving treatment, for whom the volume of visits might be underreported by about 20 percent.

On the basis of these results, the X -ray probe questions and table $X$, shown in this Appendix IV, were included in the questionnaire used nationally during July 1960-June 1961. Minor changes were made in the form of the questions and table. The three-month-recall period was used, but the additional columns in the hospitalization table were omitted.

Table I. X'ray Questions: Hagerstown Pretest

Col. (1)
Col. (2)


| Table X: Fill one line for each part of body entry from Questions 24-27 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\begin{aligned} & \dot{0} \\ & \underset{z}{4} \\ & \underset{j}{d} \end{aligned}$ | Col. No. of Person <br> (a) | Part of body <br> (b) | About your X-rays of the ..., How many times were you X -rayed for this during the past 12 months? <br> (c) | How many of these--X-rays were at the X-ray department of a hospital? <br> (d) | In what month(s) were the X-rays taken? <br> (e) | X-rays are sometimes for check-up or examination and sómetimes for cure or treatment of a condition. <br> What were these X-rays for? <br> (f) | If more than "1" in col. (c) and "both" in col: (f) ask: <br> How many of these-were for treatment? <br> (g) | If "both" or "treatment" in col. (f) ask: For what condition were you being treated? <br> (h) |
| 1 |  | - |  | . | Month (8) | Check-up/ examination Treatment Both |  | . |

Table II. X-ray Questions: Washington Pretest

|  | Col. (1) | Col. (2) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 23(a) We are interested in all kinds of $X$-rayz- <br> Did you hove vour reeth $X$-royed during the past 3 months --(that is, from -through last Sunday)? <br> If 'Yes" <br> (b) How many times? | Yez No <br> No. of times $\qquad$ | Yes No <br> No. of times $\qquad$ |
| 24. During the past 3 months did you hove a CHEST $X$-ray ? | $\square$ Yem-Chest $\quad \square$ No | $\square$ Yes-Chest $\quad \square \mathrm{No}$ |
| 25(o) Did you have any (osher) kind of X-ray at oll during the past 3 montha? <br> If "Yes" <br> (b) What part of the body wa: X-rayed? <br> (c) Any other part of the body? | $\square$ Yes $\square$ No <br> Part(s) of body: | $\square$ Yes Part(s) of body: $\quad \square$ No |
| 26(0) During the past 3 months, did anyone in the family hove any X-rays for the treatment of - condition? <br> If "Yes" <br> (b) What part of the body was treated? <br> (e) Was thiz included in the $X$-ray(s) you rold me about before? | $\square$ Yes No Part(s) of body: $\square$ Yes $\square$ No | $\square$ Yes $\square$ No Part(s) of body: $\square$ Yes $\square$ No |
| 27(a) Did anyone in the family have a fluoroscope during the pait 3 months? <br> If "Yes" <br> (b) What part of the hody was this for? <br> (e) Was this included in the X -ray(s) you toid me about before? | $\square$ Yes $\square$ No Part(s) of body: | $\square$ Yes No Part(s) of body: |


| Table X - FILL ONE LINE FOR EACH PART OF BODY ENTRY FROM QUESTIONS $\mathbf{2 4 - 2 7}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Col. <br> No. <br> of <br> per- <br> $80 n$ <br> (a) | Part of body <br> (b) | How muny times did you have your... X-rayed during the post 3 months? | Did you hove the X-ray(s) at a hospital or at - doctar"s office? <br> (d) | In whot month(s) wos the X-ray(s) raken? <br> (e) | What was thia X-ray(s) for--a chack-up or an examination or for treatment? | If mare then ${ }^{\text {P }}$ " in col. (c) and "both" in col(f) ask: <br> How many of <br>  X-raris) were for treatment? <br> (g) | If "both" or "treatment" in col. (f) ask: For what condition were you being treated? <br> (h) |
| 1 |  |  |  | Hospital Dr. office Other | Month(s) | Check-up/eramination Treatment Both |  |  |
| 2 |  |  |  | Hos pital Dr, office Other | Month(s) | Check-up/examination Treatme ar Both |  |  |
| 3 |  |  |  | Hospital Dr, office Other | Month(s) | Check-up/eramination Treatment Both |  |  |
| 4 |  |  |  | _Hospital Dr. office Other | Month(s) | Cbeck-up/eramination Treatment Both |  |  |
| 5 |  |  |  | Hospital Dr. office $\square$ Other | Month(s) | Check-up/eramination Treatment Both |  |  |
| 6 |  |  |  | Hospital Dr. office Other | Monch(s) $\qquad$ | Check-up/examinatioa Treatment Both |  |  |
| 7 |  | T |  | Hospital Dr. office Other | Month(s) | Check-up/eramination Trearmeat Both |  |  |
| 8 |  |  | , | Hospital Dr. office Other | Month(6) | Check-up/examination Treatment Borh |  | , |


| Table II - HOSPITALIZATION DURING PAST 12 MONTHS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  | Col. <br> No. <br> of <br> per- <br> an <br> (a) |  | When did you enter the hotpllal? <br> (Month, yent) |  | To loterviewer |  |  |  | What did thay say af the hoapital the condition was-did thay give it a medical name? <br> (If "they"dido's say, atk): <br> What did the laat dactor you tolked to say it was? <br> (Show ame detail an in cols. (d-1)-(d-S) of T.I) <br> (If condition from aecident or injury, alao fill Table A) | Were any operations performed on you during this stay at the hospital? <br> If "Yea," <br> (a) What was the nome of the. aparation? <br> (b) Any other oparatione? |
|  |  | Questica No. |  | days wore you In the hospltel, not countIng the day you left? | How many of these - deys were in she parat 12 montha? | will you aced to ask cols. ( 5 ) amd (g) ? | How many of chese -daya were lat week or the week before? | Was this person still in the tospital on laet Sunday nisht? |  |  |
|  |  | (b) |  | ${ }^{1}$ (d) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | - |  | Mo: $\qquad$ Yr: $\qquad$ | Days |  |  | Days None | Ye: No |  | $\square \text { Yeí } \quad \square \text { No }$ |
| 2 |  |  | Mo: Yr: $\qquad$ | Days |  | $\square$ Yes <br> $\square$ No |  | $\begin{aligned} & \square \text { Yes } \\ & \square \text { No } \end{aligned}$ |  | $\square \mathrm{Yes}$ |
| 3 |  |  | Mo: $\qquad$ <br> Yr: $\qquad$ | Days |  |  | Days $\square$ Noge | $\square \mathrm{Yes}$ <br> No |  | $\square^{\text {Yes }} \square^{\text {No }}$ |



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[^2]:    ${ }^{1}$ The sum of visits by area of body x-rayed may be greater than the total number of visits, siace during one visit more than one area of body may be x-rayed.
    ${ }^{2}$ Includes unknown areas of the body

