

Table 1. Physician Specialty Type among U.S. Office-based Physicians, by Type of Physician: United States, 2018-2019

	All physicians			Doctor of medicine (MD)			Doctor of osteopathic medicine (DO)		
	Number	Percent	Standard Error	Number	Percent	Standard Error	Number	Percent	Standard Error
Total	322,700	100.0	...	304,500	100.0	...	18,100	100.0	...
Specialty type									
Primary care	147,200	45.6	0.9	135,400	44.5	0.9	11,800	65.3	4.7
All other	175,500	54.4	0.9	169,200	55.5	0.9	6,300	34.7	4.7

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Table 2. Physician Characteristics among U.S. Office-based Physicians, by Type of Physician: United States, 2018-2019

	All physicians			Doctor of medicine (MD)			Doctor of osteopathic medicine (DO)		
	Number	Percent	Standard Error	Number	Percent	Standard Error	Number	Percent	Standard Error
Total	322,700	100.0	...	304,500	100.0	...	18,100	100.0	...
Age (yrs.)									
Under 35	5,200	1.6	0.5	*	1.7	0.6	-	-	...
35-44	71,200	22.1	1.6	67,800	22.3	1.7	*	18.6	4.1
45-54	95,200	29.5	1.7	90,300	29.7	1.8	4,900	27.2	4.1
55-64	88,400	27.4	1.6	81,600	26.8	1.7	6,800	37.4	4.4
65 and over	62,600	19.4	1.3	59,600	19.6	1.4	*	16.8	3.2
Sex									
Female	108,700	33.7	1.7	103,200	33.9	1.7	5,500	30.3	4.5
Male	214,000	66.3	1.7	201,400	66.1	1.7	12,700	69.7	4.5
Race									
White only	225,200	69.8	1.7	209,500	68.8	1.8	15,700	86.5	3.0
Black or African American only	13,300	4.1	0.7	13,100	4.3	0.8	*	*	*
Asian Only	52,500	16.3	1.4	51,700	17.0	1.5	*	*	*
Other	*	1.1	0.4	*	1.1	0.4	*	1.3	1.0
Blank	28,000	8.7	1.0	26,800	8.8	1.1	*	*	*
Metropolitan status									
Metropolitan	299,500	92.8	0.9	283,500	93.1	0.9	16,000	88.0	2.8
Micropolitan	18,500	5.7	0.8	16,700	5.5	0.8	1,800	10.0	2.6
Neither metropolitan nor micropolitan	*	1.4	0.4	*	1.4	0.5	*	*	*
Metropolitan statistical area (MSA) status									
MSA	299,500	92.8	0.9	283,500	93.1	0.9	16,000	88.0	2.8
Not in MSA	23,200	7.2	0.9	21,000	6.9	0.9	*	12.0	2.8
Average number of office visits per week									
Mean	...	57.5	1.9	...	59.7	2.0	...	63.5	3.6
See patients during evening/weekend									
Yes	81,800	25.4	1.5	76,700	25.2	1.5	5,100	28.2	4.2
No	236,100	73.2	1.5	223,500	73.4	1.6	12,600	69.4	4.3
Blank	*	1.5	0.5	*	1.4	0.5	*	*	*
Number of hours spent providing direct patient care									
Less than 31	115,700	35.9	1.7	108,300	35.6	1.8	7,400	40.8	4.8
31 or more	188,400	58.4	1.8	178,200	58.5	1.8	10,200	56.0	4.7
Blank	18,600	5.8	0.9	18,000	5.9	0.9	*	*	*
Hospital visits during normal week									
None	181,000	56.1	1.7	340,300	55.9	1.8	21,600	59.6	4.6
1 or more	111,200	34.5	1.7	210,900	34.6	1.8	11,600	31.8	4.4
Blank	30,500	9.4	1.0	57,800	9.5	1.1	*	*	*

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Table 3. Physician Practice Characteristics among U.S. Office-based Physicians, by Type of Physician: United States, 2018-2019

	All physicians			Doctor of medicine (MD)			Doctor of osteopathic medicine (DO)		
	Number	Percent	Standard Error	Number	Percent	Standard Error	Number	Percent	Standard Error
Total	322,700	100.0	...	304,500	100.0	...	18,100	100.0	...
Practice size									
Solo	114,800	35.6	1.7	107,300	35.2	1.8	7,500	41.6	4.7
Two physicians	30,100	9.3	1.1	28,000	9.2	1.2	*	11.6	3.5
3-5 physicians	87,400	27.1	1.6	82,000	26.9	1.7	5,300	29.5	4.2
6-10 physicians	53,700	16.6	1.3	51,600	17.0	1.4	*	11.1	2.8
11 or more physicians	36,800	11.4	1.1	35,700	11.7	1.2	*	*	*
Type of practice									
Solo or single specialty	240,000	74.4	1.7	226,400	74.3	1.7	13,600	74.9	4.4
Multi-specialty	76,500	23.7	1.6	72,000	23.7	1.7	4,400	24.4	4.4
Blank	6,300	1.9	0.4	6,100	2.0	0.5	*	0.7	0.7
Ownership									
Physician or group	220,300	68.3	1.7	207,700	68.2	1.8	12,700	69.9	4.5
HMO	*	1.4	0.4	*	1.5	0.5	-	...	...
Medical or academic health center	16,500	5.1	0.9	16,200	5.3	1.0	*	*	...
Other hospital	23,800	7.4	1.0	22,300	7.3	1.1	*	7.8	2.2
Other health care corporation	20,700	6.4	0.8	18,400	6.1	0.9	*	12.3	3.6
Other	*	1.7	0.4	*	1.7	0.4	*	*	...
Blank	31,500	9.8	1.1	30,200	9.9	1.1	*	*	...
Currently accepting new patients									
Yes	286,100	88.7	1.1	270,200	88.7	1.2	15,900	87.7	3.7
No	19,700	6.1	0.9	17,900	5.9	0.9	*	*	...
Blank	*	*	...	16,400	5.4	0.8	*	*	...
Uses electronic health or medical records									
Yes, all electronic	241,500	74.8	1.5	228,000	74.9	1.6	13,500	74.5	4.1
Yes, part paper and part electronic	26,600	8.2	1.0	25,000	8.2	1.1	*	9.1	2.8
No	39,900	12.4	1.2	37,400	12.3	1.2	*	13.8	3.1
Blank	14,700	4.5	0.7	14,200	4.7	0.8	*	*	*
Meets meaningful use criteria									
Yes	251,300	93.7	0.9	236,700	93.6	0.9	14,500	**95.9	1.7
No	6,300	2.4	0.5	5,900	2.3	0.5	*	*	*
Blank	10,500	3.9	0.7	10,300	4.1	0.8	*	*	*

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Table 4. Accepted Payment Types for New Patients among U.S. Office-based Physicians Currently Accepting New Patients, by Type of Physician: United States, 2018-2019

	All physicians			Doctor of medicine (MD)			Doctor of osteopathic medicine (DO)		
	Number	Percent	Standard Error	Number	Percent	Standard Error	Number	Percent	Standard Error
Total	286,100	100.0	...	270,200	100.0	...	15,900	100.0	...
Capitated private insurance									
Yes	146,300	51.1	1.9	138,300	51.2	2.0	8,100	50.8	4.8
No	116,100	40.6	1.9	109,600	40.5	2.0	6,500	40.8	4.7
Blank	23,700	8.3	1.0	22,400	8.3	1.1	*	*	...
Non-capitated private insurance									
Yes	219,400	76.7	1.7	207,600	76.8	1.8	11,800	74.4	4.4
No	44,900	15.7	1.5	42,000	15.5	1.6	*	18.3	4.0
Blank	21,900	7.6	1.0	20,700	7.7	1.1	*	*	...
Medicare									
Yes	230,400	80.5	1.5	216,500	80.1	1.6	13,800	87.0	3.1
No	43,100	15.1	1.4	41,500	15.4	1.4	*	10.0	2.8
Blank	12,600	4.4	0.8	12,200	4.5	0.9	*	*	...
Medicaid									
Yes	197,700	69.1	1.8	186,400	69.0	1.9	11,300	70.8	4.4
No	75,800	26.5	1.7	71,600	26.5	1.8	4,200	26.2	4.2
Blank	12,700	4.4	0.8	12,200	4.5	0.9	*	*	...
Workers compensation									
Yes	133,900	46.8	1.9	126,200	46.7	2.0	7,700	48.7	4.9
No	136,500	47.7	1.9	128,900	47.7	2.0	7,600	47.6	4.8
Blank	15,700	5.5	0.9	15,200	5.6	0.9	*	*	...
Self-pay									
Yes	264,200	92.3	1.1	249,300	92.2	1.1	14,900	**93.8	2.2
No	11,400	4.0	0.8	10,900	4.0	0.9	*	*	...
Blank	10,600	3.7	0.7	10,100	3.7	0.8	*	*	...
No charge									
Yes	102,200	35.7	1.8	96,400	35.7	1.9	5,800	36.6	4.6
No	158,700	55.5	1.9	149,200	55.2	2.0	9,500	59.6	4.6
Blank	25,200	8.8	1.1	24,600	9.1	1.1	*	*	...

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Table 5. Source of Revenue for Physicians and Their Practices among U.S. Office-based Physicians, by Type of Physician: United States, 2018-2019

	All physicians			Doctor of medicine (MD)			Doctor of osteopathic medicine (DO)		
	Number	Percent	Standard Error	Number	Percent	Standard Error	Number	Percent	Standard Error
Total	322,700	100.0	...	304,500	100.0	...	18,100	100.0	...
What percent of your patient care revenue comes from:									
Fee-for service									
Less than 50%	46,200	14.3	1.3	43,700	14.3	1.4	2,500	13.9	3.1
50% or more	160,800	49.8	1.8	150,300	49.4	1.9	10,500	57.9	4.6
Blank	115,700	35.8	1.8	110,500	36.3	1.9	5,100	28.3	4.0
Capitation									
Less than 50%	195,700	60.6	1.8	183,600	60.3	1.9	12,100	66.4	4.3
50% or more	10,300	3.2	0.7	9,400	3.1	0.7	*	*	...
Blank	116,700	36.2	1.8	111,500	36.6	1.9	5,100	28.3	4.0
Case rates									
Less than 50%	202,300	62.7	1.8	189,300	62.2	1.9	13,000	71.7	4.0
50% or more	*	1.5	0.5	*	1.6	0.6	-	-	...
Blank	115,700	35.8	1.8	110,500	36.3	1.9	5,100	28.3	4.0
Managed care contracts									
Less than 50%	146,300	45.3	1.9	137,400	45.1	2.0	8,800	48.7	4.6
50% or more	79,300	24.6	1.6	74,200	24.4	1.6	5,100	28.1	4.4
Blank	97,200	30.1	1.7	92,900	30.5	1.8	4,200	23.2	3.8
Other sources									
Less than 50%	186,900	57.9	1.8	174,300	57.2	1.9	12,500	69.1	4.2
50% or more	20,100	6.2	1.0	19,700	6.5	1.0	*	*	...
Blank	115,700	35.8	1.8	110,500	36.3	1.9	5,100	28.3	4.0
What percent of your practice's revenue comes from:									
Medicare									
Less than 50%	189,600	58.8	1.7	177,100	58.2	1.8	12,500	69.1	4.3
50% or more	43,200	13.4	1.2	41,100	13.5	1.3	*	11.6	3.0
Blank	89,900	27.9	1.7	86,400	28.4	1.8	*	19.4	3.6
Medicaid									
Less than 50%	220,700	68.4	1.7	206,500	67.8	1.8	14,200	78.3	3.7
50% or more	11,900	3.7	0.6	11,500	3.8	0.6	*	2.3	1.1
Blank	90,000	27.9	1.7	86,500	28.4	1.8	3,500	19.4	3.6
Private insurance									
Less than 50%	163,200	50.6	1.9	152,300	50.0	1.9	10,900	59.8	4.5
50% or more	69,700	21.6	1.5	65,900	21.6	1.6	*	20.8	3.7
Blank	89,900	27.8	1.7	86,300	28.3	1.8	*	19.4	3.6
Patient payments									
Less than 50%	216,800	67.2	1.7	202,800	66.6	1.8	13,900	76.8	3.8
50% or more	15,800	4.9	0.8	15,100	5.0	0.9	*	*	...
Blank	90,100	27.9	1.7	86,500	28.4	1.8	*	19.4	3.6
Other sources									
Less than 50%	227,700	70.6	1.7	213,200	70.0	1.8	14,500	79.8	3.6
50% or more	*	1.5	0.6	*	1.5	0.6	*	0.8	0.8
Blank	90,100	27.9	1.7	86,600	28.4	1.8	*	19.4	3.6

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