Table E. Prescription medications[a]: Standard errors for median and mean expenditures per person with expense and distribution of expenditures by source of payment, U.S., 1997. Corresponds to Table 5.

Population characteristic	Total population (in thousands)	Percent with expense	Annual total expense per person with expense		Total expenses (in millions)	Out of Pocket	Private Insurance[b]	Medicare	Medicaid	Other public programs[c]	Other[d]
			Median	Mean							
Total	†	0.42	3	9	2,042	0.7	0.9	0.3	0.6	0.2	0.1
Age in years											
Under 65	†	0.46	2	8	1,541	0.8	1.0	0.2	0.7	0.3	0.1
Under 6	†	1.21	2	6	92	1.8	2.6	0.0	2.2	0.2	0.1
6-17	†	0.84	2	10	241	2.4	2.8	0.0	3.3	0.2	0.2
18-44	†	0.64	2	10	775	1.2	1.6	0.2	1.2	0.2	0.1
45-64	†	0.72	10	19	997	0.9	1.2	0.4	0.8	0.5	0.1
65 and over	†	0.78	19	22	1,018	1.3	1.4	0.7	0.7	0.4	0.2
Sex											
Male	†	0.58	3	13	1,108	1.0	1.2	0.4	0.7	0.6	0.1
Female	†	0.49	5	9	1,257	0.9	1.0	0.3	0.7	0.1	0.1
Race/ethnicity											
White and other	†	0.5	5	10	1,964	0.8	1.0	0.3	0.6	0.3	0.1
Black	†	1.01	5	19	407	1.9	2.1	0.8	1.8	0.8	0.3
Hispanic	†	0.87	3	14	249	1.7	1.7	1.5	1.8	1.3	0.2
Health insurance status[e,f]											
Under age 65:											
Any private	3,813	0.53	2	9	1,333	0.8	0.9	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1
Public only	1,148	1.06	6	24	553	1.4	0.4	0.6	2.0	0.9	0.3
Uninsured	1,060	1.03	4	18	258	2.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.6	0.7
Age 65 and over:											
Medicare only	430	1.55	30	33	364	1.9	0.0	1.7	0.2	1.1	0.7
Medicare and private	802	0.92	25	30	876	1.8	1.8	0.8	0.5	0.4	0.0
Medicare and other public	231	2.24	75	53	242	2.0	0.0	1.9	3.1	1.9	0.6
Poverty status[g]											
Poor	†	1.01	8	23	579	1.9	1.5	0.5	2.2	0.3	0.1
Near-poor	†	1.81	15	32	286	2.3	2.0	0.7	2.6	1.0	0.8
Low income	†	0.91	8	18	524	1.8	1.6	0.9	1.6	0.4	0.4
Middle income	†	0.72	5	16	1,060	1.3	1.5	0.5	0.7	0.5	0.1
High income	†	0.72	6	13	1,058	1.1	1.1	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.1
Metropolitan statistical area (MSA)[e]											
MSA	†	0.49	3	9	1,577	0.8	0.9	0.3	0.6	0.3	0.1
Non-MSA	†	0.77	12	24	1,232	1.7	1.8	0.5	1.4	0.5	0.2
Census Region											
Northeast	†	1.02	9	22	862	1.4	2.0	0.7	1.3	0.5	0.3
Midwest	†	0.84	8	20	999	1.4	1.7	0.3	1.2	0.6	0.2
South	†	0.74	6	15	1,325	1.3	1.5	0.4	0.9	0.4	0.2
West	†	0.78	5	15	785	1.4	1.4	0.8	1.0	0.5	0.1
Perceived health status[e]											
Under 65 years											
Excellent, very good , or good	4,036	0.49	2	7	1,129	0.8	0.9	0.1	0.6	0.2	0.1
Fair or Poor	620	0.96	28	38	785	1.5	1.8	0.6	1.6	0.7	0.2
65 years and over											
Excellent, very good , or good	798	0.97	19	22	690	1.5	1.5	0.9	0.8	0.6	0.3
Fair or Poor	423	1.04	34	47	582	2.3	2.6	1.0	1.3	0.7	0.1

[a]Expenses for all prescribed medicines initially purchased or otherwise obtained during 1997, as well as any refills, are included. Free samples are included in the estimate of percent of persons with any expense.

[b]Private insurance includes CHAMPUS and CHAMPVA (Armed-Forces-related coverage).

[c]Other public programs include Department of Veterans Affairs (except CHAMPVA); other Federal sources (Indian Health Service, military treatment facilities, and other care provided by the Federal Government); other State and local sources (community and neighborhood clinics, State and local health departments, and State programs other than Medicaid); and other public (Medicaid payments reported for persons who were not enrolled in the Medicaid program at any time during the year).

[d]Other includes Worker's Compensation; other unclassified sources (e.g., automobile, homeowner's, liability, and other miscellaneous or unknown sources); and other private insurance (any type of private insurance payments reported for persons without private health insurance coverage during the year, as defined in MEPS).

[e]Number of persons and amount of expenses do not add to overall total because data on this variable were not available for some sample persons.

[f]Uninsured refers to persons uninsured during the entire year. Public and private health insurance categories refer to individuals with public or private insurance at any time during the period; individuals with both public and private insurance and those with CHAMPUS or CHAMPVA (Armed-Forces-related coverage) are classified as having insurance.

[g]Poor refers to incomes below the Federal poverty line; near poor, over the poverty line through 125 percent of the poverty line; low income, over 125 percent through 200 percent of the poverty line; middle income, over 200 percent to 400 percent of the poverty line; and high income, over 400 percent of the poverty line.

† Standard error approximately zero because of poststratification to Census Bureau population control tables

Note: These estimates are for a target population of approximately 271.3 million persons who were in the civilian noninstitutionalized population for all or part of 1997. Percents may not add to 100 because of rounding.

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