

Table 8.1.3: Number and Percent of Population with Arthritis and Joint Pain [1] by Age, United States 1996-2014

<u>Year</u>	<u>Sample N (annual)</u>	<u>Total Population</u> <u>(in millions)</u>	<u>Persons with Condition</u>		<u>Age Distribution</u>			
			<u># Individuals</u> <u>(in millions)</u>	<u>% Total</u> <u>Population</u>	<u>Under 18</u>	<u>18-44</u>	<u>45-64</u>	<u>65 & Over</u>
1996-1998	2,710	271.2	29.0	10.7%	[1]	25.6%	37.5%	36.9%
1997-1999	2,759	273.7	29.1	10.6%	[1]	24.0%	38.6%	37.4%
1998-2000	2,414	276.1	29.2	10.6%	[1]	22.8%	39.8%	37.4%
1999-2001	2,837	279.7	31.1	11.1%	[1]	22.2%	40.3%	37.5%
2000-2002	3,514	283.6	33.6	11.8%	[1]	22.3%	41.2%	36.5%
2001-2003	3,931	287.7	35.9	12.5%	[1]	22.7%	42.0%	35.3%
2002-2004	3,979	290.8	36.6	12.6%	[1]	22.3%	42.8%	34.9%
2003-2005	3,702	293.4	36.1	12.3%	[1]	21.5%	43.2%	35.4%
2004-2006	3,683	296.3	35.8	12.1%	[1]	20.5%	43.7%	35.7%
2005-2007	3,813	298.9	38.9	13.0%	[1]	20.6%	44.3%	35.1%
2006-2008	4,379	301.7	46.9	15.5%	[1]	21.8%	44.9%	33.4%
2007-2009	5,153	304.1	55.0	18.1%	[1]	23.0%	44.7%	32.2%
2008-2010	5,539	306.5	59.6	19.4%	[1]	23.2%	45.0%	31.8%
2009-2011	5,725	308.8	60.8	19.7%	[1]	22.7%	45.1%	32.3%
2010-2012	5,874	311.1	62.8	20.2%	[1]	22.4%	45.0%	32.6%
2011-2013	6,052	313.4	64.2	20.5%	[1]	22.9%	44.6%	32.5%
2012-2014	6,045	315.9	65.6	20.8%	[1]	23.7%	44.0%	32.3%

[1] Methodological changes in MEPS in 2001 and 2007 improved the accuracy of capturing these conditions; therefore, the increased number of people with these conditions in 2001 and 2007 cannot be attributed solely to the increased size of the underlying population. Because misclassification for arthritis has been demonstrated in children, reported arthritis for individuals <18 is not included.

Source: Medical Expenditures Panel Survey (MEPS), Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 1996-2014.