

**Table 3A.3.2.2.4: Number of Outpatient Visits and Population Rate for Arthritis and Other Rheumatic Condition (AORC) Diagnoses Among Adults Age 18 & Older, by Geographic Region, United States, 2011**

	Outpatient Visits				
	Geographic Region				
	Total	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Osteoarthritis and allied disorders (in 1,000s)	1,572.0	481.7	617.3	297.0	175.9
Distribution by geographic region (%)		30.6%	39.3%	18.9%	11.2%
Rate per 100 persons [1]	0.6	1.1	1.2	0.3	0.3
Rheumatoid arthritis (in 1,000s)	777.0	197.8	*	235.6	*
Distribution by geographic region (%)		25.5%	NA	30.3%	NA
Rate per 100 persons [1]	0.3	0.4	NA	0.3	NA
Gout and other crystal arthropathies (in 1,000s)	353.1	*	*	*	*
Distribution by geographic region (%)		NA	NA	NA	NA
Rate per 100 persons [1]	0.1	NA	NA	NA	NA
Joint pain/effusion/other unspecified joint disorders (in 1,000s)	2,914.5	961.3	1,005.7	645.6	302.0
Distribution by geographic region (%)		33.0%	34.5%	22.2%	10.4%
Rate per 100 persons [1]	1.2	2.2	1.9	0.7	0.5
Spondyloarthropathies (in 1,000s)	350.8	*	*	*	*
Distribution by geographic region (%)		NA	NA	NA	NA
Rate per 100 persons [1]	0.1	NA	NA	NA	NA
Fibromyalgia (in 1,000s)	436.8	166.7	*	*	*
Distribution by geographic region (%)		38.2%	NA	NA	NA
Rate per 100 persons [1]	0.2	0.4	NA	NA	NA
Diffuse connective tissue disease (Sjögren's syndrome, SSC, SLE) (in 1,000s)	384.1	69.4	*	116.7	*
Distribution by geographic region (%)		18.1%	NA	30.4%	NA
Rate per 100 persons [1]	0.2	0.2	NA	0.1	NA
Carpal tunnel syndrome (in 1,000s)	336.6	*	132.3	77.8	*
Distribution by geographic region (%)		NA	39.3%	23.1%	NA
Rate per 100 persons [1]	0.1	NA	0.3	0.1	NA
Soft tissue disorders (excluding back) (in 1,000s)	757.2	205.3	300.5	123.1	128.2
Distribution by geographic region (%)		27.1%	39.7%	16.3%	16.9%
Rate per 100 persons [1]	0.3	0.5	0.6	0.1	0.2
Other specified rheumatic conditions (in 1,000s)	166.2	*	*	*	*
Distribution by geographic region (%)		NA	NA	NA	NA
Rate per 100 persons	0.1	NA	NA	NA	NA
<b>Total AORC Diagnoses (in 1,000s)</b>	<b>6,519.2</b>	<b>2,028.0</b>	<b>1,892.9</b>	<b>1,506.5</b>	<b>1,092.1</b>
Distribution by geographic region (%)		31.1%	29.0%	23.1%	16.8%
Rate per 100 persons [1]	2.6	4.5	3.6	1.6	1.9
<b>All Outpatient Visits</b>	<b>98,070.2</b>	<b>29,927.3</b>	<b>26,561.9</b>	<b>26,281.0</b>	<b>15,300.0</b>
Distribution by geographic region (%)		30.5%	27.1%	26.8%	15.6%
Rate per 100 persons [1]	39.6	67.0	50.6	28.6	26.2

\* Does not meet standards of reliability

[1] Source: United States Census Bureau, Population Division. State Characteristics Datasets: Annual State Resident Population Estimates for 5 Race Groups (5 Race Alone or in Combination Groups) by Age, Sex, and Hispanic Origin: April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2015 <https://www.census.gov/popest/data/state/asrh/2015/SC-EST2015-ALLDATA5.html> September 20, 2016.

Source: National Hospital Ambulatory Medical Care Survey\_Outpatient Department (NHAMCS\_OP), 2011. [www.cdc.gov/nchs/ahcd/ahcd\\_questionnaires.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/ahcd/ahcd_questionnaires.htm) May 23, 2016.