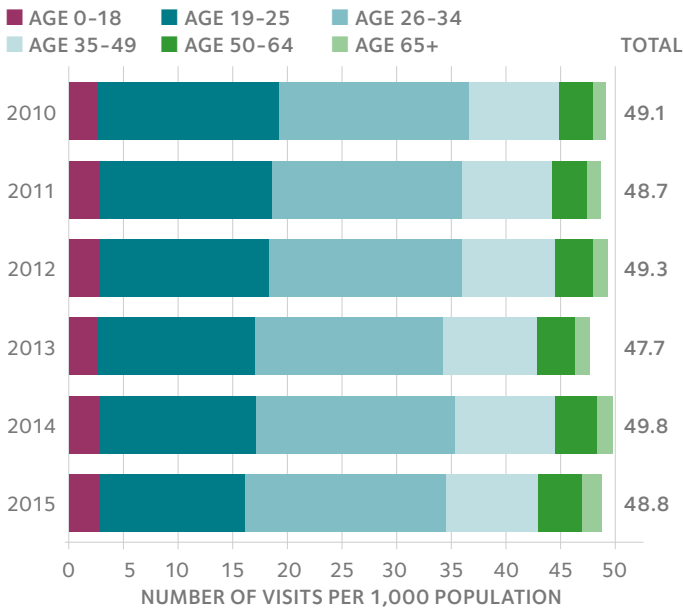
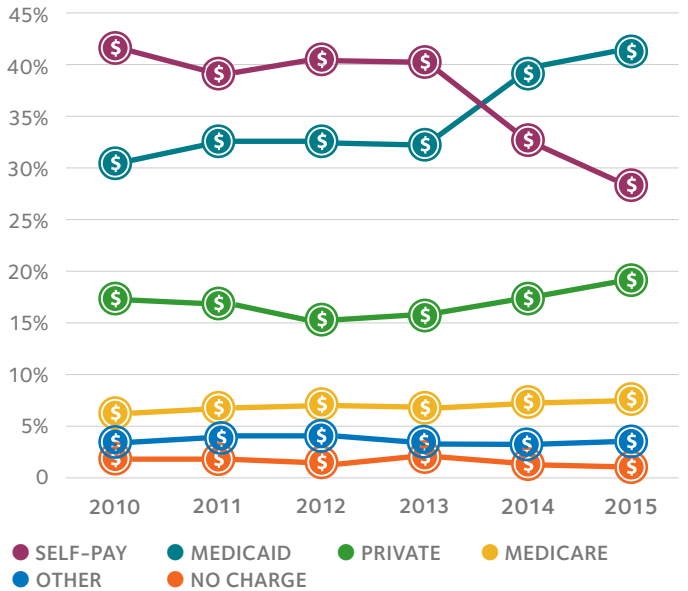


Emergency Department Visits for Dental Conditions – A Snapshot

EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT VISITS FOR DENTAL CONDITIONS BY AGE GROUP



EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT VISITS FOR DENTAL CONDITIONS AMONG ADULTS BY PAYER



EVERY **15** SECONDS

How often, on average, someone visits a hospital emergency department for dental conditions in the United States.



2.2 MILLION

Number of hospital emergency department visits for dental conditions in the United States in 2015.



70%

Percentage of hospital emergency department visits for dental conditions occurring outside of normal business hours.¹



\$2 BILLION

Amount spent on hospital emergency department visits for dental conditions in the United States in 2015.



ADULTS

41%

of hospital emergency department visits for dental conditions among **adults** in the United States are paid for by Medicaid.



CHILDREN

70%

of hospital emergency department visits for dental conditions among **children** in the United States are paid for by Medicaid.

Medicaid expansion under the Affordable Care Act led to increased dental coverage and dental care use among Medicaid-enrolled adults, some of which occurred in hospital emergency departments.²

Source: HPI analysis of the 2015 Nationwide Emergency Department Sample, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, except for:

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