Emergency Department Use in Nebraska for Non-Traumatic Dental Conditions, 2009-2016

Average 7,982 visits/year
Average 4,617 patients/year

Number of emergency room visits have dramatically increased over time, for example, 4,829 in 2003 to 8,213 in 2015.

In 2014, only 43.2% of Americans visited their dentists at least once a year!
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Total costs of emergency room visits for dental conditions were about $10 Million in 2016 which is much higher than $1.4 Million in 2003**

Average cost per emergency room visit for dental conditions was $712 in 2012** which has significantly risen to $1,375 in 2016

Emergency Department Visits for Dental Conditions by Age

55% of emergency department visits were made by females
45% of emergency department visits were made by 26-45 year olds
15% of emergency department visits were made by children

32 of 105 emergency departments are located in rural Nebraska

Average number of emergency room visits made by rural residents was 2,803 per year

Source: Hospital Discharge Data, Nebraska Hospital Association, 2009-2016; ** 2016 Nebraska State Oral Health Assessment Report using ICD-9 codes