

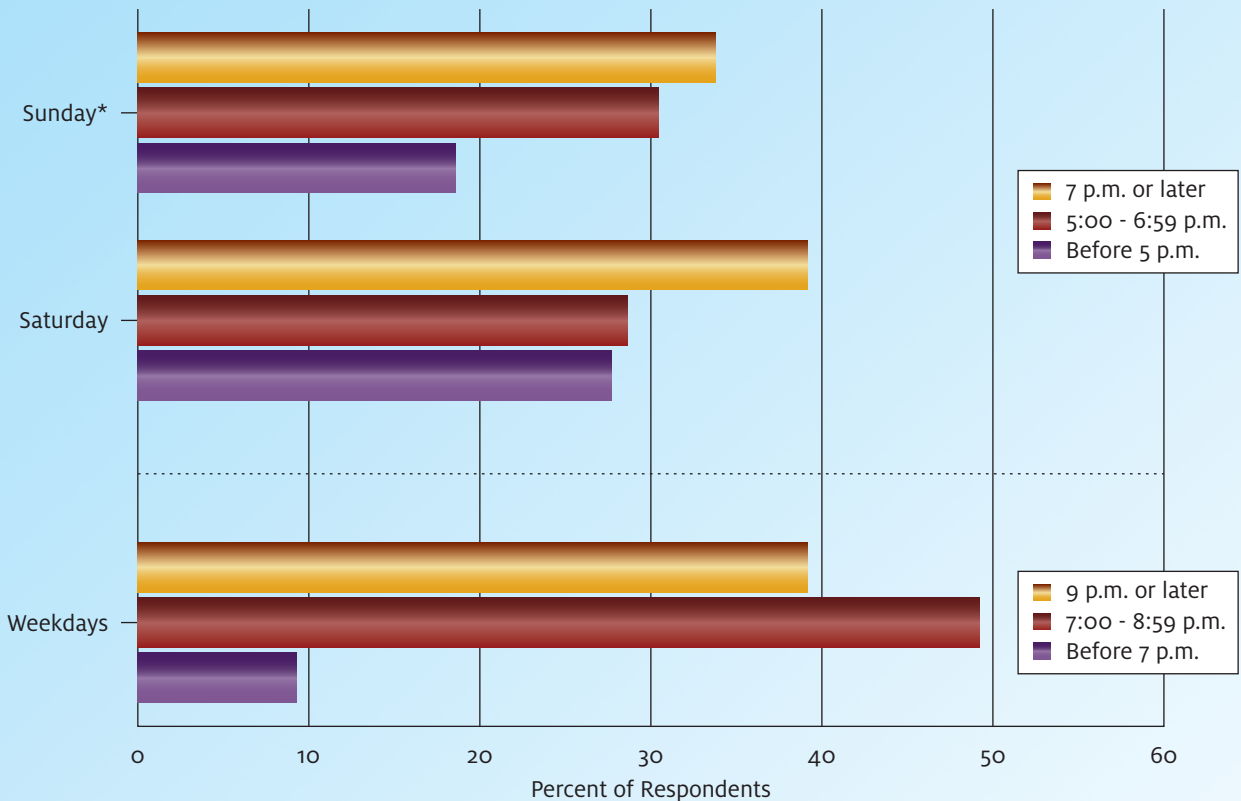


DEVELOPING DATA

In each issue on this page, we report on research from or relevant to the emerging urgent care marketplace. This month, we offer another look at data from the most recent annual survey conducted by UCAOA. (In early 2008, UCAOA revamped its annual survey in conjunction with researchers at Massachusetts General Hospital and Harvard University, with the goal of assuring that the UCAOA Benchmarking Committee's efforts produced a scientifically valid report.)

In this issue: What time do U.S. urgent care centers close their doors to incoming patients each night?

CLOSING TIME



Note: Approximately 15% of responding centers reported being closed on Sundays.

Do you know what time your local primary care offices and retail clinics close? Maybe more to the point: Are your prospective patients aware of when they can visit, particularly if they need medical care at a time of day when the emergency room is the only other option?

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