

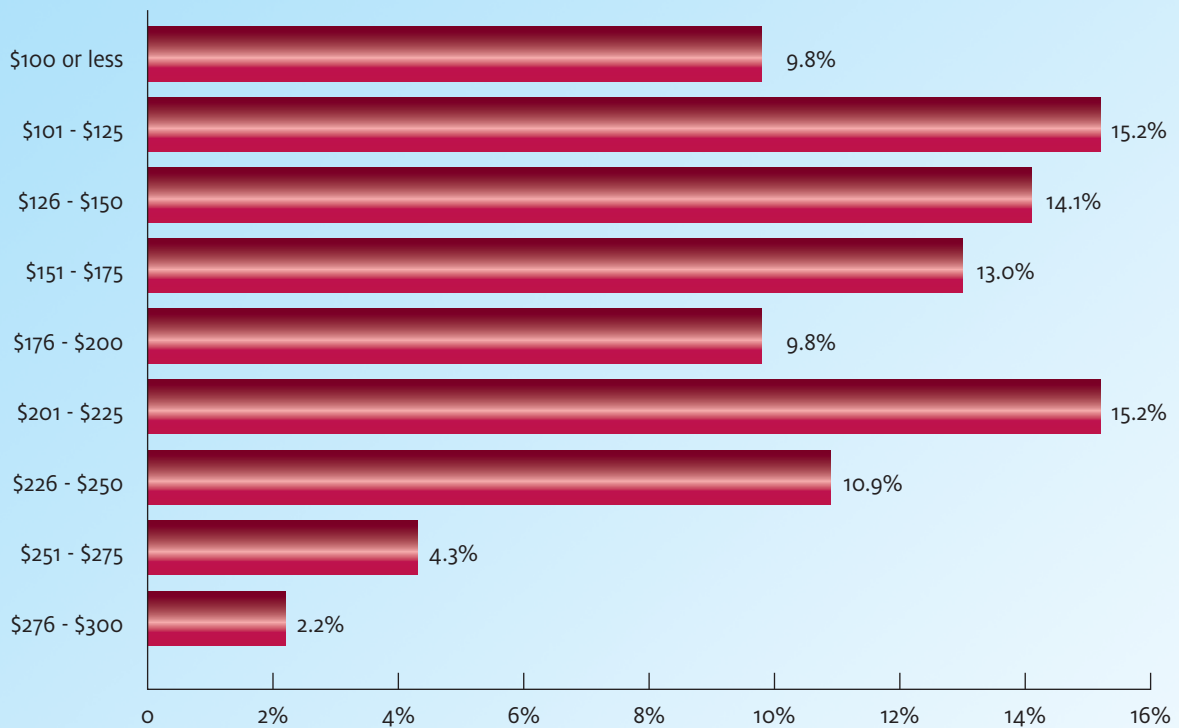


DEVELOPING DATA

These data from the 2012 Urgent Care Industry Benchmarking Study are based on a sample of 1,732 urgent care centers; 95.2% of the respondents were UCAOA members. Among other criteria, the study was limited to centers that have a licensed provider onsite at all times; have two or more exam rooms; typically are open 7 days/week, 4 hours/day, at least 3,000 hours/year; and treat patients of all ages (unless specifically a pediatric urgent care).

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AVERAGE VISIT CHARGE



The average charge for an urgent care visit across all respondents was \$184.55 in the 2011 calendar year (n=92). The most recent government data on primary care ("office based") average charges ranges from \$199-\$145. The average emergency room visit charge for the same time period was \$922.*

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