

# The cost of care: emergency room visits are leaving US adults with medical debt

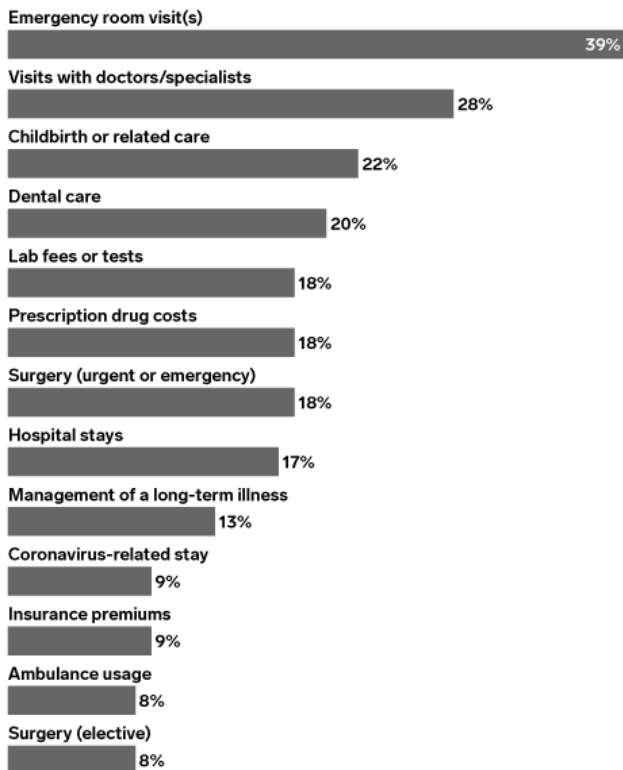
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**Emergency room visits** were the leading cause of medical debt among US adults in February 2021. **Doctors' visits** and **childbirth or related care** ranked second and third, respectively, showing that many US adults needing medical attention are left with no choice but to dive into debt.

### Source of Medical Debt Among US Adults, Feb 2021

% of respondents



Note: n=932 ages 18+ who have had medical debt  
Source: LendingTree survey conducted by Qualtrics as cited in company blog, March 15, 2021

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