

**Appendix 1 (as supplied by the authors):** ED mental health visit frequencies and age- and sex-adjusted DSVRs per 100,000 Alberta children by fiscal year and by First Nations and socio-economic status.

Fiscal year	All	First Nations	Welfare	Government-sponsored program subsidy	No subsidy
2002/2003					
Count	4,865	581	333	830	3121
DSVR (SE)	628.4 (11.6)	1368.0 (72.3)	1684.7 (132.4)	978.1 (48.7)	497.6 (11.0)
95%CI	605.7–651.1	1226.2–1509.7	1425.1–1944.2	882.7–1073.5	476.1–519.1
2003/2004					
Count	4917	627	300	911	3079
DSVR (SE)	634.3 (12.9)	1447.9 (74.2)	1443.5 (106.4)	991.5 (67.8)	497.2 (11.0)
95%CI	609.0–659.7	1302.4–1593.4	1235.0–1651.9	858.6–1124.5	475.7–518.8
2004/2005					
Count	5105	725	310	896	3174
DSVR (SE)	654.6 (11.6)	1619.2 (78.4)	1478.1 (103.6)	927.4 (41.3)	513.7 (11.3)
95%CI	631.9–677.3	1465.4–1772.9	1275.0–1681.1	846.5–1008.2	491.5–535.9
2005/2006					
Count	5274	740	316	996	3222
DSVR (SE)	670.0 (12.1)	1627.3 (74.7)	1606.3 (133.0)	1010.5 (47.3)	516.6 (11.3)
95%CI	646.4–693.7	1480.9–1773.6	1345.6–1867.0	917.7–1103.2	494.4–538.8
2006/2007					
Count	5287	791	342	1018	3136
DSVR (SE)	663.6 (12.1)	1714.9 (92.3)	1716.6 (121.9)	868.6 (35.4)	510.9 (11.7)
95%CI	639.9–687.4	1534.1–1895.7	1477.8–1955.5	799.2–938.0	487.9–533.9
2007/2008					
Count	5208	766	371	1088	2983
DSVR (SE)	654.9 (11.7)	1664.0 (74.9)	1755.2 (117.2)	992.9 (41.6)	481.4 (11.2)
95%CI	631.9–677.8	1517.2–1810.9	1525.5–1985.0	911.5–1074.4	459.6–503.3

CI = confidence interval; DSVR = directly standardized visit rates; ED = emergency department; SE = standard error.