Vitiligo is among 24 skin diseases or disease categories examined in the Burden of Skin Disease report commissioned by the American Academy of Dermatology. The report examined prevalence, economic burdens, and mortality for skin disease in the U.S. using 2013 health care claims data drawn from insurance enrollment and claims databases and found that:

- **84.5 million** Americans — one in four — saw a physician for skin disease; 50% of them are over 65 and have an average of 2.2 skin conditions.
- Skin disease **cost the U.S. healthcare system $75 billion** in medical, preventative, and prescription and non-prescription drug costs.
- **One in three** Americans with skin disease were seen by a dermatologist, who collaborate with other physicians throughout the health care system in caring for these patients.

More than 150,000 Americans across all age ranges were treated for vitiligo in 2013. The disease:

- Cost the healthcare system was **more than $328 per patient**, about three times more than rosacea and twice as much as acne.
- Resulted in **total medical costs of $49 million** and **lost productivity of $6 million**.

The charts that follow provide topline data on how vitiligo contributes to the overall burden of skin disease.

The full report includes data on prescription and non-prescription drug costs, and how age and insurance status and provider relate to the burden associated with vitiligo and skin disease broadly. To purchase the report visit [www.aad.org/BSD](http://www.aad.org/BSD).
VITILIGO PATIENTS BY AGE*

*Percentage of vitiligo patients seen by a physician by age group.

*This category is clinically broad in nature and includes, among other diseases: benign neoplasms, melanocytic nevi (unspecified), pilar cysts, pilonidal cysts (with or without abscess), scars and fibrosis, etc.
**Cost of Skin Disease Per Affected Person**

- **CUTANEOUS LYMPHOMA**: $8,135
- **NON-CANCEROUS SKIN GROWTHS**: $7,015
- **WOUNDS AND BURNS**: $6,398
- **SKIN CANCER**: $6,052
- **ULCERS**: $5,442
- **VITILIGO**: $49

*Compared with most costly skin diseases.

**Cost of Skin Disease Per Affected Person**

- **CUTANEOUS LYMPHOMA**: $3,500.00
- **SKIN CANCER**: $2,500.00
- **ULCERS**: $1,500.00
- **CONNECTIVE TISSUE DISEASES**: $1,000.00
- **BULLOUS DISEASES**: $500.00
- **VITILIGO**: $328.72

*Compared with most costly skin diseases.

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*** Represents combined data for melanoma and nonmelanoma skin cancer.
**LOST PRODUCTIVITY (OPPORTUNITY COST)**

*Time lost by patients and/or caregivers multiplied by average wages in 2013 ($192/day); In millions of dollars compared with skin diseases leading to the most loss of productivity.

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- **CUTANEOUS INFECTIONS**: $1,924
- **NON-CANCEROUS SKIN GROWTHS**: $1,570
- **WOUNDS AND BURNS**: $1,413
- **VIRAL AND FUNGAL DISEASE**: $940
- **CONTACT DERMATITIS**: $699
- **VITILIGO**: $6