

**Table 1: Percentage Age and Sex Distribution of Tennessee Emergency Room (ER) Patient Sample and Adult Population**

| Age (in years) | Male           |           | Female         |           | Total             |           |
|----------------|----------------|-----------|----------------|-----------|-------------------|-----------|
|                | ER             | Tennessee | ER             | Tennessee | ER                | Tennessee |
| 18-24          | 8.9%           | 6.6%      | 9.7%           | 6.5%      | 18.6%             | 13.1%     |
| 25-34          | 10.5%          | 9.7%      | 15.9%          | 10.1%     | 26.4%             | 19.8%     |
| 35-44          | 9.6%           | 9.9%      | 10.7%          | 10.6%     | 20.0%             | 20.5%     |
| 45-54          | 5.9%           | 8.2%      | 7.0%           | 8.8%      | 13.0%             | 16.9%     |
| 55-64          | 3.8%           | 5.8%      | 4.8%           | 6.6%      | 8.6%              | 12.4%     |
| 65+            | 4.7%           | 6.7%      | 8.8%           | 10.6%     | 13.5%             | 17.3%     |
| Total<br>(n)   | 43.4%<br>(680) | 46.8%     | 56.8%<br>(887) | 53.2%     | 100.0%<br>(1,567) | 100.0%    |

**Source:** Tennessee Hospital Emergency Room Drug Study, CHRGT-DH, 1996-1997. Tennessee population data are official 1996 estimates (mid-year) provided by the Tennessee Department of Health.