

Quick Facts: Highlights of the ASAPS 2002 Statistics on Cosmetic Surgery



- There were nearly 6.9 million cosmetic surgical and nonsurgical procedures performed in 2002, according to the most comprehensive survey to date of U.S. physicians and surgeons by the American Society for Aesthetic Plastic Surgery (ASAPS).
- From 1997-2002, there was a 228% increase in the number of cosmetic procedures.
- From 2001-2002, there was a 1% *increase* in the number of surgical procedures and a 23% *decline* in nonsurgical procedures.
- The top five *surgical* procedures in 2002 were: lipoplasty (liposuction), 372,831 (up 111% since 1997); breast augmentation, 249,641 (up 147% since 1997); eyelid surgery, 229,092 (up 44% since 1997); rhinoplasty (nose reshaping), 156,973 (up 15% since 1997); and breast reduction, 125,614, (up 162% since 1997).
- The top five *nonsurgical* procedures in 2002 were: botulinum toxin injection (Botox), 1,658,667 (up 4% since 2001, up 2446% since 1997); microdermabrasion, 1,032,417 (up 13% since 2001); collagen injection, 783,120; laser hair removal, 736,458; and chemical peel, 495,415.
- Females had nearly 6.1 million cosmetic procedures, 88% of the total. The top five *surgical* procedures for females were lipoplasty (liposuction); breast augmentation; eyelid surgery; breast reduction; and rhinoplasty (nose reshaping).
- Males had over 800,000 cosmetic procedures, 12% of the total. The top five *surgical* procedures for males were lipoplasty (liposuction); rhinoplasty (nose reshaping); eyelid surgery; hair transplantation; and otoplasty (ear reshaping).
- People ages 35-50 had the most procedures -- 44% of the total. People ages 19-34 had 25% of procedures; ages 51-64 had 23%; ages 65 and older had 5%; and ages 18 and under had 3% of all cosmetic procedures.
- The most common procedures for ages 18 and under were chemical peel; microdermabrasion; laser hair removal; otoplasty (ear reshaping); and rhinoplasty (nose reshaping).
- Racial and ethnic minorities had 19% of all cosmetic procedures: Hispanics, 8%; African-Americans, 5%; people of Asian descent, 4%; other non-Caucasians, 2%. The percentage of cosmetic procedures performed on racial and ethnic minorities increased by 2% over 2001.
- Where cosmetic surgeries were performed: office facility, 45%; hospital, 28%; and free-standing surgicenter, 27%.
- Among physicians and surgeons from multiple specialties, board-certified plastic surgeons who are members of the American Society for Aesthetic Plastic Surgery (ASAPS) performed the highest average number of cosmetic procedures per doctor in 2002.

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