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## ***Rates of “gender-affirming” surgeries in the US tripled from 2016-2019.***

A cohort study [1] of data from the Nationwide Ambulatory Surgery Sample and the National Inpatient Sample showed that 48019 patients in the US received some kind of “gender-affirming” surgery between 2016 and 2020. Numbers peaked at 13011 in 2019 then fell slightly to 12818 in 2020. The study’s authors attribute this decline to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic though, meaning the historical peak may not have been reached by then. 7.7% of all patients (3678 of the total) were aged 12-18 at the time of their surgery. 405 of these surgeries on minors (2.4% of the whole study) were genital surgeries. More than half (52.3%, or 25099 patients) were aged 19-30.

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