

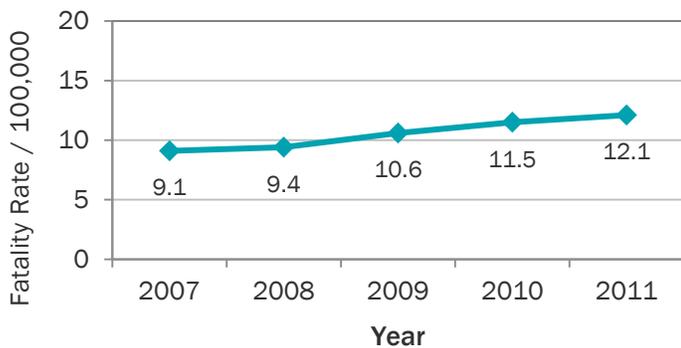


Florida Injury Facts Unintentional Falls

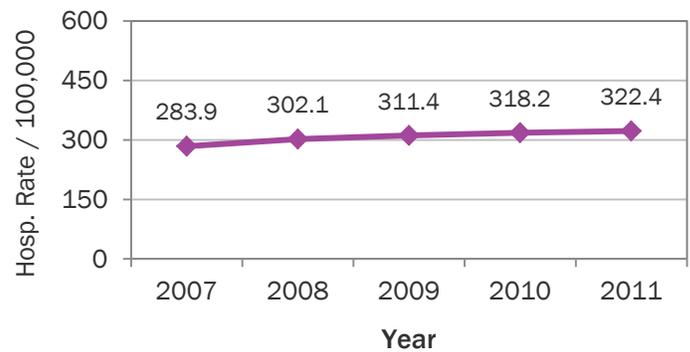
At A Glance

- Unintentional falls are the leading cause of injury death among Florida residents ages 65 years and older and the fourth-leading cause of injury death overall. In addition, falls are the leading cause of non-fatal injury-related hospital admission in Florida.
- In 2011, 2,295 residents were fatally injured in a fall; there were an additional 61,036 hospitalizations for non-fatal injuries. Nearly three quarters of these injuries were among residents ages 65 years and older.

Fatal Unintentional Fall-Related Injuries, by Year, 2007-2011



Non-Fatal Unintentional Fall-Related Injury Hospitalizations, by Year, 2007-2011

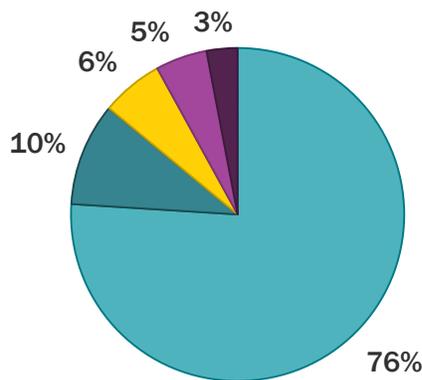


Economic Impact

In 2011:

- The median admission charge for non-fatal injury hospitalizations was \$43,011; total charges exceeded \$3.2 billion. The median length of stay was four days.
- Medicare was the payer source for 76% of these hospitalizations; commercial insurance was responsible for 10%.

Non-Fatal Unintentional Fall-Related Injury Hospitalization Admission Charges and Payer Source, Florida Residents, 2011



Median Admission Charge	\$43,011
Total Admission Charges	> \$3.2 billion

- Medicare
- Commercial Insurance
- Medicaid
- Self-Pay/Under-Insured
- Other

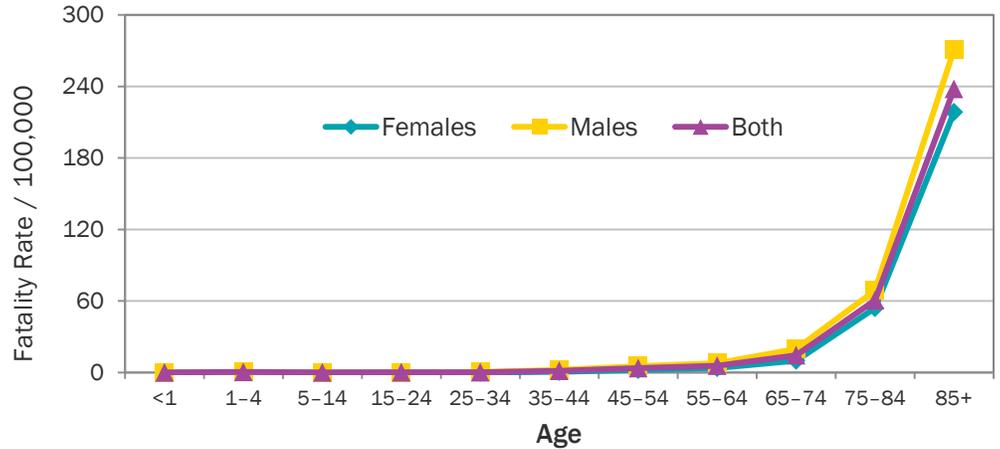


Who Is Injured?

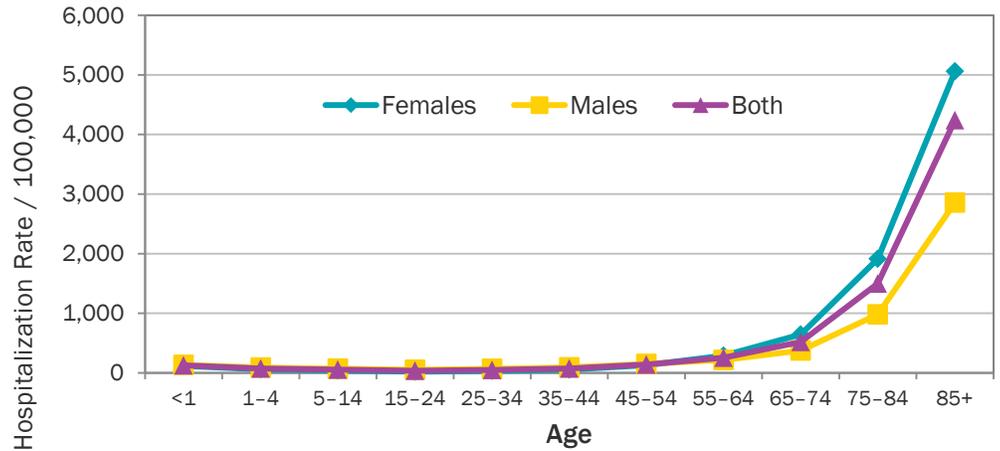
In 2011:

- Males of every age group had a higher rate of fatal unintentional fall-related injuries than their female counterparts.
- After age 54, females had higher rates of non-fatal hospitalizations than their male counterparts.
- Residents over 84 years of age had the highest rates of both fatal unintentional fall-related injuries and non-fatal hospitalizations.

Fatal Unintentional Fall-Related Injuries, by Age and Sex, Florida Residents, 2011



Non-Fatal Unintentional Fall-Related Injury Hospitalizations, by Age and Sex, Florida Residents, 2011



- Males accounted for 50% of injury deaths, but only 35% of non-fatal hospitalizations. Females accounted for 50% of the deaths and 65% of the non-fatal hospitalizations.
- Whites accounted for 89% of injury deaths and non-fatal hospitalizations combined, Blacks and Other Non-Whites each accounted for 6%.

Fatal Unintentional Fall-Related Injuries and Non-Fatal Hospitalizations, by Sex and Race, Florida Residents, 2011

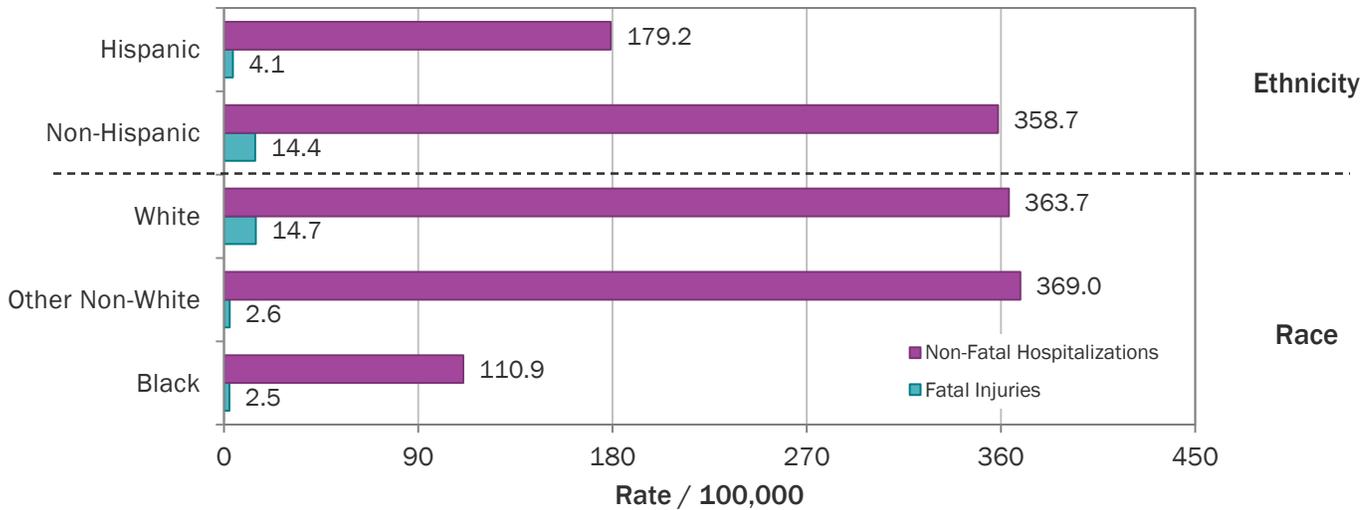
	Female	Male	White	Black	Other Non-White	Both Sexes, All Races
Deaths	1,137	1,157	2,190	78	25	2,295
Non-Fatal Hospitalizations	39,930	21,106	54,073	3,458	3,505	61,036

*Some records have unknown sex or race; categories may not add up to total.

In 2011:

- Non-Hispanic residents had higher rates of fatal unintentional fall-related injuries and non-fatal hospitalizations than Hispanic residents.
- White residents had the highest rate of fatal unintentional fall-related injuries while Other Non-White residents had the highest non-fatal hospitalization rate. Black residents had the lowest non-fatal hospitalization rate, and a rate of fatal unintentional fall-related injuries almost equivalent to that of Other Non-Whites.

Fatal Unintentional Fall-Related Injuries and Non-Fatal Hospitalizations, by Hispanic Ethnicity and Race, Florida Residents, 2011

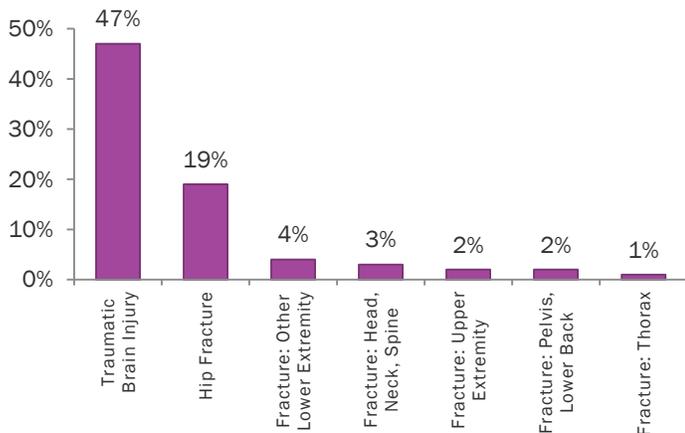


Most Common Injuries From Unintentional Falls

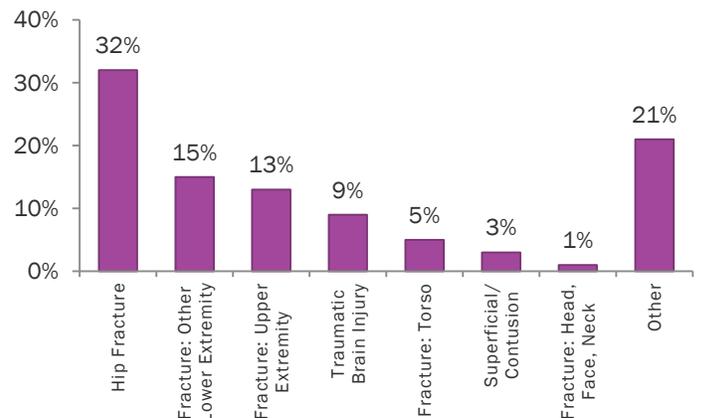
In 2011:

- Hip fractures were related to 19% of unintentional fall-related deaths and responsible for 32% of non-fatal unintentional fall-related injury hospitalizations.
- Traumatic brain injuries were related to 47% of unintentional fall-related deaths and responsible for 9% of non-fatal unintentional fall-related injury hospitalizations.

Select Immediate and Contributing Causes of Death* for Fatal Unintentional Fall-Related Injuries, Florida Residents, 2011



Primary Diagnoses for Non-Fatal Unintentional Fall-Related Injury Hospitalizations, Florida Residents, 2011



*A single death may have more than one contributing cause.

Place Of Occurrence And Type Of Fall

In 2011:

- About 83% of unintentional fall-related injuries occurred within or around a place of residence, like a house or a residential institution.
- The most common falls were same-level falls, which includes: slips, trips and stumbles. Falls from ladders, beds, and stairs/steps were also common.

Fatal Unintentional Fall-Related Injuries, by Type of Fall, Florida Residents, 2011

External Cause of Injury Code: Description	# of Deaths
W01: Slip, trip, stumble	50
W02: Ice skates, skis, roller-skates, skateboards	< 5
W03: Collision with, or push by, other person	0
W04: While carried/supported by other person	< 5
W05: Wheelchair	35
W06: Bed	39
W07: Chair	15
W08: Other furniture	< 5
W09: Playground equipment	0
W10: Stairs, steps	39

External Cause of Injury Code: Description	# of Deaths
W11: Ladder	29
W12: Scaffolding	< 5
W13: Building	16
W14: Tree	5
W15: Cliff	0
W16: Jump or dive into water	5
W17: Other fall, one level to another	21
W18: Other fall, same level	1,176
W19: Unspecified	858

Non-Fatal Unintentional Fall-Related Injury Hospitalizations, by Type of Fall, Florida Residents, 2011

External Cause of Injury Code: Description	# of Hospitalizations
E880: Escalator	9
E880.1: Sidewalk curb	204
E880.9: Stairs, steps	1,588
E881.0: Ladder	1,694
E881.1: Scaffolding	62
E882: Building	475
E883.0: Dive or jump into water	70
E883.1: Well	0
E883.2: Storm drain or manhole	< 5
E883.9: Other hole/opening	52
E884.0: Playground equipment	299
E884.1: Cliff	983
E884.2: Chair	859
E884.3: Wheelchair	949
E884.4: Bed	1,953

External Cause of Injury Code: Description	# of Hospitalizations
E884.5: Other furniture	203
E884.6: Commode	272
E884.9: Other fall, one level to another	1,673
E885.0: Non-motorized Scooter	52
E885.1: Roller-skates	115
E885.2: Skateboard	201
E885.3: Skis	15
E885.4: Snowboard	< 5
E885.9: Other slip, trip, stumble	25,907
E886.0: Collision with person in sports	102
E886.9: Oth/unspec collisions with person	122
E888.0: Fall and strike sharp object	160
E888.1: Fall and strike against other object	< 5
E888.8: Other fall	3,999
E888.9: Unspecified fall	19,012

Information And Prevention Resources

- Centers For Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Injury Prevention and Control: <http://www.cdc.gov/homeandrecreationalafety/falls/index.html>
- Florida Department of Elder Affairs, Communities for a Lifetime: <http://www.communitiesforalifetime.org>

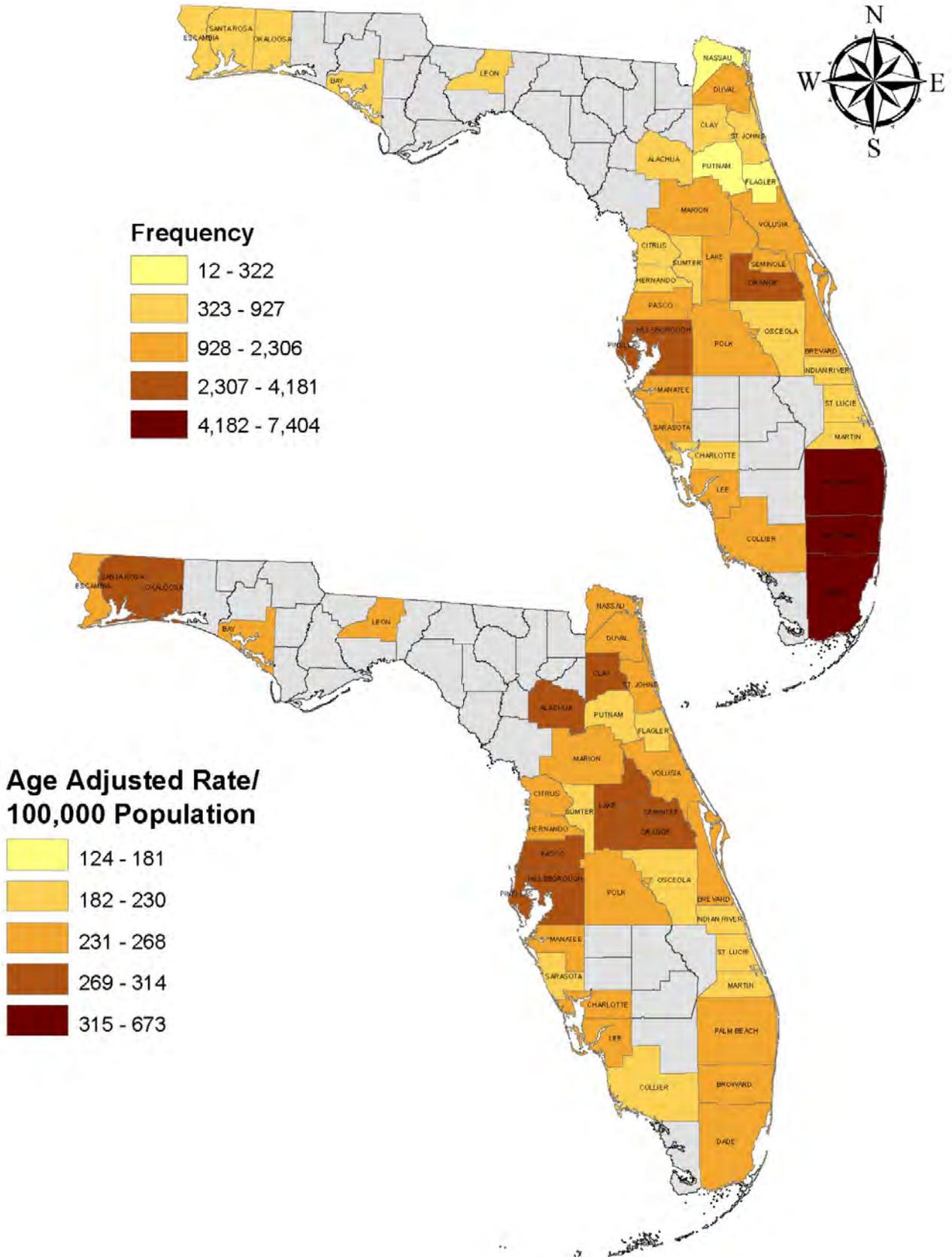
Data Sources and Case Definitions

Unintentional Fall-Related Injury Deaths: Florida Department of Health, Office of Vital Statistics, Death Certificates; Underlying Cause of Death ICD-10 W00–W19

Non-Fatal Unintentional Fall-Related Injury Hospitalizations: Agency for Health Care Administration, Hospital Discharge Data; Records with Injury Principal Diagnosis and Unintentional Fall External Cause of Injury Code ICD-9 CM E880–E886, E888

County By County Comparison: Non-Rural Counties

Unintentional Fall-Related Injury Deaths and Non-Fatal Hospitalizations,
Florida Residents of Non-Rural Counties, 2011



County By County Comparison: Rural* Counties

Unintentional Fall-Related Injury Deaths and Non-Fatal Hospitalizations, Florida Residents of Rural Counties, 2011

