

Firearm Safety in Florida

SURVEILLANCE DATA: 2013

FLORIDA INJURY PREVENTION

www.floridahealth.gov/injury

Firearms are the third leading cause of injury death overall, and the second leading cause of injury death among ages 15-65+.



In 2013, 2,422 residents died from firearm injuries. There were an additional 1,605 hospitalizations for non-fatal injuries.

Firearm Safety at Home.

Everyone in your home should be educated about firearm safety.



About one third of homes with children ages 18 & under, also have a gun in the home.

If you have guns in your home, you must take extra precautions when children are present.

Handle Firearms Safely

Use a locking device that renders the firearm inoperable when not in use.

Keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction.

Keep your finger off the trigger until you are ready to shoot.

Know how the firearm operates: read the manual and take firearm courses.

STORAGE

Store UNLOADED firearms in a locked cabinet, safe, gun vault or storage case.

Always unload, clean & place your firearms in their secure storage location immediately after use.

Store ammunition in a locked location separate from firearms.



LEARN MORE: www.nij.gov/topics/crime/gun-violence/pages/welcome.aspx
www.cdc.gov/ViolencePrevention/index.html
www.safeyouth.gov/Pages/Home.aspx
www.projectchildsafe.org/safety



Firearm Deaths & Injury Rates per 100,000

Hospitalizations	
YEAR	RATE
2009	9.4
2010	8.4
2011	8.8
2012	9.0
2013	8.3

Deaths	
YEAR	RATE
2009	12.4
2010	12.0
2011	12.5
2012	12.9
2013	12.5



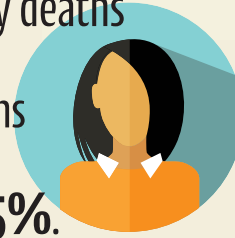
The median length of hospital stay was 4 days for firearm-related injuries.

Who is Injured?

Adults, ages 25–34
Highest rate of deaths & non-fatal hospitalizations from firearm injuries.



Males accounted for **85%** of firearm injury deaths & non-fatal hospitalizations combined.
Females 15%.



Percent of deaths & non-fatal hospitalizations combined by race.
Whites, 58%
Blacks, 36%
Other/Non-Whites, 5%

Fatal and non-fatal firearm injury hospitalization rates for males was **6.2** and **8.4** times higher than for females.

In older age groups, firearm fatalities remained high while non-fatal hospitalizations decreased.

	FEMALE	MALE	WHITE	BLACK	OTHER/ NON-WHITE	BOTH SEXES/ ALL RACES
DEATHS	409	2,013	1,803	544	65	2,422
NON-FATAL HOSPITALIZATIONS	183	1,420	551	912	121	1,605

Economic Impact.



\$66,613.00

Median admission charge for non-fatal firearm-injury hospitalizations.

53%

Hospitalizations paid by patient, the underinsured or Medicaid.

4 DAYS

Median length of stay.



Who Pays?

Firearm Injury Hospitalization

Patient-Paid or Underinsured

38%

Medicaid

25%

Medicare

6%

Commercial Insurance

17%

Other Sources

14%

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