

At A Glance

- A traumatic brain injury (TBI) is caused by a blow or jolt to the head or a penetrating head injury that disrupts the normal function of the brain. The severity of traumatic brain injuries can range from mild to severe.¹
- In 2011, traumatic brain injuries were related to 3,551 deaths. In addition, there were another 18,006 hospitalizations for non-fatal traumatic brain injuries.



Economic Impact

In 2011:

- The median admission charge for non-fatal injury hospitalizations was \$37,515; total charges exceeded \$1.3 billion. The median length of stay was three days.
- Medicare was the payer source for 44% of the admissions; Commerical insurance, 30%.

Non-Fatal Traumatic Brain Injury Hospitalization Admission Charges and Payer Source, Florida Residents, 2011





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Who Is Injured?

In 2011:

- Residents aged 65 years and older had the highest rate ofs of fatal TBIs followed by 45–54 year olds.
- Residents aged 75 years old and older had the highest rate of TBI-related hospitalization, followed by infants under 1 year old and 65–74 year olds.
- Males of nearly every age group had higher rates of fatal traumatic brain injuries and non-fatal hospitalizations than their female counterparts.



- Males accounted for 74% of TBI-related deaths, but only 60% of non-fatal hospitalizations. Females accounted for 26% of the deaths and 40% of the non-fatal hospitalizations.
- Whites accounted for 83% of TBI-related deaths and non-fatal hospitalizations combined, Blacks accounted for 11% and Other Non-Whites accounted for 6%.

	Female	Male	White	Black	Other Non-White	Both Sexes, All Races
Deaths	929	2,622	3,076	404	70	12,931
Non-Fatal Hospitalizations	7,244	10,761	14,735	1,972	1,299	124,434

Fatal Traumatic Brain Injuries and Non-Fatal Hospitalizations, by Sex and Race, Florida Residents, 2011

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

In 2011:

- In 2011, Non-Hispanic residents had higher rates of fatal traumatic brain injuries and and non-fatal hospitalizations than Hispanic residents.
- White residents had the highest rate of TBI-related fatalities followed by Black residents and Other Non-White residents. Other Non-White residents had the highest rate of non-fatal TBI-related hospitalizations followed by White residents and Black residents.



Fatal Traumatic Brain Injuries and Non-Fatal Hospitalizations, by Hispanic Ethnicity and Race, Florida Residents, 2011

Traumatic Brain Injury Causes

Fatal Traumatic Brain Injuries,

In 2011:

- Firearms were the leading mechnism, or cause, of fatal traumatic brain injuries.
- Falls were the leading cause of non-fatal TBI hospitalizations and the second leading cause of fatal traumatic brain injuries.



Non-Fatal Traumatic Brain Injury Hosptializations, by Mechanism, Florida Residents, 2011



Traumatic Brain Injury Types

In 2011:

- 43% of TBI deaths involved an open head wound and 20% involved an intracranial injury.
- 42% of hospitalizations for non-fatal traumatic brain injuries involved an intracranial injury other than a concussion, and 19% involved a concussion.



Information and Prevention Resources

- Brain Injury Association of America & Florida: <u>http://www.biausa.org/</u> and <u>http://www.biaf.org/</u>
- Department of Health, Brain and Spinal Cord Injury Program: <u>http://www.doh.state.fl.us/demo/BrainSC/</u>

References

¹ The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, http://www.cdc.gov/TraumaticBrainInjury/index.html

Data Sources and Case Definitions

TBI Deaths: Florida Department of Health, Office of Vital Statistics, Death Certificates; Immediate and/or Contributing Cause of Deaths ICD-10 S01, S02.0, S02.1, S02.3, S02.7-S02.9, S04.0, S06, S07, S09.7-S09.9, T01.0, T02.0, T04.0, T06.0, T90.1, T90.2, T90.4, T90.5, T90.8, T90.9

Non-Fatal TBI Hospitalizations: Agency for Health Care Administration, Hospital Discharge Data; Records with Injury Principal Diagnosis and TBI Diagnosis ICD-9 CM 800-801, 803-804, 850, 851-854.19, 950.1-950.3, 959.01, 995.55

County By County Comparison: Non-Rural Counties

Traumatic Brain Injury Deaths and Non-Fatal Hospitalizations, Florida Residents of Non-Rural Counties, 2011



County By County Comparison: Rural* Counties

Traumatic Brain Injury Deaths and Non-Fatal Hospitalizations, Florida Residents of Rural Counties, 2011

