

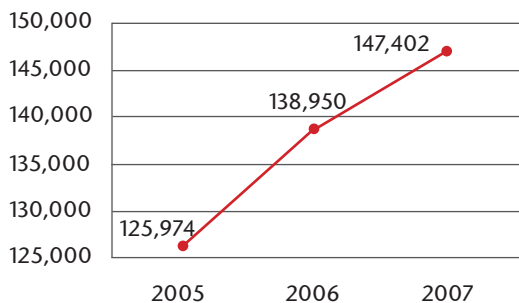
Ohio Injuries: Adults Ages 65 Years or Older

*Injuries are a leading cause of death and disability among adults ages 65 years or older in Ohio. These injuries can have considerable long-term medical and economic consequences. Increased efforts to prevent injuries to older adults are necessary as the number of injuries continues to rise. The following data come from the Injury in Ohio report.**

Health Care Resource Utilization

- From 2005 through 2007, injuries to adults ages 65 years or older resulted in an annual average of:
 - 137,442 Emergency Department Visits
 - 82,788 EMS Runs
 - 61,051 Inpatient Hospitalizations
 - 1,797 Fatalities

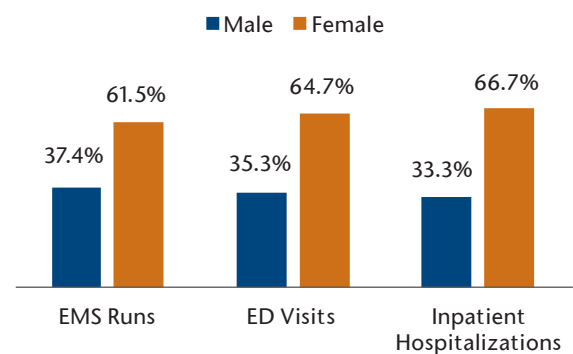
Number of Emergency Department Visits



- The number of injuries requiring an emergency department visit increased 17.0% from 2005 to 2007

- Of those with a recorded location of injury, 71.0% of injuries requiring an EMS run for Ohioans ages 65 years or older were sustained at home
- 99.3% of injuries requiring a visit to the emergency department were unintentional injuries

Percentage of Persons Requiring Care By Gender



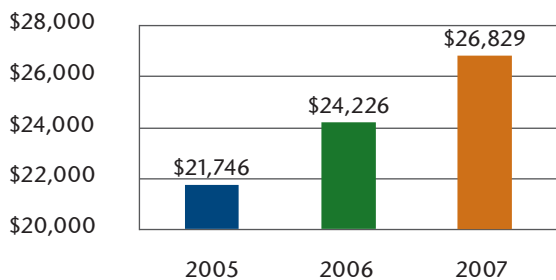
- Females accounted for more EMS runs (61.5%), emergency department visits (64.7%) and inpatient hospitalizations (66.7%) than males

*Data for this report were obtained from the Ohio Department of Public Safety, the Ohio Hospital Association and the Ohio Department of Health. This research brief is part of a series reporting on leading causes of injury among selected age groups in Ohio. To view other research briefs in the series, as well as the Injury in Ohio report, please visit our website at <http://injuryresearch.net/OhioInjuries.aspx>.

Injury-Related Hospitalizations

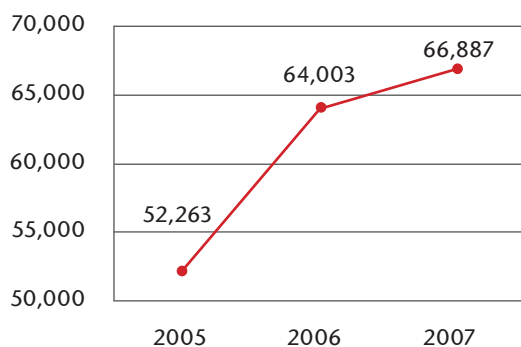
- Injury-related hospitalizations in 2005-2007 resulted in an annual average of:
 - Nearly \$1.5 billion in hospital charges
 - 356,280 days of hospitalization
- Mean length of stay was higher than in any other age group at 5.8 days

Mean Hospital Charges per Patient
(Overall Mean: \$24,469)



- Just over half of patients (50.5%) were discharged to long-term care facilities, while only 37.4% were discharged home

Number of Inpatient Hospitalizations

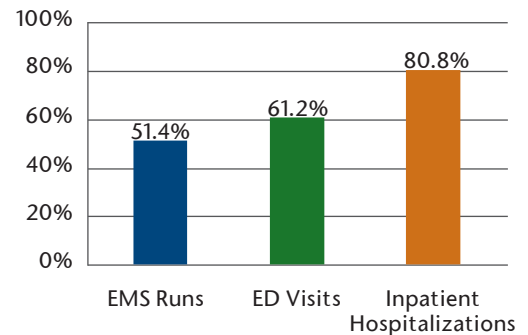


- The number of inpatient hospitalizations increased 28.0% from 2005 to 2007

Mechanisms of Injury

- Falls accounted for more injuries than any other mechanism of injury

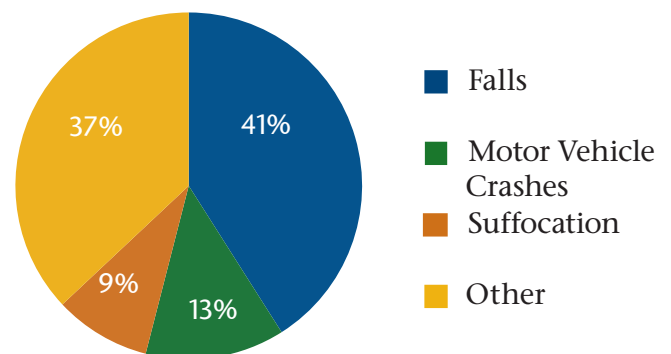
Injuries Due to Falls as a Percent of All Injuries



Fatalities

- The leading causes of death due to injury for adults ages 65 years or older were:

Fatalities



- 87.1% of injury deaths were unintentional, while 10.7% were suicides
- The frequency of suicides was 5.6 times higher for males than females