

2004

Injury-related Hospitalizations MA Residents, Ages 65+ Years

In FY2004, there were 26,492 injury-related hospitalizations to adults ages 65 years and older a rate of 3100.9 for every 100,000 persons 65 years and older. Nearly 70% of all injuries in this age group were fall-related.

INJURY CAUSE	INJURY INTENT					Total Count	Percent of Total Count	Crude Rate per 100,000
	Unintentional	<i>Intentional</i>		Undetermined	Other & Legal			
		Self-harm	Assault					
Cut/pierce	77	22	2	0	0	101	0.4	11.8
Drowning/submersion	7	0	0	0	0	7	<0.1	0.8
Fall	18,343	2	0	0	0	18,345	69.2	2,147.3
Fire/burn	135	0	0	1	0	136	0.5	15.9
Firearms	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Machinery	26					26	0.1	--
Natural/environmental	242			1		243	0.9	28.4
Overexertion	392					392	1.5	--
Poisoning	498	93	0	42	0	633	2.4	74.1
Struck by, against	295		19		0	314	1.2	--
Suffocation/hanging	218	1	1	0		220	0.8	25.8
Transport Injuries:	948	0	0	1	0	949	3.6	111.1
<i>Motor vehicle traffic-related</i>	813					813	3.1	95.2
<i>Occupant</i>	585					585	2.2	68.5
<i>Motorcyclist</i>	15					15	0.1	1.8
<i>Pedal cyclist</i>	9					9	<0.1	1.1
<i>Pedestrian</i>	162					162	0.6	19.0
<i>Other person</i>	6					6	<0.1	--
<i>Unspecified person</i>	36					36	0.1	4.2
<i>Pedal cyclist, other</i>	37					37	0.1	4.3
<i>Pedestrian, other</i>	19					19	0.1	2.2
<i>Other transport</i>	79					79	0.3	9.2
Other specified & classifiable	733	0	15	0	0	748	2.8	87.6
Other specified, not classifiable	248	12	6	19	5	290	1.1	33.9
Unspecified	1,610	1	8	6	0	1,625	6.1	190.2
Adverse effects						1,406	5.3	164.6
No cause or intent provided						1,057	4.0	123.7
TOTALS	23,772	131	51	70	5	26,492	100%	3,100.9
Injury Hospitalization Rate by Intent	2,782.5	15.3	6.0	8.2	--	n/a	n/a	n/a

Source: MA Hospital Discharge Database, MA Division of Health Care, Finance and Policy.

—Analysis is based on a fiscal year (Oct 1, 2003 - Sep 30, 2004).

—Rates are per 100,000 residents. Rates are not calculated on counts of less than five, and those based on counts less than twenty may be unstable.

—Categories and groupings are based on a modified version of the CDC's "Recommended framework of E-code groupings for presenting injury mortality and morbidity data" based on ICD-9 codes. This framework does not provide for intentionality for certain cause categories as indicated by gray shading. Injury subcategories are italicized and counts are excluded from the overall totals.

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