

Stark County

Childhood Injury Report:

44601 Sub Report

**An analysis of Emergency Department &
Immediate Care Facility visits for Stark
County children age 17 and under residing
in the 44601 zip code**

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This report includes E-Codes (cause of injury) and ICD9 (extent of injury) data collected from Affinity Medical Center, Akron Children's Hospital, Alliance Community Hospital, Aultman Hospital and Mercy Medical Center from January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012 specifically for the 44601 zip code. E-Codes are intended to provide data for injury research and evaluation for injury prevention strategies. E-Codes capture how the injury or poisoning happened (cause), the intent (unintentional or accidental, or intentional, such as suicide or assault). ICD9 Codes provide the extent of the injury—to assist in determining the severity.

The hospitals were asked to provide their E-Code and ICD9 Code data for children ages 17 and under during the time frame. Date of treatment, patient's age, race/ethnicity, gender, zip code where the child lives, descriptions of the E-Code and ICD9 Code, emergency department disposition and facility (main campus or immediate/stat care) were reported for combined analysis. Reports prior to 2009 had fewer fields and only included children 14 and under.

If you have questions regarding the data collection or analysis process, if you would like to learn more about the Safe Kids Coalition or if you have comments or suggestions, please contact 330-493-9904 x 282. Copies of all childhood injury reports are available at www.starkhealth.org/safekids.

PLEASE NOTE:

- Beginning in 2011 reports include revised injury headings, severity of injury and data from Akron Children's Hospital, as well as updated census data
- Prior to 2010 reports did not include Immediate Care Facilities
- Prior to 2009 reports included only children under age 14

VALUE TO THE COMMUNITY

Safe Kids Stark County, founded in 1992 by the Stark County Health Department, focuses on unintentional injury prevention for children 14 and under. This report includes children up to age 17 to assist our partners with their injury prevention programming.

In 2005, the Stark County Health Department was awarded a grant from the Ohio Department of Health to begin a comprehensive surveillance of childhood injuries in Stark County. At that time, a Data & Research Committee was formed as a part of the Safe Kids Coalition to assist with the project. Additional funding was received in 2010 to continue and expand the surveillance project.

The reports include: 2002 Pilot, 2003-2012 County Reports, 2007 Trend Report (3 years), 2007, 2009 and 2001 Sub Reports for the 44601 Zip Code, 2009 Sub Report for the Minerva area.

These reports are distributed to community leaders and agencies for heightened awareness. Recommendations are made to the Safe Kids Stark County Executive Board and the community to enhance and expand injury prevention programming.

For this report, injury data was collected from January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012. During that time 1,492 children under age 17 residing in the 44601 zip code were treated for an injury in a Stark County Emergency Departments (ED), Stark County Immediate Care Facilities (IC), or Akron Children's Hospital.

CHILDHOOD INJURY TRENDS

According to Safe Kids USA unintentional childhood injury is the leading killer of children between the ages of 1 and 14. The US has witnessed an overall reduction in unintentional injury-related mortality in the past twenty years.

According to Safe Kids USA, injuries are the second leading cause of hospitalization and the leading cause of emergency department visits among children fourteen and under.

However, due to the work of over 350 Safe Kids Coalitions in the United States, Safe Kids USA reports the accidental death rate dropped 53% from 1987 to 2009. They also report in the last 20 years the accidental injury rate has dropped nearly 45%.

In Stark County, injuries continue to be a problem—with over 11,000 children being treated each year. Previous reports ([available at www.starkhealth.org/safekids](http://www.starkhealth.org/safekids)) highlight the problem locally, however they did not include Immediate Care Facility data, and prior to 2009 only included children up to age 14.

E-CODE HEADINGS (CAUSE OF INJURY)

There are over 1,200 potential E-Codes used in hospital emergency departments. For the purpose of this report, the committee assigned each E-Code to a particular heading. The headings are listed below. The top 13 causes of injury were further analyzed on the following pages. Some headings will have multiple sub-headings. E-Codes with no statistical significance were not analyzed, but they are listed on page 30.

- Animal Related
- Attempted Suicide
- Burns & Fire Related
- Choking / Suffocation
- Cut by Sharp Object
- Falls
- Fire Arms
- Foreign Body
- Generic Accident
- Overexertion & Strenuous Movements
- Physical Harm
- Poisoning
- Struck by / Striking Object
- Sports & Recreation
- Vehicle Related
- Water Related
- Weather Related
- Wheeled Sports



ICD-9 CODE HEADINGS (SEVERITY OF INJURY)

There are countless ICD9 Codes used in hospital emergency departments. For the purpose of this report, the committee assigned each ICD9 Code to a particular heading. The headings are listed below.

- Amputation
- Brain Bleed/Skull Fracture
- Burn
- Concussion/Closed Head Injury
- Crushing Injury
- Dislocation
- Foreign Body
- Fracture
- Injury/Pain
- Minor External Body Region/Injury (Abrasion, Contusion, Open Wound)
- Other/Unknown
- Poisoning/Allergic Reaction
- Sprain/Strain



DEMOGRAPHIC ANALYSIS - COMBINED DATA

1,492 total patients

- 99.1% treated @ Hospital Emergency Departments

- 0.9% treated @ Immediate Care Facilities

Rate of Injury: 191.3 per 1,000 population

May, August & September were the busiest months, respectively

14, 15 & 13 year olds treated most often, respectively

Gender

- 55.8% were male

- 44.2% were female

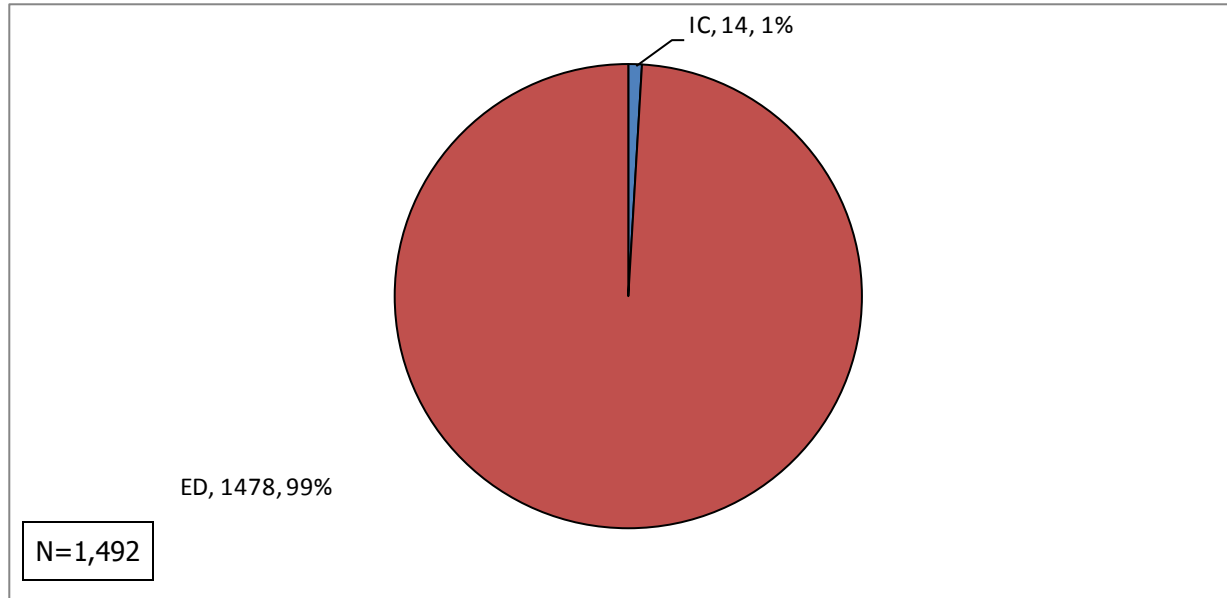
Leading Cause of Injury

- Falls, Struck by/Striking Object and Sports & Recreation



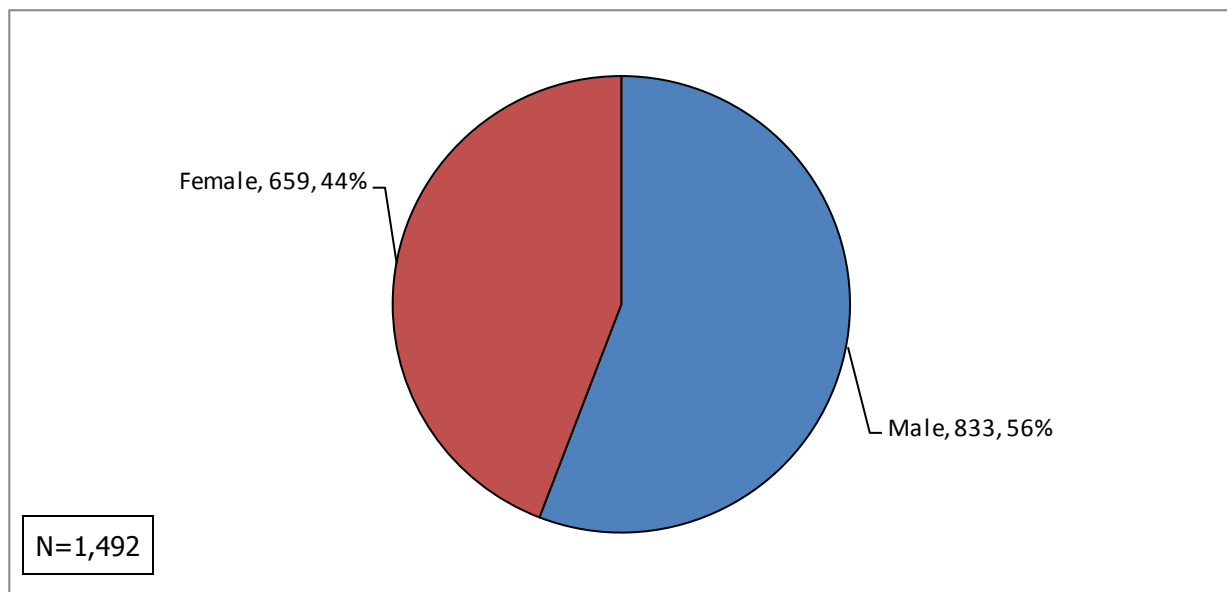
TOTAL VISITS

Immediate Care Facilities (IC)	Hospital Emergency Department (ED)	Total
14	1,478	1,492



VISITS BY GENDER

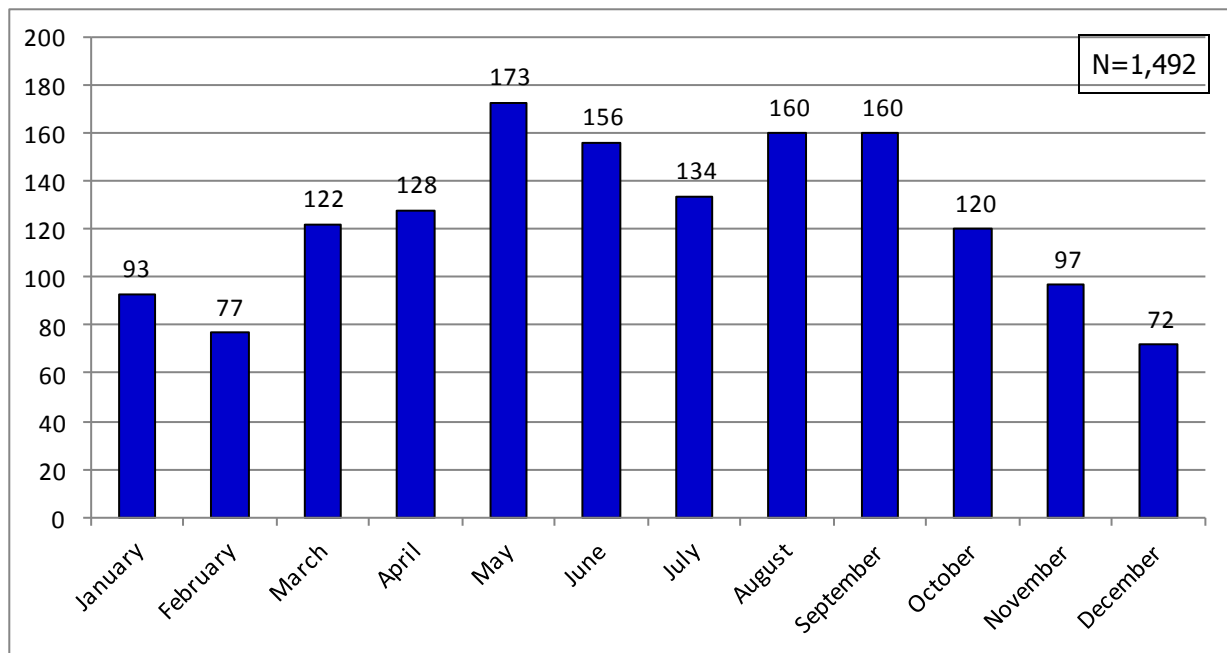
	Immediate Care Facilities (IC)	Hospital Emergency Department (ED)	Total
Male	8	825	833
Female	6	653	659



VISITS BY MONTH

	Immediate Care Facilities (IC)	Hospital Emergency Department (ED)	Total
January	0	93	93
February	3	74	77
March	0	122	122
April	1	127	128
May	1	172	173
June	1	155	156
July	1	133	134
August	1	159	160
September	2	158	160
October	1	119	120
November	3	94	97
December	0	72	72

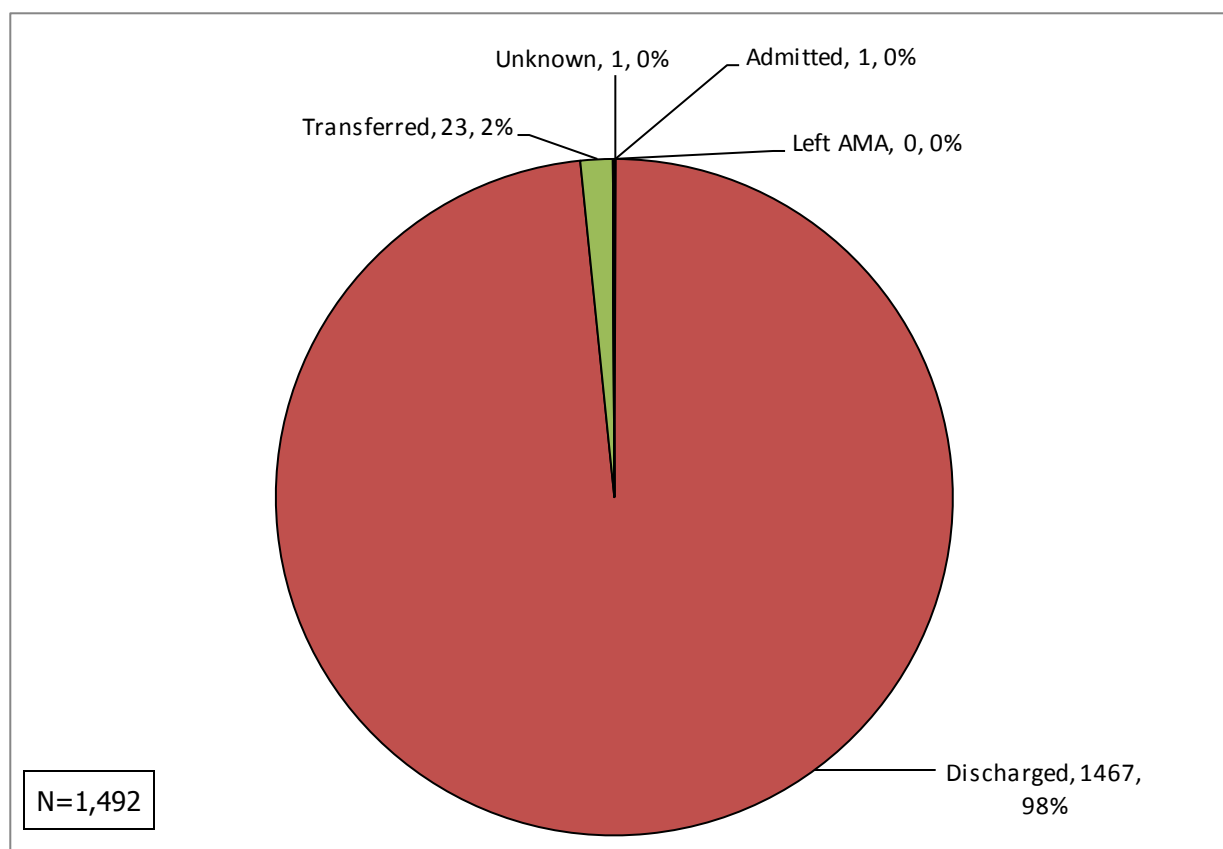
TOTAL VISITS BY MONTH



DISPOSITION (RESULT) OF TREATMENT

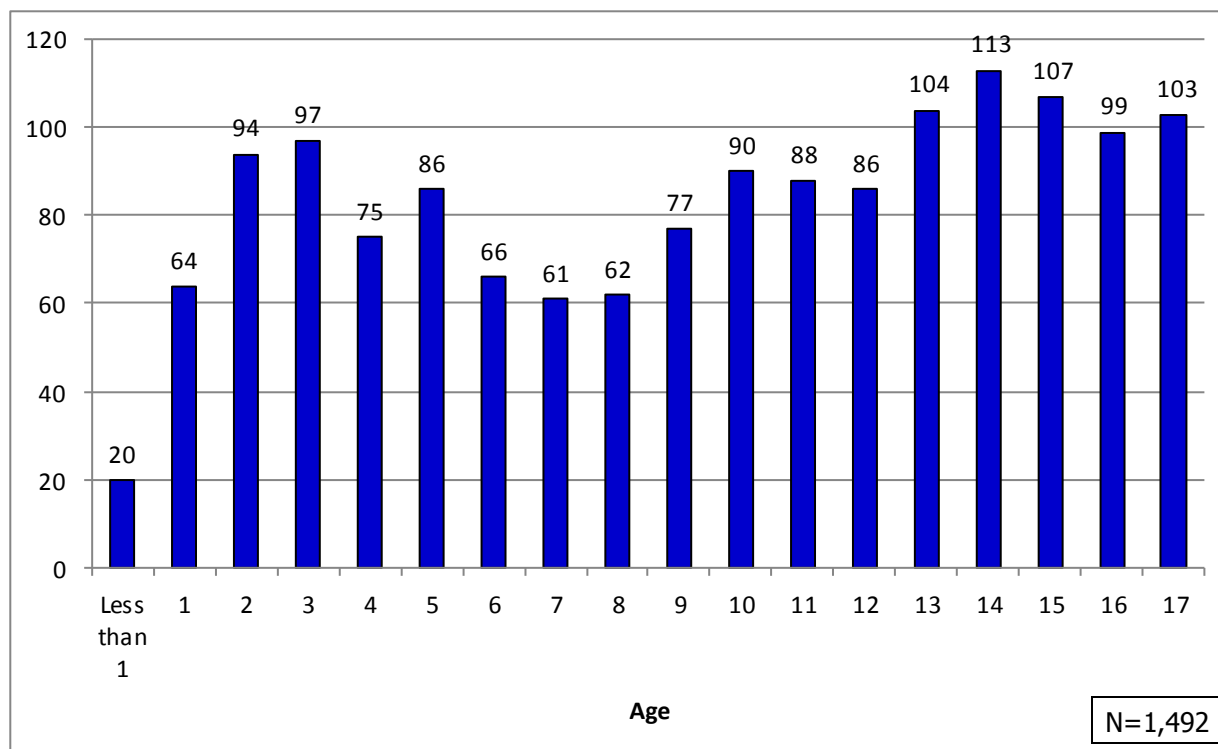
	Immediate Care Facilities (IC)	Hospital Emergency Department (ED)	Total
Admitted	0	1	1
Discharged	14	1,453	1,467
Transferred to Other Facility	0	23	23
Left AMA (Against Medical Advice)	0	0	0
Unknown	0	1	1

TOTAL DISPOSITION/RESULT OF TREATMENT



VISITS BY AGE

Patient Age	Immediate Care Facilities (IC)	Hospital Emergency Department (ED)	Total
Less than 1	0	20	20
1	1	63	64
2	0	94	94
3	2	95	97
4	0	75	75
5	1	85	86
6	0	66	66
7	0	61	61
8	0	62	62
9	1	76	77
10	2	88	90
11	1	87	88
12	4	82	86
13	1	103	104
14	0	113	113
15	0	107	107
16	0	99	99
17	1	102	103



VISITS BY AGE

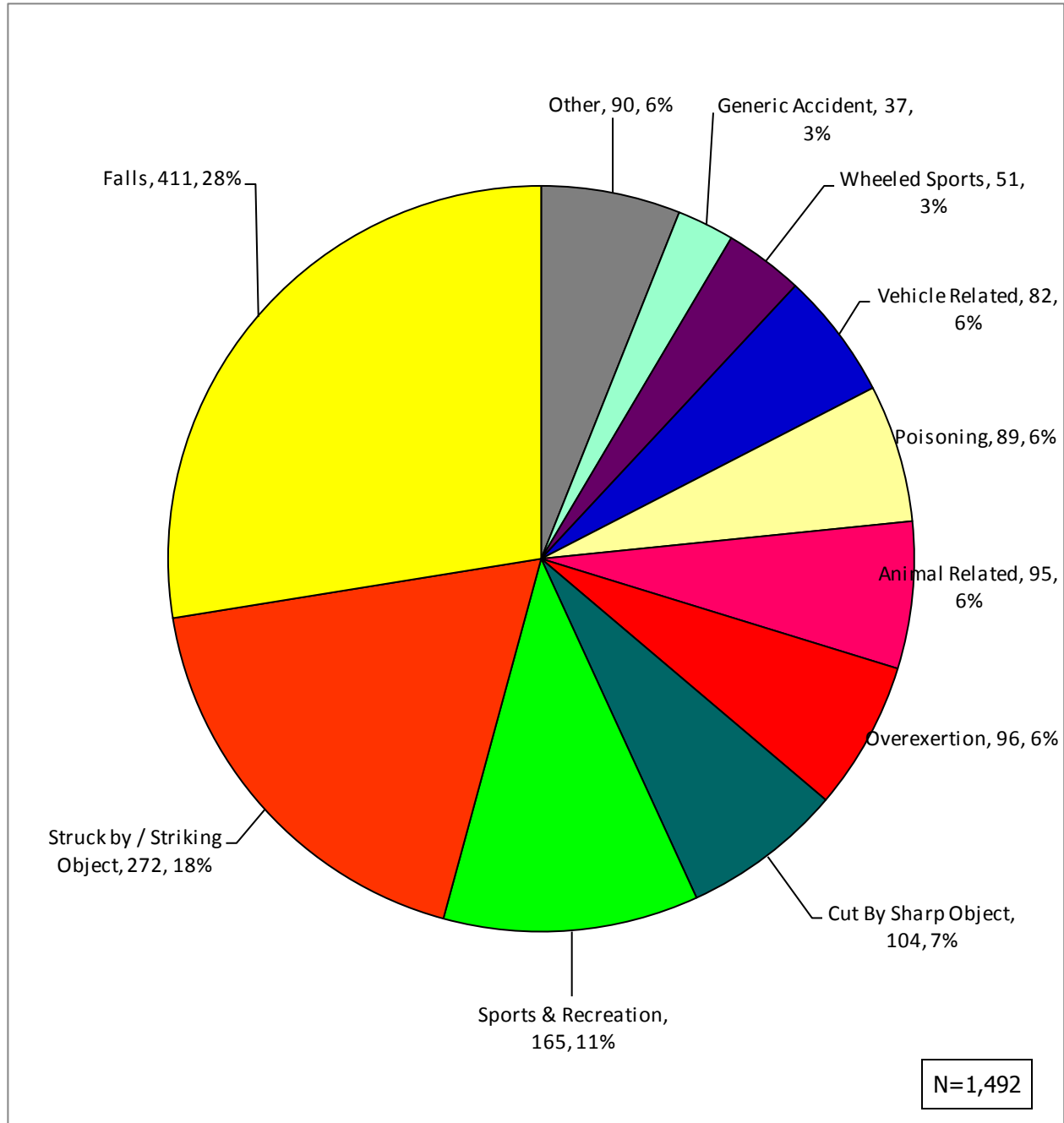
AGE	# OF INJURIES	% OF TOTAL INJURIES	POPULATION*	RATE OF INJURY PER 1,000 POPULATION
LESS THAN 1	20	1.3%	268	54.3
1	64	4.3%	420	152.4
2	94	6.3%	410	229.3
3	97	6.5%	401	241.9
4	75	5.0%	422	177.7
5	86	5.8%	417	206.2
6	66	4.4%	404	163.4
7	61	4.1%	394	154.8
8	62	4.2%	439	141.2
9	77	5.2%	468	164.5
10	90	6.0%	435	206.9
11	88	5.9%	469	187.6
12	86	5.8%	413	208.2
13	104	7.0%	435	239.1
14	113	7.6%	440	256.8
15	107	7.2%	460	232.6
16	99	6.6%	533	187.7
17	103	6.9%	472	218.2
TOTAL	1,492	100%	7,800	191.3

*SOURCE: 2010 CENSUS—includes only those residing in Stark County

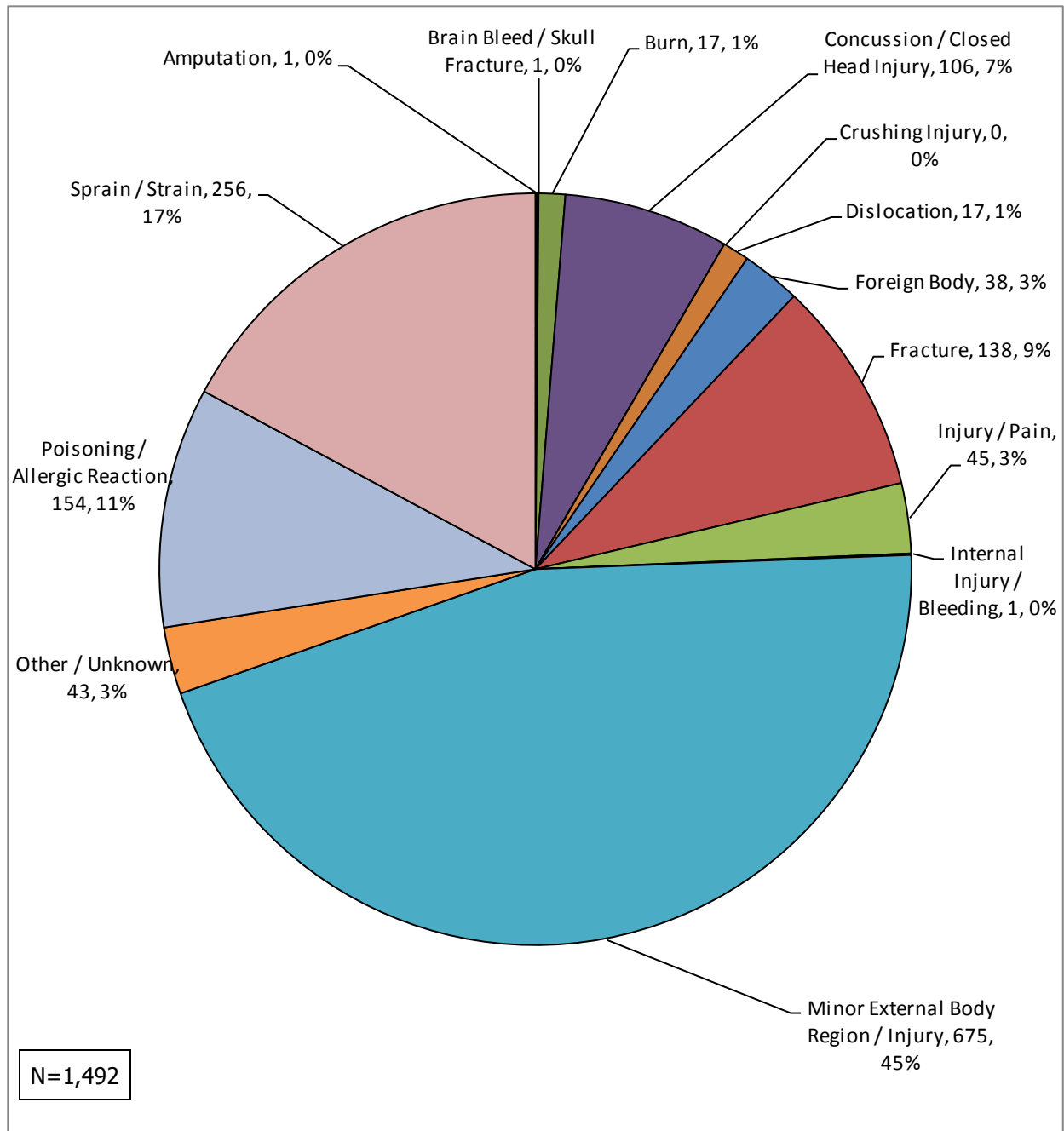
CAUSE OF INJURY BY FACILITY

Cause of Injury	Immediate Care Facilities (IC)	Hospital Emergency Department (ED)	Total
Animal Related	0	95	95
Attempted Suicide	0	10	10
Burns & Fire Related	0	18	18
Choking / Suffocation	0	0	0
Cut by Sharp Object	0	104	104
Falls	5	406	411
Fire Arm	0	2	2
Foreign Body	0	31	31
Generic Accident	0	37	37
Overexertion & Strenuous Movements	3	93	96
Physical Harm	1	27	28
Poisoning	0	89	89
Struck by / Striking Object	3	269	272
Sports & Recreation	2	163	165
Vehicle Related	0	82	82
Water Related	0	0	0
Weather	0	1	1
Wheeled Sports	0	51	51

CAUSE OF INJURY



SEVERITY OF INJURY



SEVERITY OF INJURY BY FACILITY

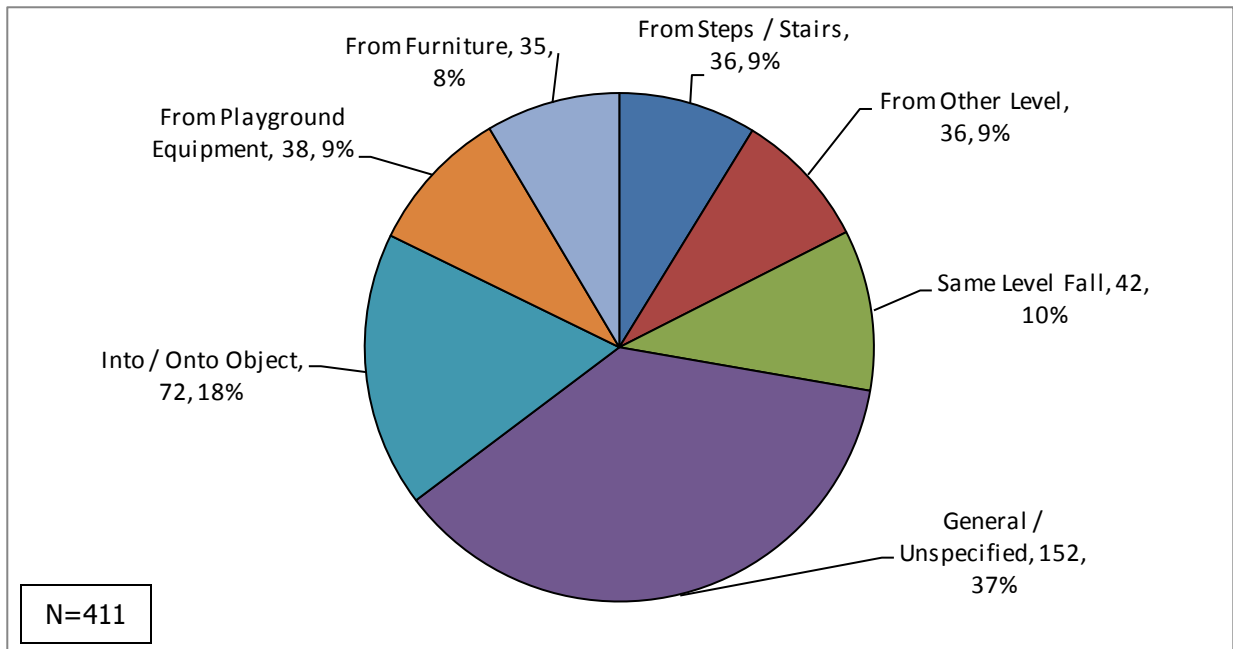
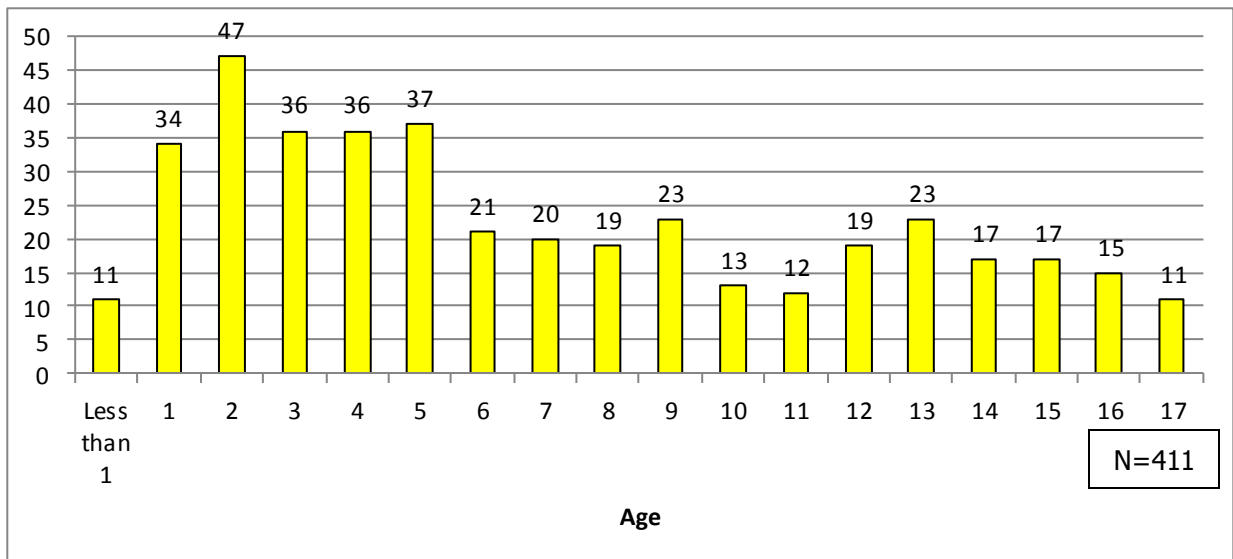
	Immediate Care Facilities (IC)	Hospital Emergency Department (ED)	Total
Amputation	0	1	1
Brain Bleed/Skull Fracture	0	1	1
Burn	0	17	17
Concussion/Closed Head Injury	0	106	106
Crushing Injury	0	0	0
Dislocation	0	17	17
Foreign Body	0	38	38
Fracture	2	136	138
Injury/Pain	2	43	45
Internal Bleeding	0	1	1
Minor External Body Region/Injury	7	668	675
Other/Unknown	0	43	43
Poisoning/Allergic Reaction	0	154	154
Sprain/Strain	3	253	256

1 - FALLS

Falls were the leading cause of injury. There were 411 children treated for this injury, accounting for 27.5% of the visits.

Facts:

- 98.8% were treated at the Hospital ED
- 11.7% occurred in August
- 53.0% patients treated were Male
- 99.5% were discharged from the ED/IC
- 53.3% resulted in a Minor External Body Region Injury (Abrasion, Contusion, Open Wound)
- 13.3% of Falls in the county occurred to children residing in the 44601 zip code; 8% of the children in the county are from the 44601 zip code

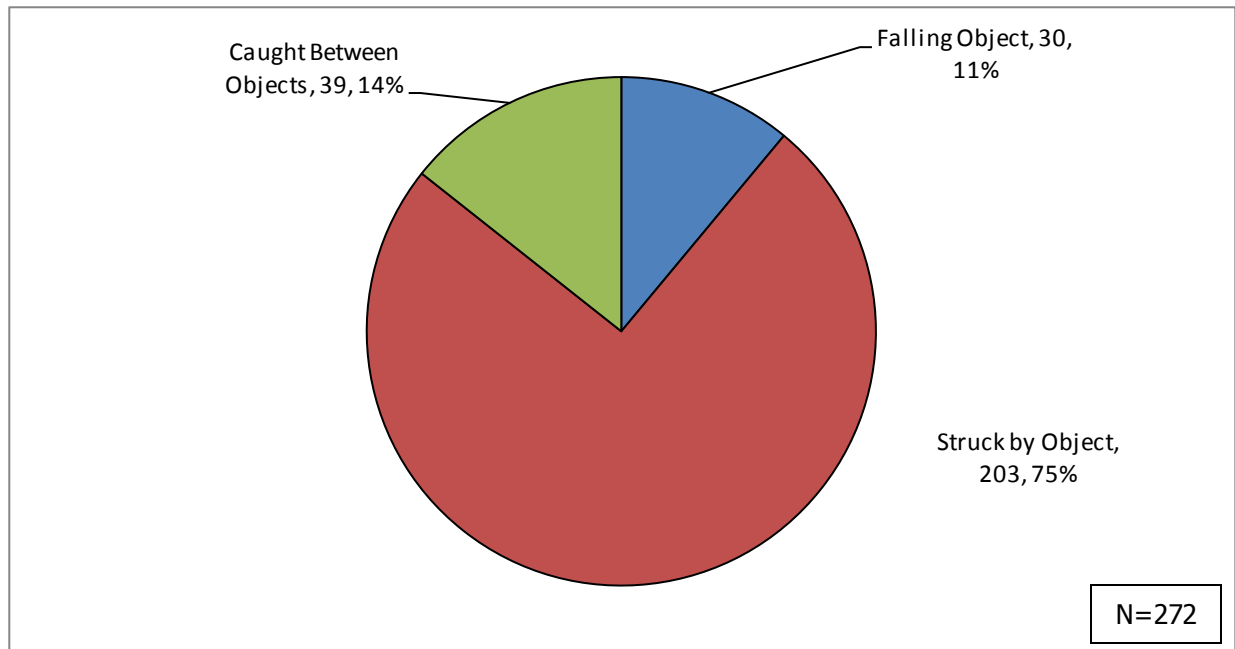
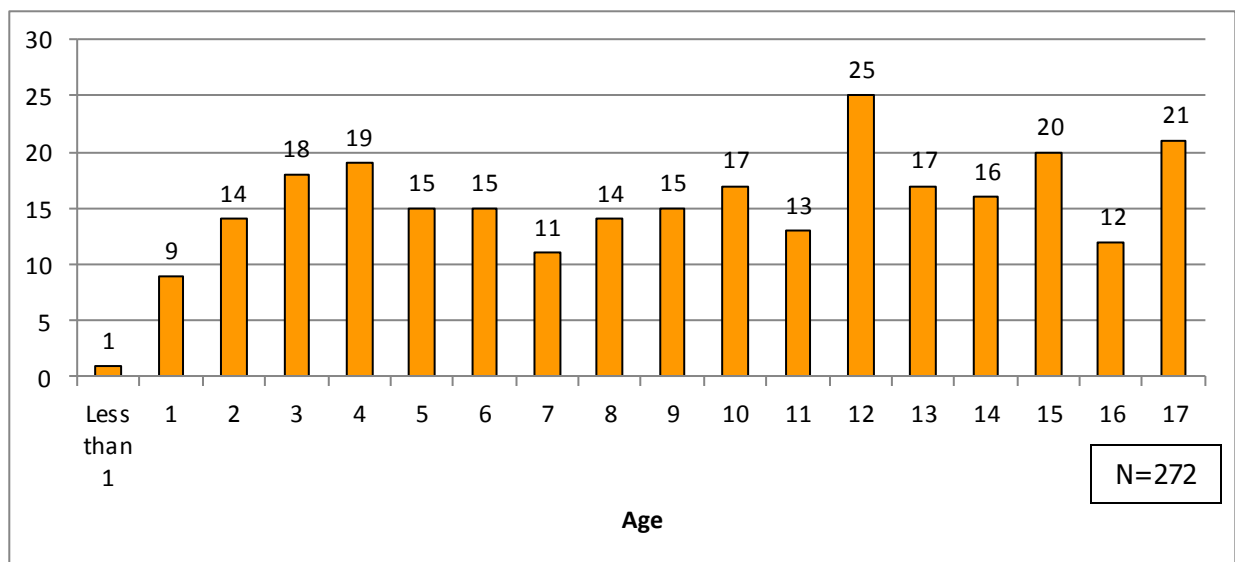


2 - STRUCK BY / STRIKING OBJECT

Struck by/Striking Object was the second leading cause of injury. There were 272 children treated for this injury, accounting for 18.2% of the injuries.

Facts:

- 99.3% were treated at the Hospital ED
- 11.6% occurred in May and in October
- 57.0% patients treated were male
- 98.9% were discharged from the ED/IC
- 67.3% resulted in a Minor External Body Region Injury (Abrasion, Contusion, Open Wound)
- 14.8% of Struck by/Striking Object injuries in the county occurred to children residing in the 44601 zip code; 8% of the children in the county are from the 44601 zip code

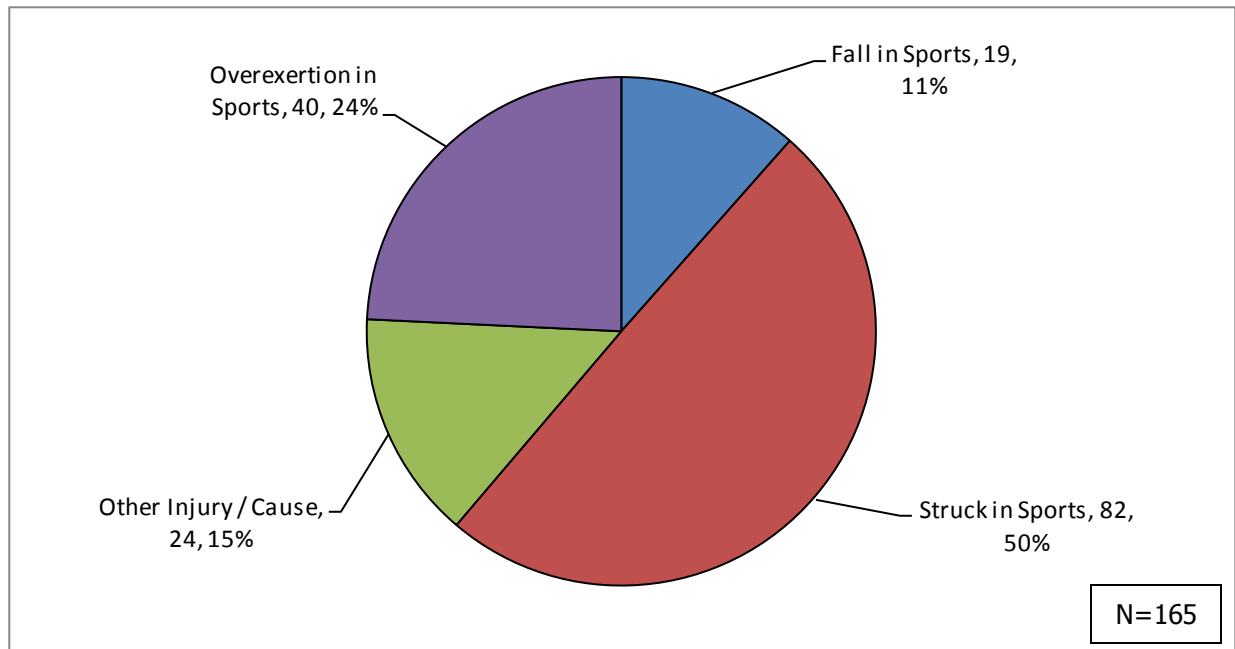
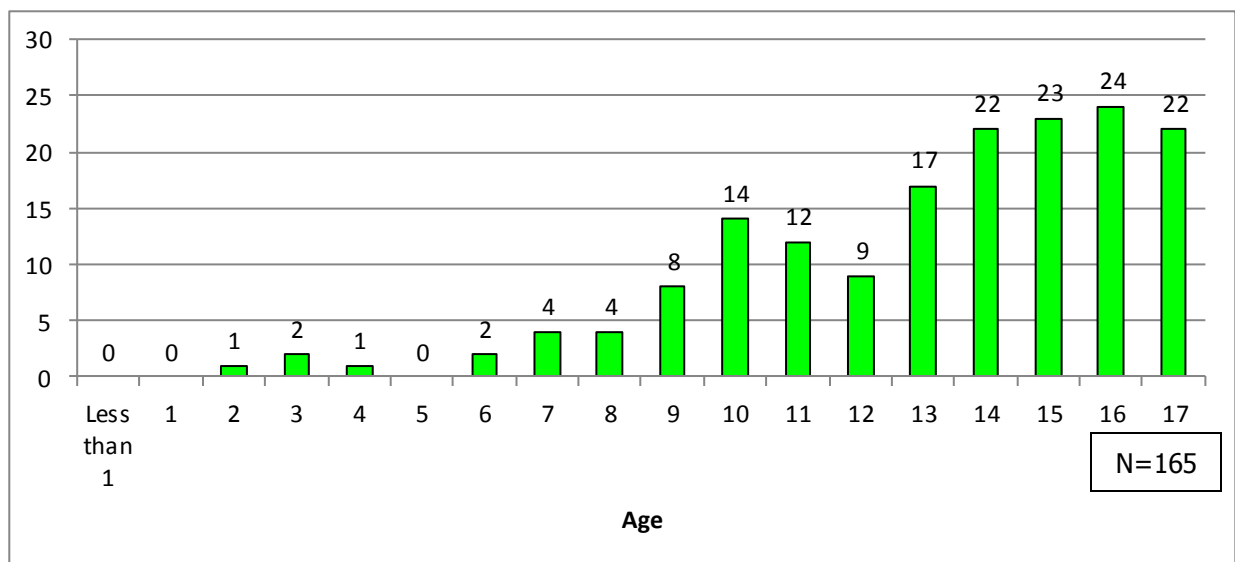


3 - SPORTS & RECREATION

Sports & Recreation was the third leading cause of injury. There were 165 children treated for this injury, accounting for 11.1% of the injuries.

Facts:

- 98.8% were treated at the Hospital ED
- 21.2% occurred in September
- 69.1% patients treated were male
- 98.8% were discharged from the ED/IC
- 45.54% resulted in a Sprain/Strain
- 7.2% of Sports & Recreation injuries in the county occurred to children residing in the 44601 zip code; 8% of the children in the county are from the 44601 zip code

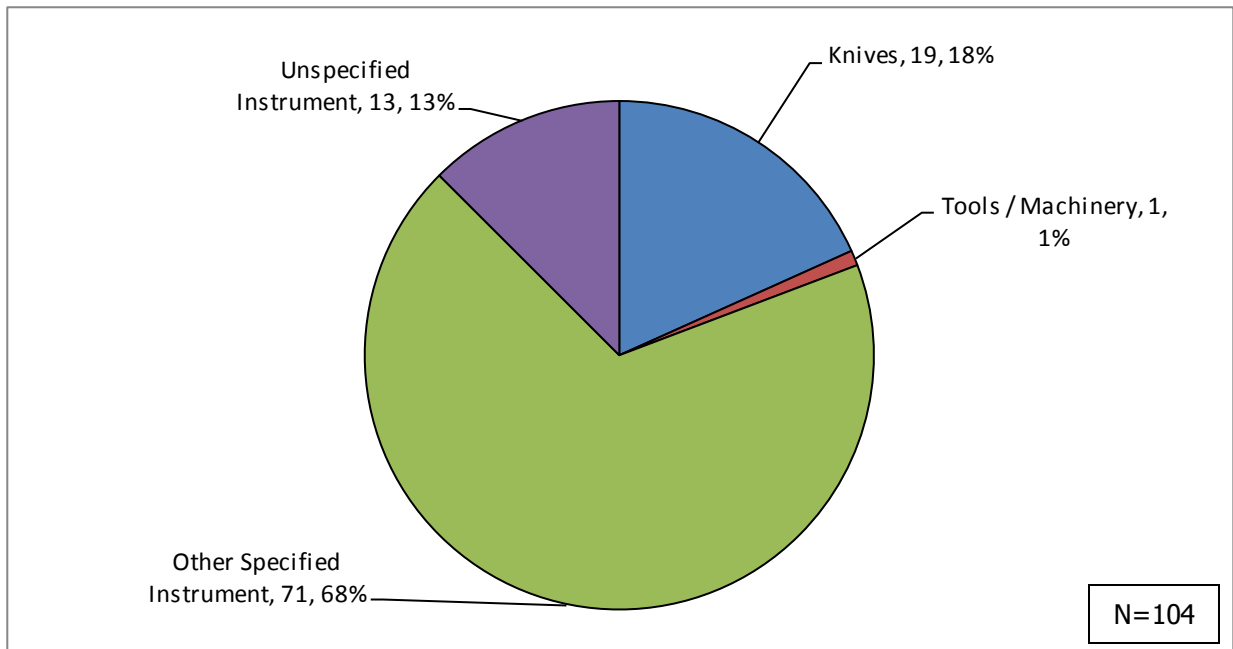
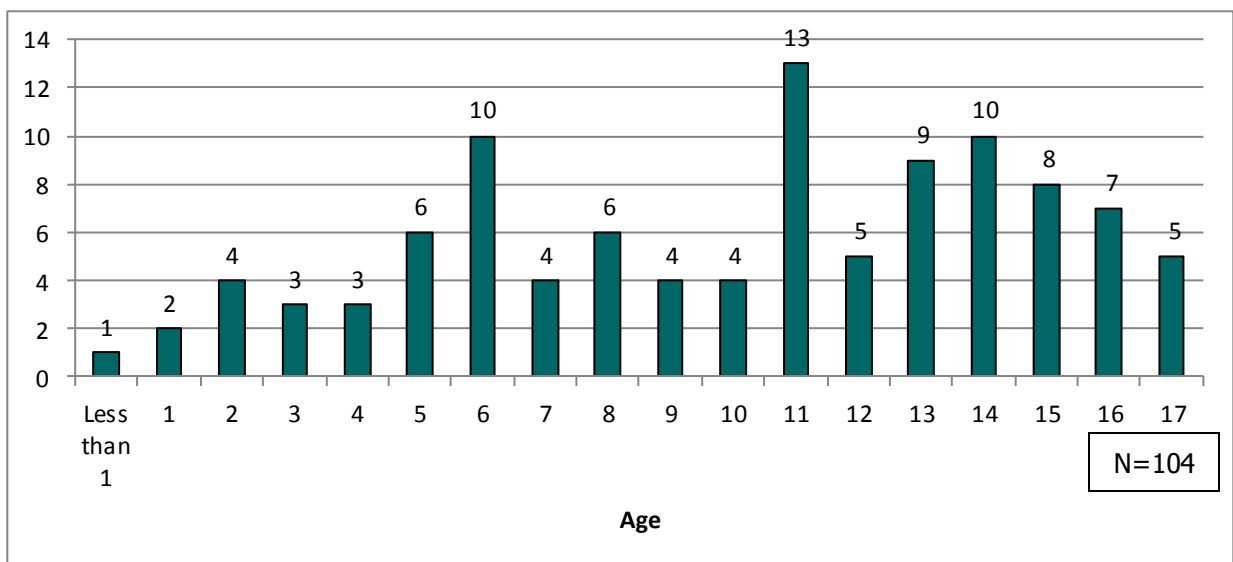


4 - CUT BY SHARP OBJECT

Cut by Sharp Object was the forth leading cause of injury. There were 104 children treated for this injury, accounting for 7.0% of the injuries.

Facts:

- 100.0% were treated at the Hospital ED
- 17.3% occurred in June
- 60.6% patients treated were male
- 98.1% were discharged from the ED/IC
- 92.3% resulted in a Minor External Body Region Injury (Abrasion, Contusion, Open Wound)
- 15.0% of Cut by Sharp Object injuries in the county occurred to children residing in the 44601 zip code; 8% of the children in the county are from the 44601 zip code

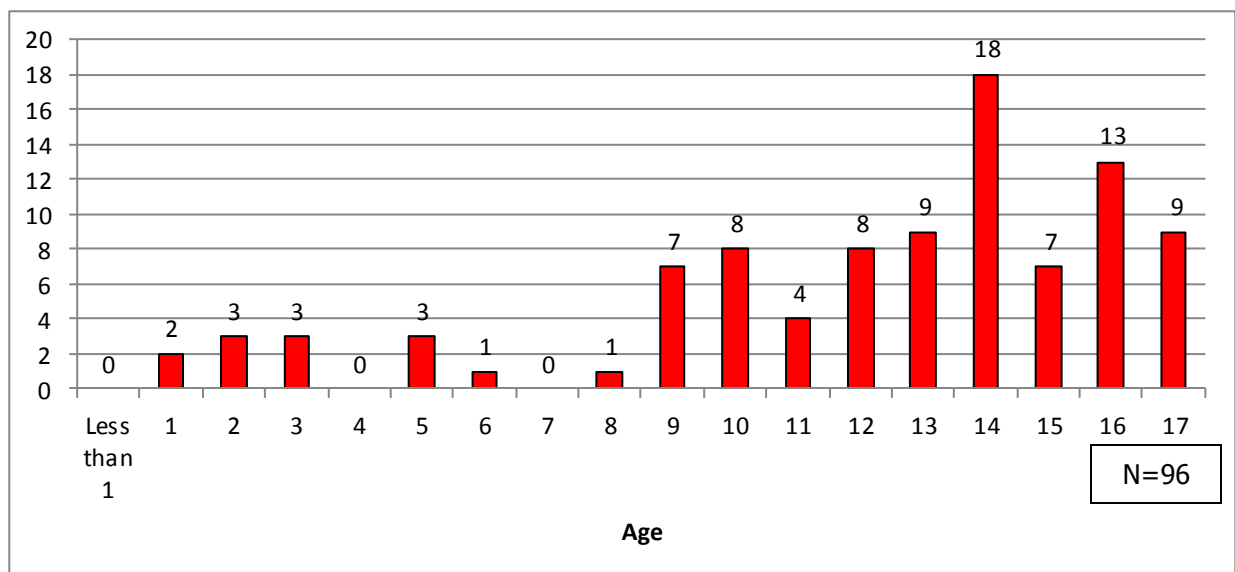


5 - OVEREXERTION & STRENUOUS MOVEMENTS

Overexertion & Strenuous Movements was the fifth leading cause of injury. There were 96 children treated this related injury, accounting for 6.4% of the injuries.

Facts:

- 96.9% were treated at the Hospital ED
- 14.6% occurred in March
- 58.3% patients treated were female
- 100.0% were discharged from the ED/IC.
- 82.3% resulted in a Sprain/Strain
- 14.0% of Overexertion & Strenuous Movement injuries in the county occurred to children residing in the 44601 zip code; 8% of the children in the county are from the 44601 zip code



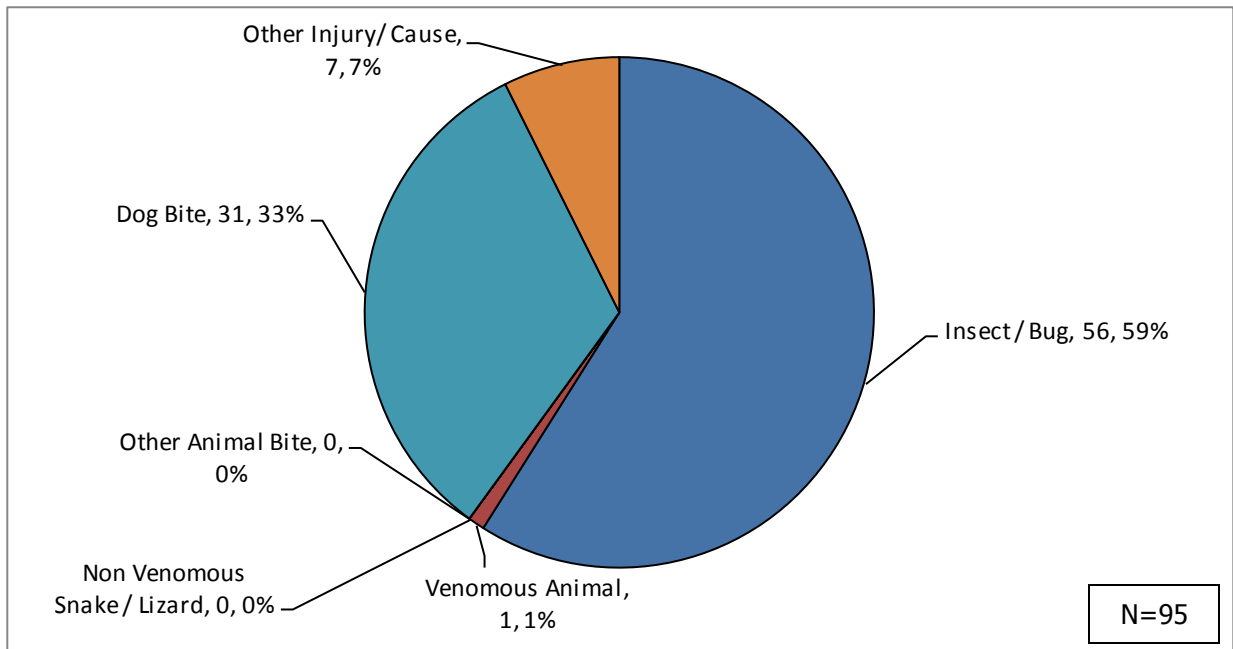
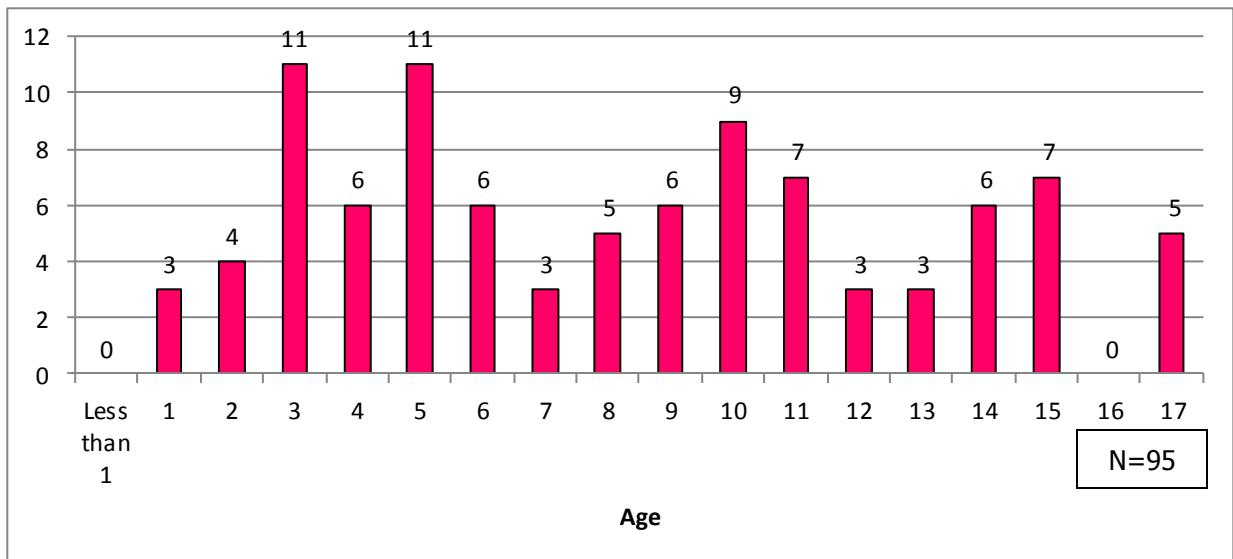
An Overexertion & Strenuous Movement Injury includes a type of injury where the body is stressed beyond normal capabilities causing injury.

6 - ANIMAL RELATED

Animal Related was the sixth leading cause of injury. There were 95 children treated for this injury, accounting for 6.4% of the injuries.

Facts:

- 100.0% were treated at the Hospital ED
- 21.1% occurred in August
- 54.7% patients treated were male
- 96.8% were discharged from the ED/IC
- 58.9% resulted in a Poisoning/Allergic Reaction
- 18.9% of Animal Related injuries in the county occurred to children residing in the 44601 zip code; 8% of the children in the county are from the 44601 zip code

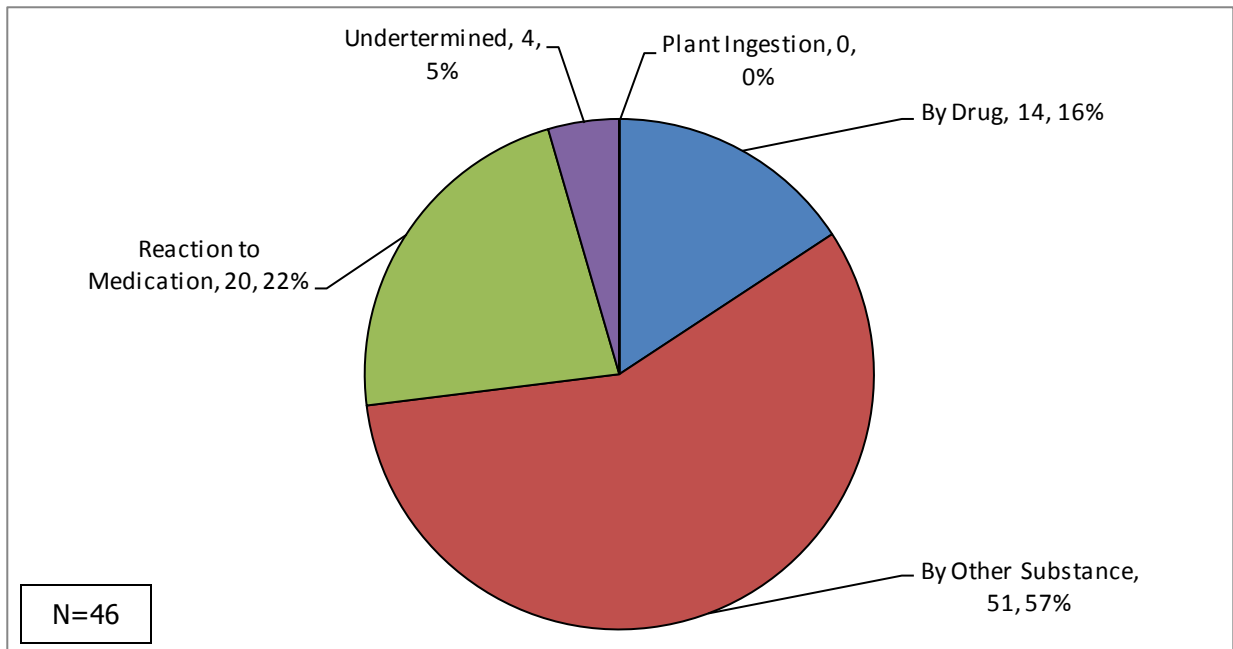
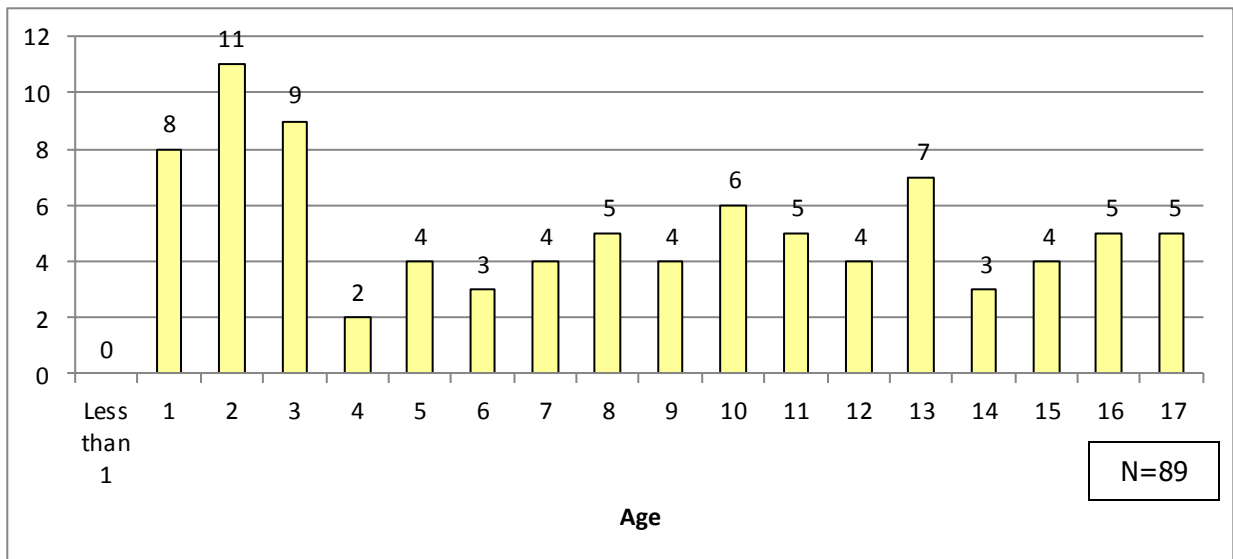


7 - POISONING

Poisoning was the seventh leading cause of injury for children. There were 89 children treated for this injury, accounting for 6.0% of the injuries.

Facts:

- 100.0% were treated at the Hospital ED
- 18.0% occurred in May
- 58.4% patients treated were male
- 94.4% were discharged from the ED/IC
- 100.0% resulted in a Poisoning/Allergic Reaction
- 33.2% of Poisonings in the county occurred to children residing in the 44601 zip code; 8% of the children in the county are from the 44601 zip code

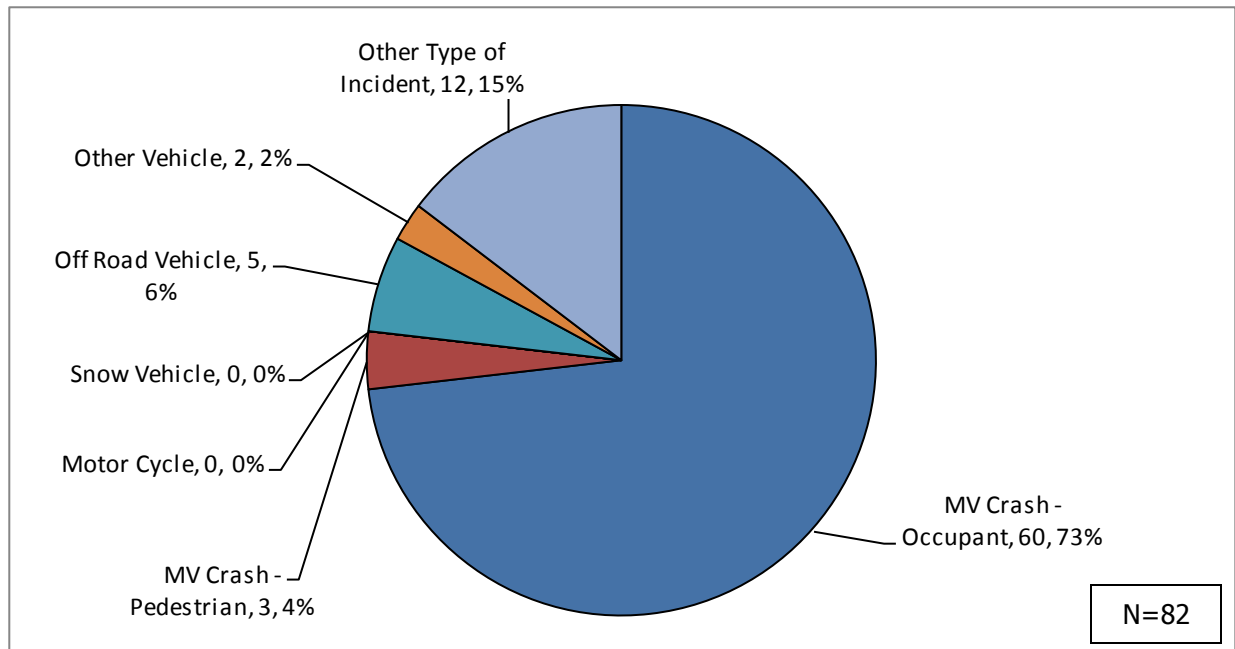
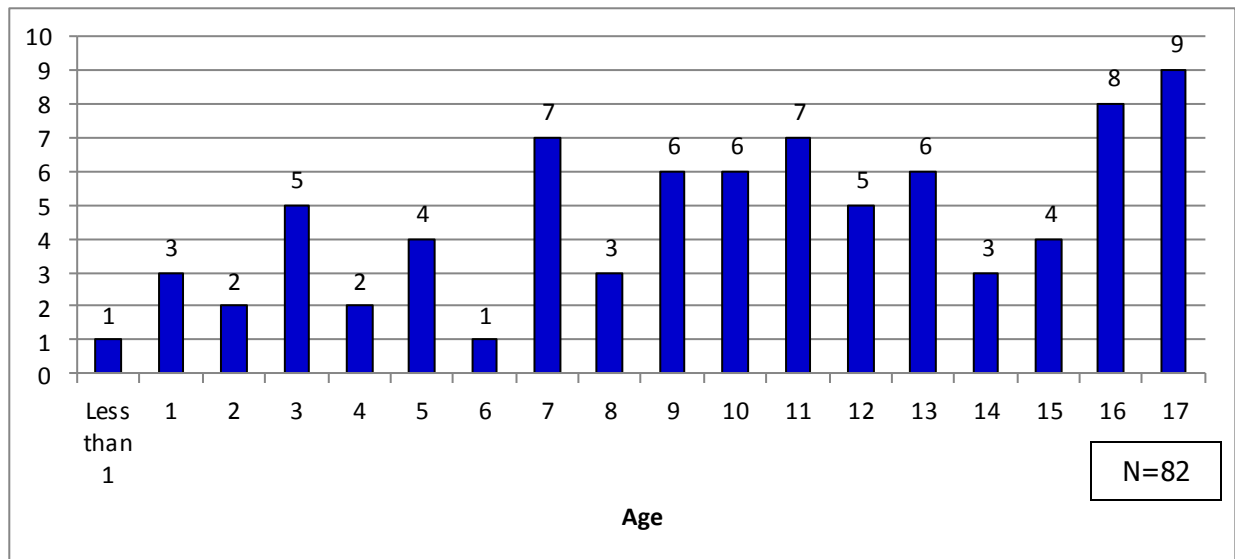


8 - VEHICLE RELATED

Vehicle Related was the eighth leading cause of injury. There were 82 children treated for this injury, accounting for 5.5% of the injuries.

Facts:

- 100.0% were treated at the Hospital ED
- 13.4% occurred in May
- 56.1% patients treated were female
- 97.6% were discharged from the ED/IC.
- 35.4% resulted in a Sprain/Strain
- 13.1% of Vehicle Related injuries in the county occurred to children residing in the 44601 zip code; 8% of the children in the county are from the 44601 zip code

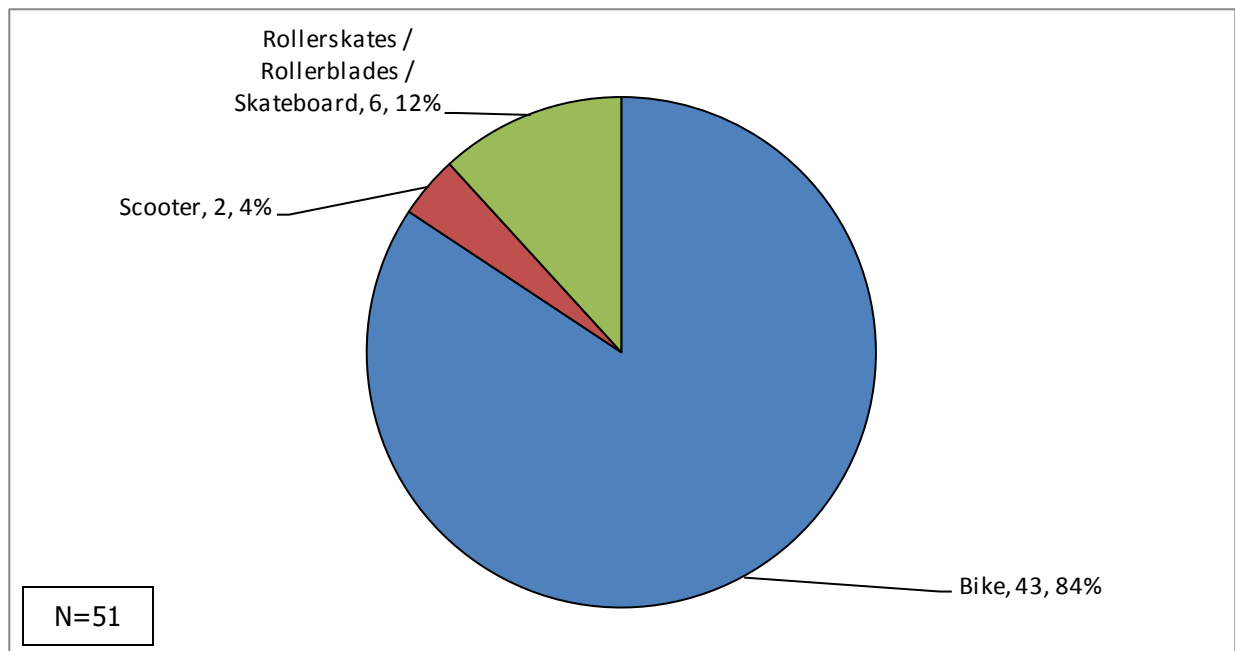
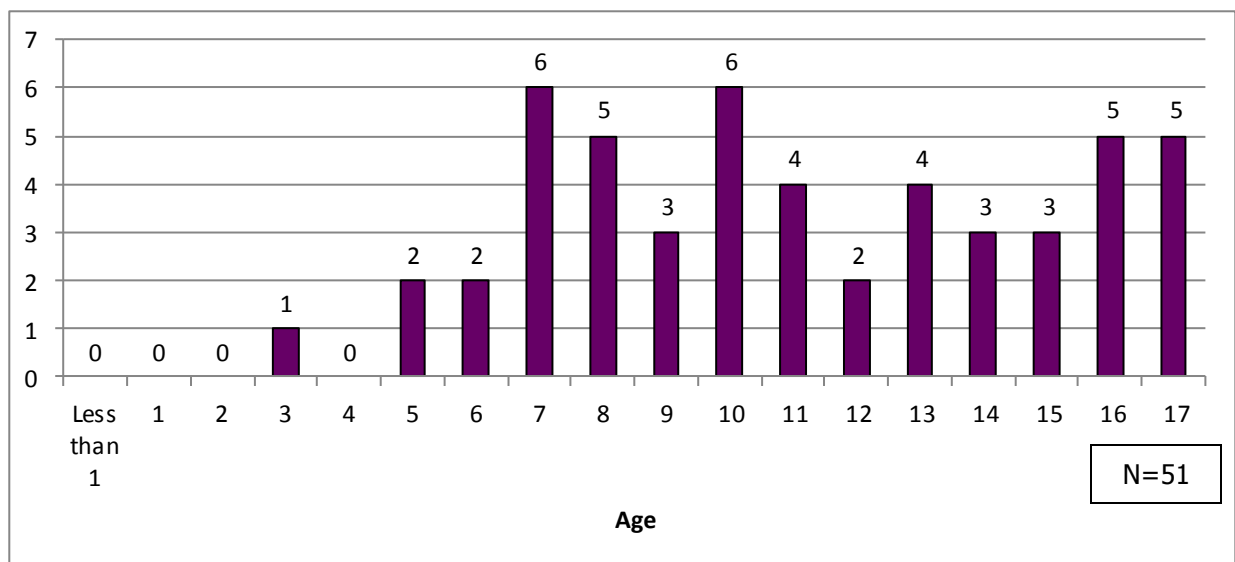


9 - WHEELED SPORTS

Wheeled Sports was the ninth leading cause of injury. There were 51 children treated for this injury, accounting for 3.4% of the injuries.

Facts:

- 100.0% were treated at the Hospital ED
- 21.6% occurred in August
- 66.7% patients treated were male
- 100.0% were discharged from the ED/IC.
- 62.7% resulted in a Minor External Body Region Injury (Abrasion, Contusion, Open Wound)
- 9.5% of Wheeled Sports injuries in the county occurred to children residing in the 44601 zip code; 8% of the children in the county are from the 44601 zip code

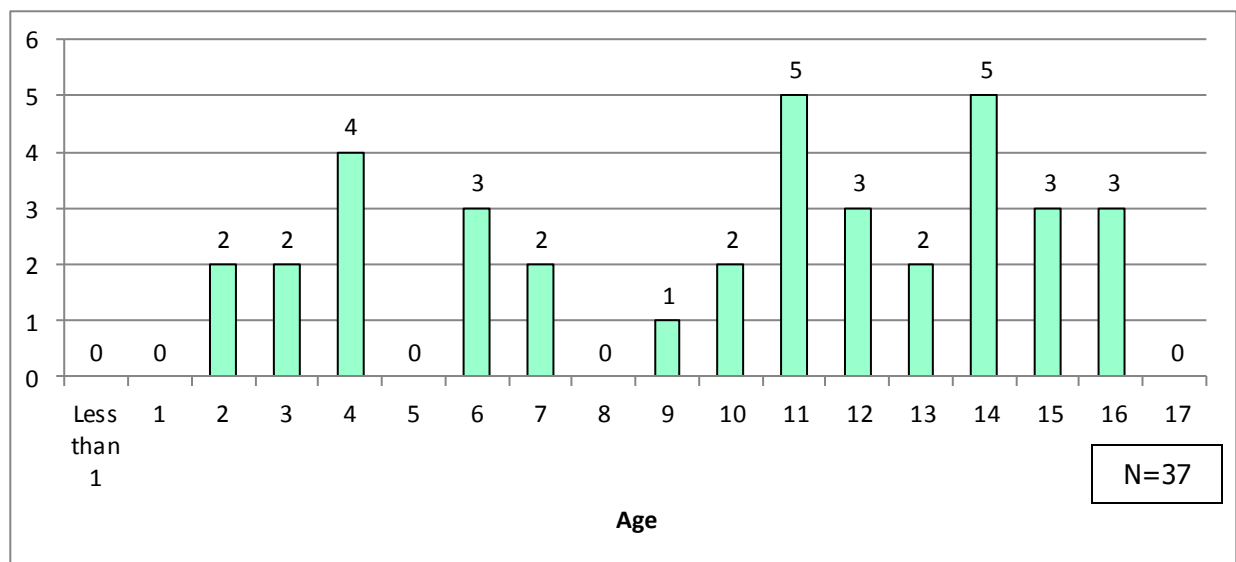


10 - GENERIC ACCIDENT

Generic Accident was the tenth leading cause of injury for children. There were 37 children treated for this injury, accounting for 2.5% of the injuries.

Facts:

- 100.0% were treated at the Hospital ED
- 18.9% occurred in May
- 67.6% patients treated were female
- 100.0% were discharged from the ED/IC
- 32.4% resulted in a Minor External Body Region Injury (Abrasion, Contusion, Open Wound)
- 20.9% of Foreign Body injuries in the county occurred to children residing in the 44601 zip code; 8% of the children in the county are from the 44601 zip code



A Generic Accident includes any injury not otherwise specified in the reporting process.

RATE OF INJURY: 44601 vs ALL STARK COUNTY*

Age	44601 Rate of Injury Per 1,000 population	County Rate of Injury Per 1,000 population
Less than 1	54.3	62.7
1	152.4	155.1
2	229.3	158.2
3	241.9	134.5
4	177.7	125.1
5	206.2	112.0
6	163.4	111.2
7	154.8	112.5
8	141.2	113.2
9	164.5	111.2
10	206.9	126.7
11	187.6	144.5
12	208.2	147.3
13	239.1	160.8
14	256.8	146.9
15	232.6	157.1
16	185.7	147.4
17	218.2	145.9
TOTAL	191.3	132.7

Highlighted areas indicate a higher rate occurring in the 44601 than in the county.

**Stark County data is inclusive of 44601 data*

CAUSE OF INJURY RANKING: 44601 vs ALL STARK COUNTY*

Cause of Injury	44601 Ranking	Stark County Ranking
Falls	1	1
Struck By/ Striking Object	2	3
Sports & Recreation	3	2
Cut By Sharp Object	4	4
Overexertion & Strenuous Movements	5	5
Animal Related	6	8
Poisoning	7	9
Vehicle Related	8	6
Wheeled Sports	9	7
Generic Accident	10	12
Foreign Body	11	11
Physical Harm	12	10
Burns & Fire Related	13	13
Attempted Suicide	14	14
Fire Arms	15	15
Weather Related	16	16
Water Related	Tied 17	17
Choking / Suffocation	Tied 17	18

**Stark County data is inclusive of 44601 data*

CAUSE OF INJURY PREVALENCE: 44601 vs ALL STARK COUNTY*

Injury	44601 Percentage of Injuries (number of injuries)	Stark County Percentage of Injuries (number of injuries)
Falls	27.5% (411)	26.7% (3,089)
Struck By/ Striking Object	18.2% (272)	16.1% (1,833)
Sports & Recreation	11.1% (165)	20.2% (2,278)
Cut By Sharp Object	7.0% (104)	6.1% (692)
Overexertion & Strenuous Movements	6.4% (96)	6.0% (687)
Animal Related	6.4% (95)	4.4% (503)
Poisoning	6.0% (89)	2.3% (268)
Vehicle Related	5.5% (82)	5.5% (626)
Wheeled Sports	3.4% (51)	4.7% (539)
Generic Accident	2.5% (37)	1.6% (177)

Highlighted causes indicate a higher percentage occurring in the 44601 than in the county.

**Stark County data is inclusive of 44601 data*



OTHER CAUSES OF INJURY

While these injuries were not in the top 13, nor analyzed in this report, it is important to note them because they are injuries that are occurring in the 44601 zip code.

CAUSE OF INJURY	NUMBER OF INJURIES
Foreign Body	31
Physical Harm	28
Burns & Fire Related	18
Attempted Suicide	10
Fire Arm	2
Weather Related	1
Choking / Suffocation	0
Water Related	0
TOTAL OTHER INJURIES	90



LEADING CAUSE OF INJURY BY AGE

AGE	TOTAL NUMBER OF INJURIES	LEADING CAUSE NUMBER/PERCENT	SECOND LEADING CAUSE NUMBER/PERCENT	THIRD LEADING CAUSE NUMBER/PERCENT	FOURTH LEADING CAUSE NUMBER/PERCENT
LESS THAN 1	20	Falls 11 or 55.5%	Foreign Body 6 or 30.0%	Vehicle, Struck by/Striking and Cut By Sharp Object 1 or 5.0%	
1	64	Falls 34 or 53.1%	Struck by/Striking 9 or 14.1%	Poisoning 8 or 12.5%	Vehicle and Animal Related 3 or 4.7%
2	94	Falls 47 or 50.0%	Struck by/Striking 14 or 14.9%	Poisoning 11 or 11.7%	Animal Related or Cut By Sharp Object 4 or 4.3%
3	97	Falls 36 or 37.1%	Struck by/Striking 18 or 18.6%	Animal Related 11 or 11.3%	Poisoning 9 or 9.3%
4	75	Falls 36 or 48.0%	Struck By/Striking 19 or 25.3%	Animal Related 6 or 8.0%	Generic Accident 4 or 5.3%
5	86	Falls 37 or 43.0%	Struck by/Striking 15 or 17.4%	Animal Related 11 or 12.8%	Cut by Sharp Object 6 or 7.0%
6	66	Falls 21 or 31.8%	Struck by/Striking 15 or 22.7%	Cut by Sharp Object 10 or 15.2%	Animal Related 6 or 9.1%
7	61	Falls 20 or 32.8%	Struck by/Striking 11 or 18.0%	Vehicle Related 7 or 11.5%	Wheeled Sports 6 or 9.8%
8	62	Falls 19 or 30.6%	Struck by/Striking 14 or 22.6%	Cut by Sharp Object 6 or 9.7%	Poisoning, Wheeled Sports, Animal Related, Sports & Recreation 5 or 8.1%
9	77	Falls 23 or 29.9%	Struck by/Striking 15 or 19.5%	Sports & Recreation 8 or 10.4%	Overexertion 7 or 9.1%

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10	90	Struck by/Striking 17 or 18.9%	Sports & Recreation 14 or 15.6%	Falls 13 or 14.4%	Animal Related 9 or 10.0%
11	88	Struck by/Striking and Cut By Sharp Object 13 or 14.8%	Falls and Sports & Recreation 12 or 13.6%	Vehicle Related and Animal Related 7 or 8.0%	Generic Accident and Poisoning 5 or 5.7%
12	86	Struck by/Striking 25 or 29.1%	Falls 19 or 22.1%	Sports & Recreation 9 or 10.5%	Overexertion 8 or 9.3%
13	104	Falls 23 or 22.1%	Sports & Recreation and Struck by/Striking 18 or 16.3%	Overexertion & Cut By Sharp Object 9 or 8.7%	Poisoning 7 or 6.7%
14	113	Sports & Recreation 22 or 19.5%	Overexertion 18 or 15.9%	Falls 17 or 15.0%	Struck by/Striking 16 or 14.2%
15	107	Sports & Recreation 23 or 21.5%	Struck by/Striking 20 or 18.7%	Falls 17 or 15.9%	Cut By Sharp Object 8 or 7.5%
16	99	Sports & Recreation 20 or 20.2%	Falls 18 or 18.2%	Struck by/Striking and Overexertion 13 or 13.1%	Struck by/Striking 12 or 12.1%
17	103	Sports & Recreation 22 or 21.4%	Struck by/Striking 11 or 10.7%	Falls 12 or 11.7%	Overexertion & Vehicle Related 9 or 8.7%

SIGNIFICANT FINDINGS & RECOMMENDATIONS

- Children ages 9 to 13 are more likely to visit an immediate care facility.
- One third of the visits due to poisoning are occurring in the 44601 zip code. This will be addressed at the Alliance Area Childhood Injury Task Force meetings.
- Children ages 1 and less than one are the only age groups to have a lower rate of injury than all of Stark County.
- *Sports & Recreation*, *Vehicle Related* and *Wheeled Sports* are the only categories to have a lower percentage of injuries than all of Stark County.
- The majority of injuries are being treated at the emergency department. The Alliance Area Childhood Injury Task Force and Safe Kids Data Committees will research obtaining data from surrounding Immediate Care facilities that may not be affiliated with a hospital.
- Nearly 20% of all *Animal Related* and *Generic Accidents* in Stark County were suffered by children in the 44601 zip code. The Alliance Area Childhood Injury Task Force should work with Alliance Community Hospital to improve coding, resulting in fewer “generic” reports.
- The leading cause of injury among children ages 0-9 and 13 year olds was *Falls*.
- Leading cause of injury among children ages 10-12 was *Struck By/Striking*.
- Leading cause of injury among children ages 14-17 was *Sports & Recreation*.
- May had the highest total number of visits.
- 14 year olds had the highest total number of injuries.
- Causes of injuries, by rank, were relatively similar to county-wide data.



SAFE KIDS INJURY PREVENTION PROGRAMS

Safe Kids Stark County was founded in 1992 to reduce unintentional injury and death among children 14 and under in Stark County, by offering the following programs.

Child Passenger Safety

- Car Seat Distribution Program: Provides low-cost car seats to income eligible families through the local health departments. Over 2,300 seats have been distributed.
- Car Seat Inspections: Offers free car seat check ups throughout the county. Over 30 members are Certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians. Over 2,800 seats have been checked.
- Car Seat Fitting Stations: Coordinates free weekly fitting stations at 5 agencies and refers to additional locations that take appointments. Over 3,300 seats have been checked.

Fire Safety

- Instilling Positive Fire Safety Reaction: Fire Safety Video produced by the Coalition which educates on how to evacuate a burning building.
- Smoke Detector & Battery Distribution: Provide smoke detectors and batteries to the community through various programs, in conjunction with local fire departments. Over 7,700 smoke detectors and 17,000 batteries have been distributed.
- Family Safety Education Trailer: Mobile classroom used by local fire departments to educate on fire safety, home hazards and weather safety. Approximately 8,500 children and caregivers have been reached.

Wheeled Sports

- Use Your Head, Wear A Helmet: Helmets are sold at cost to the community. Helmets and Educational Materials are distributed at community events. Helmets are provided to the county Emergency Departments for children treated for a head injury or wheeled sports injury. Over 2,000 helmets have been sold and donated.

Pedestrian Safety

- Walk This Way: Conduct pedestrian safety program at one elementary school each year. Program includes educational assembly stations and safety walk. Parent surveys are analyzed and results are provided to the school and community leaders. Over 7,000 children have been reached by this program.

Safe Kids Day

- A free interactive safety fair is conducted each year. Children have the opportunity to participate in safety activities (provided by community organizations) and received educational resources. Over 6,000 children have been reached by this program.

Sports Safety

- Provide free training to youth league coaches regarding injury prevention, recognition and treatment.
- Provide resources to youth leagues - such as first aid kits, clipboards and mouth guards.

Injury Prevention Seminar

- Host annual Seminar for Physicians, Nurses, EMS Providers and other health care professionals. Topics have included general injury prevention and sports safety, based on community needs.

Other Areas

- Safe Kids is a clearinghouse for other injury risk areas. Information is provided at health fairs and community events. Parents, caregivers and community members are encouraged to call and request information from the Coalition and partner agencies.

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