

TBI BY AGE GROUP

COMPARING THE NUMBERS

Estimated Average Annual Numbers of Traumatic Brain Injury-Related Emergency Department Visits, Hospitalizations, and Deaths, by Age Group, United States, 2002–2006

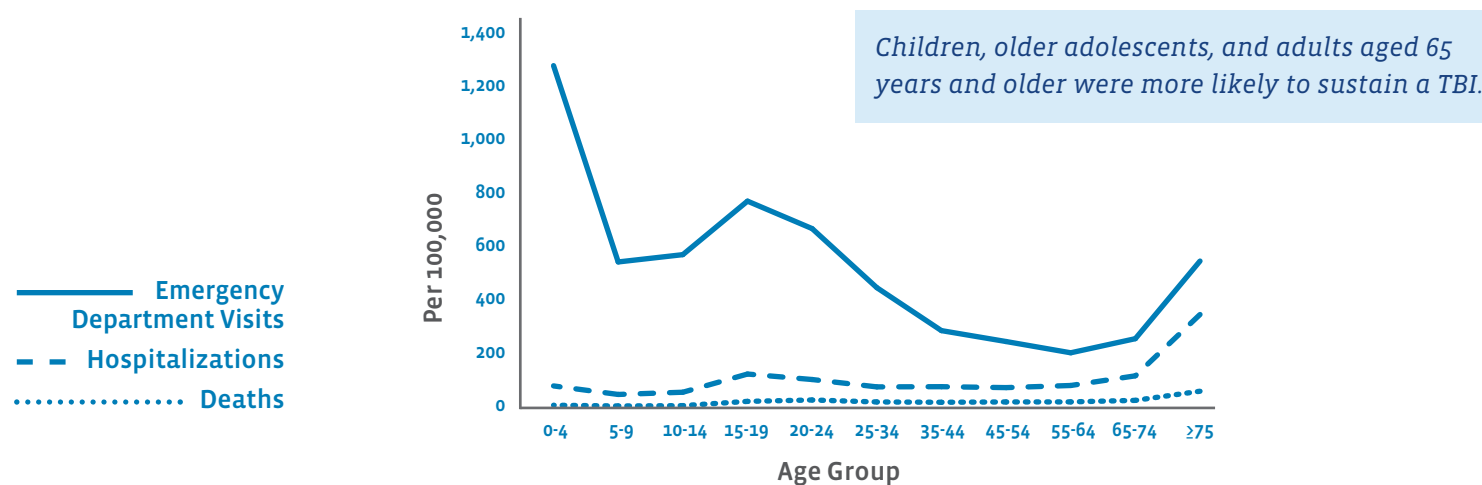
AGE GROUP	EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT VISITS	HOSPITALIZATIONS	DEATHS	TOTAL
Children (0–14 years)	473,947	35,136	2,174	511,257
Older Adults (≥ 65 years)	141,998	81,499	14,347	237,844

The estimated average annual number of TBIs that occur among children aged 0 to 14 years is 511,257. In contrast the number of TBIs in adults aged 65 years and older is 237,844. TBI-related emergency department visits accounted for a larger proportion in children (92.7%) than in older adults (59.7%).

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COMPARING THE RATES

Estimated Average Annual Rates of Traumatic Brain Injury-Related Emergency Department Visits, Hospitalizations, and Deaths, by Age Group, United States, 2002–2006



Very young children aged 0 to 4 years had the highest rate of TBI-related emergency department visits (1,256 per 100,000 population), followed by older adolescents aged 15 to 19 years (757 per 100,000). However, the highest rates of TBI-related hospitalization and death occurred among adults aged 75 years and older (339 per 100,000 and 57 per 100,000, respectively).