DELL SETON MEDICAL CENTER AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

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- Only Level I Adult Only Trauma Center in Austin
- When you hear <u>Trauma Center</u> think hospital that can care specifically for injured patients.
- Affiliated with the Dell Medical School at UT Austin, but separate entities.
- Averages approximately 2500 injury related <u>hospital admissions</u> per year.

LEVELS OF THE HOSPITAL TRAUMA SYSTEM (TEXAS)

Level I

Level II

Level III

Level IV

Accredited by the American College of Surgeons

Accredited by the State of Texas

ADULTS AND CHILDREN IN THE TRAUMA WORLD

Children



Teens



Adults



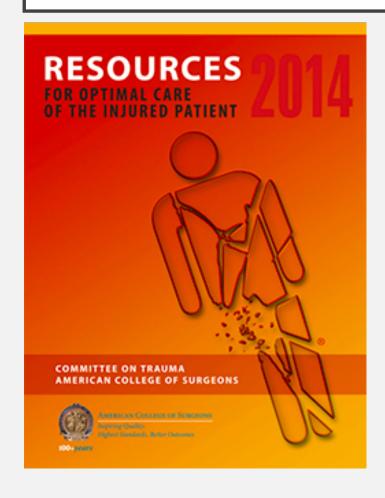
In the trauma setting people 14 years and older are considered adults.

THE HOSPITAL-BASED INJURY & VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROFESSIONAL



- Level I facilities are required to have at least I full-time injury prevention professional that focuses solely on preventing traumatic injuries in the community.
- Level II facilities are highly encourage to have at least I half-time injury prevention professional.
- Level III's and IV's need to have some injury prevention activity, but are not required to have a professional.
- Responsible for ensuring hospital's meet accreditation requirements for injury and violence prevention

REQUIREMENTS OF A LEVEL IHOSPITAL BASED INJURY AND VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROFESSIONALS



The American College of Surgeons Orange Book Chapter 18

So how do you find trauma specific injury information?







- Where all level I and II trauma centers across the United States report their injuries.
- Publicly available for a fee.
- Captures most information that is also found in local and state registries

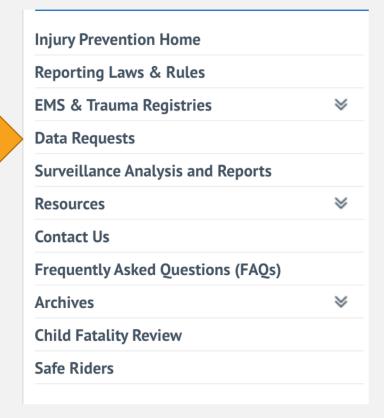


STATE DATA



Texas Department of State Health Services

- Texas Office of Injury Prevention houses much of the data you'd want from a state level
- Open to public data request
- Compilation of all reporting hospitals to the states, deidentified or masked (in cases where there is only a few data points)



LOCAL TRAUMA DATABASES

- Equipped within all trauma centers (to various degrees).
- Level I & II submit to larger databases, all levels submit to the state.
- Not publicly available.
- Software and ease of access to data depends on the facility and work capacity.



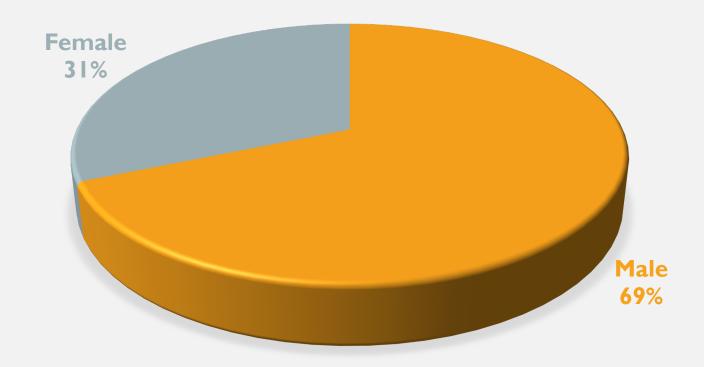
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OUR DATA (2016-2018)

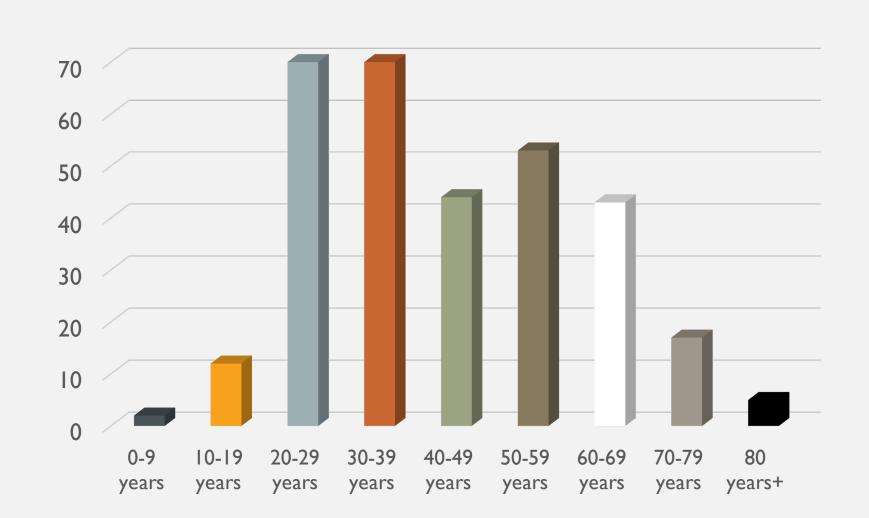
- 316 Admitted Patients for Pedestrian Related Injuries (4.21%)
- Pedestrian Injuries were the 8th leading cause of injury admissions.
- Pedestrian Injuries we are displaying today DO NOT include people injured while riding a bicycle, a scooter, or any other conveyance. May include things like rollerblades or skates.



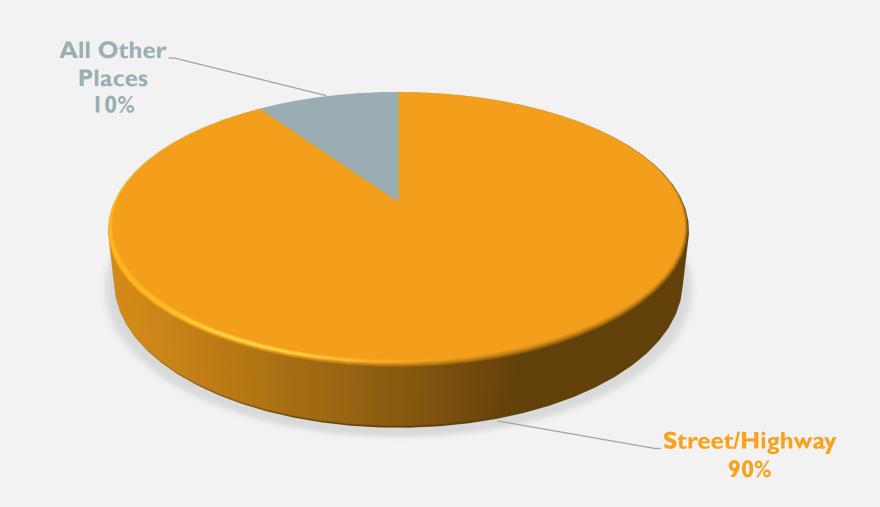
MALE VS. FEMALE INJURIES (N=316)



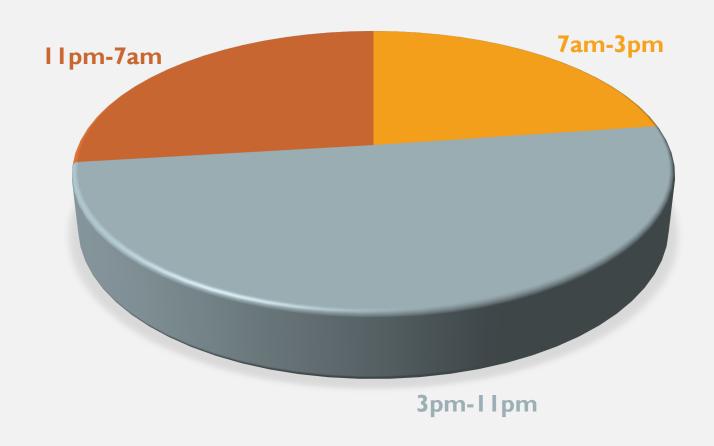
AGE OF INJURED PATIENTS



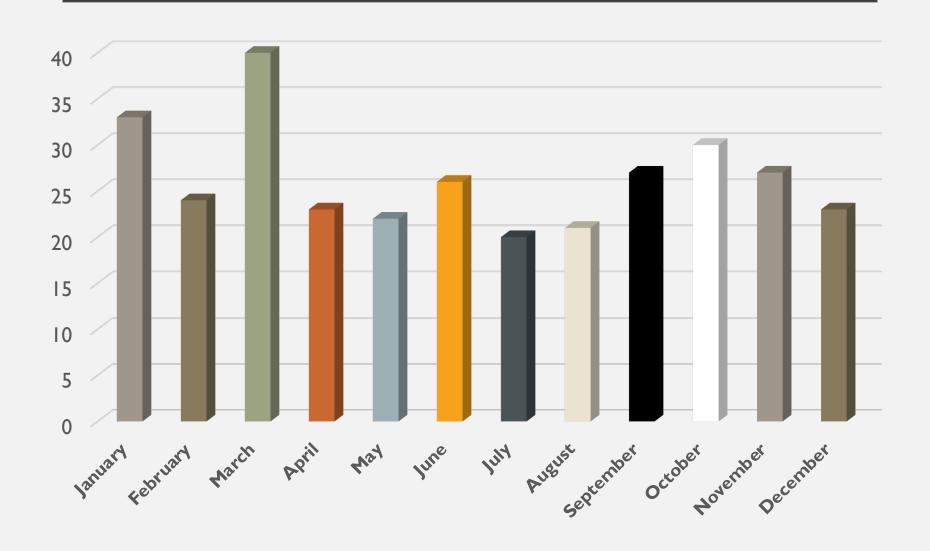
WHERE ARE PEDESTRIANS INJURED?



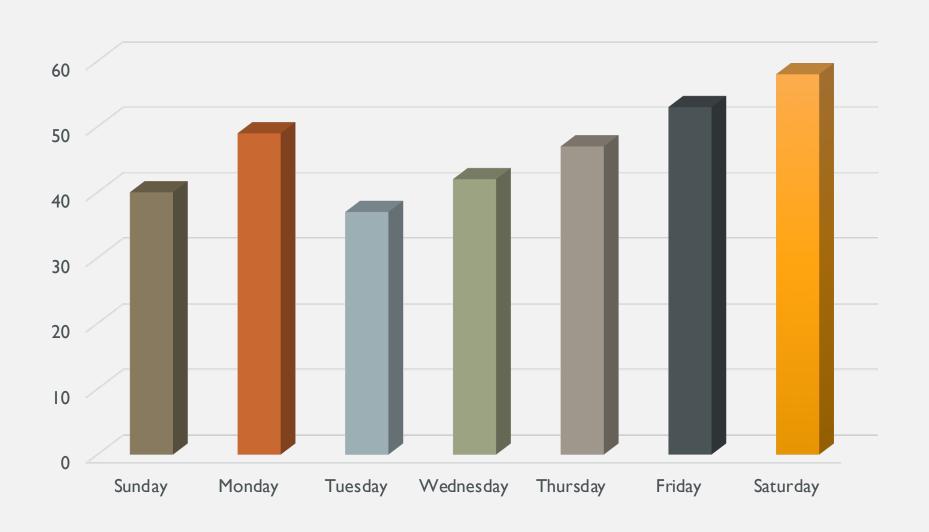
TIME OF DAY



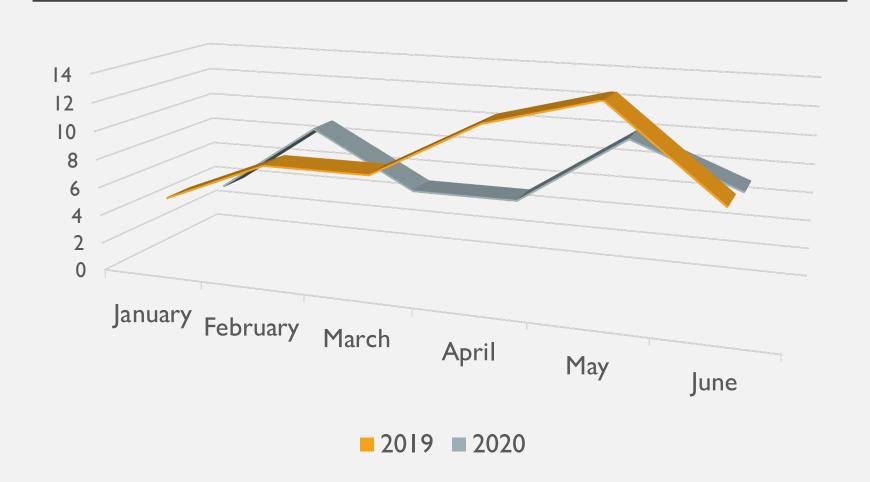
MONTH OF THE YEAR



DAYS OF THE WEEK



IMPACT OF COVID-19 (2019 VS. 2020)



OTHER THINGS WE COULD LOOK AT

Additional Data Categories

Fatalities

Reason for Injury

Injuries by Body Region

Presence of Alcohol/Drugs

Zip Codes of Injuries

Zip Codes of Patients

Insurance Status

In-depth information about patients

SOME TIPS FOR WHAT HOSPITAL INJURY PREVENTION PROFESSIONALS CAN DO WITH YOU AROUND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

- 1. Allow hospital prevention professionals to be your partner.
- 2. Disseminate program supplies for community efforts.
- 3. Participate in your programs.
- 4. Provide Expert Information and Data for you.
- Advocate for Evidence Informed or Evidence-Based Practices.
- 6. Engage in Community Building, Community Coalitions, and City, State, and National Committees around pedestrian safety.
- 7. Connect with hospitals for research efforts.
- 8. Other hospitals may have different injury area priorities.
- 9. Help Connect to professionals in your area.

THANK YOU

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