This Fast Facts focuses on unintentional rail-related injuries (fatal & nonfatal combined) among children ages 0–19 in the U.S. from 2010–2019 that occurred when a child was trespassing (traveling on, across, or along train tracks on private railroad property without permission) or crossing at a railroad crossing (a location where a railroad and road or sidewalk intersect at the same level). This Fast Facts does not include injuries to train passengers or rail employees.

**Magnitude of Rail-Related Injuries Among Children, 2010–2019**

A child dies every 5 days as a result of a rail-related injury.

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**Injuries by Age, 2010–2019**

Children ages 15–19 years accounted for 6 in 10 rail-related injuries among children.

- 0–4 years: 9%
- 5–9 years: 11%
- 10–14 years: 17%
- 15–19 years: 63%

**Deaths by Gender, 2010–2019**

Boys accounted for 7 in 10 rail-related deaths among children.*

*Gender data unavailable for nonfatal injuries.

**Injuries by Month, 2010–2019**

Rail-related injuries among children were slightly more frequent in June.

**Injuries by Time of Day, 2010–2019**

1 in 4 rail-related injuries among children occurred between 3:00 p.m. and 5:59 p.m.
Trespassing Injuries by Child Location, 2010–2019

Most children injured as trespassers were located on the track when injured.

- 37% on the track
- 12% beside the track
- 10% between tracks
- 7% on bridge/trestle
- 35% all other*

*All other locations each accounted for 5 percent or less.

Railroad Crossing Injuries by Child Activity, 2010–2019

Most children injured at railroad crossings were riding as a motor vehicle (MV) passenger when injured.

- 52% riding as MV passenger
- 34% riding as MV driver/operator
- 7% sitting
- 7% walking/running
- 4% all other

Number of Rail-Related Injuries by State, 2010–2019

Most rail-related injuries among children occurred in Texas, California and Illinois.

Number of rail-related incidents: 239

- States shaded gray had less than 5 rail-related incidents.

Notes and References
