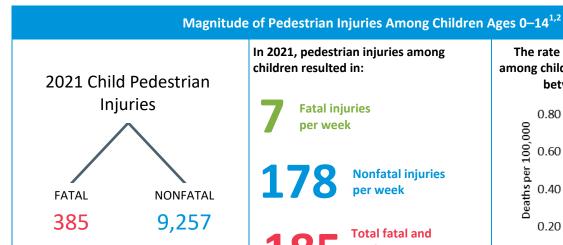


# **Traffic-Related Pedestrian Injuries Among Children in 2021**

This Fast Facts focuses on children ages 0–19 in the U.S. in 2021 who were injured as pedestrians in motor vehicle crashes. Data are sourced from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

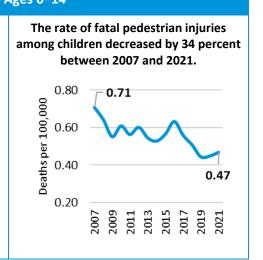


In 2021, pedestrian injuries among children resulted in:

**Fatal injuries** per week

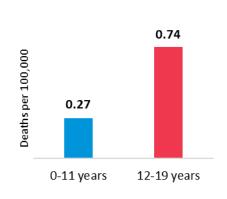
**Nonfatal injuries** per week

**Total fatal and** nonfatal injuries per week

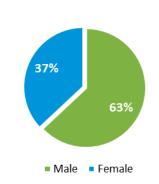


## Fatal Pedestrian Injuries by Age, Sex, and Race/Ethnicity, 2021<sup>1,2</sup>

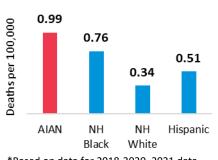
The rate of fatal pedestrian injury was 2.7 times higher among children ages 12-19 compared to younger children.



Males accounted for more than 6 in 10 fatal pedestrian injuries among children.

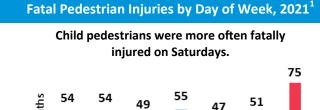


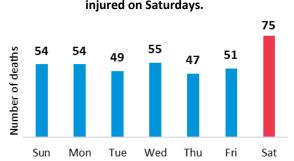
The rate of fatal pedestrian injury was highest among AIAN children.\*



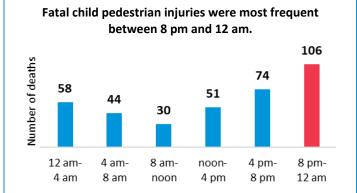
\*Based on data for 2018-2020, 2021 data unavailable

AIAN: American Indian/Alaska Native NH: non-Hispanic









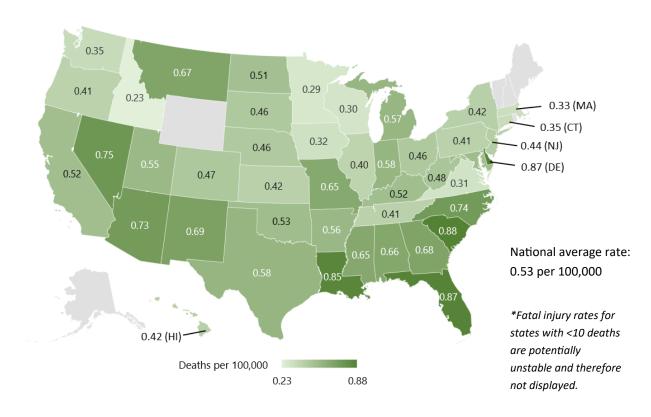
#### Economic Cost of Pedestrian Injuries, 2020 (the latest year for which cost data are available)<sup>3</sup>

The economic cost of fatal and nonfatal child pedestrian injuries totaled at least \$9.57 billion in 2020, with the majority of costs (76 percent) being incurred from fatal injuries.

		Nonfatal		Combined
Cost	Fatal	Hospitalization	ER Treated and Released	(row)
Medical	\$6.50 million	\$347.41 million	\$124.92 million	\$ <b>505.83</b> million
Work Loss		\$76.72 million	\$30.34 million	\$107.06 million
Quality of Life Loss		\$792.86 million	\$919.42 million	\$1.71 billion
Value of Statistical				
Life	\$7.28 billion			\$7.28 billion
Combined (column)	\$7.28 billion	\$1.22 billion	\$1.07 billion	\$9.57 billion

### Rate of Fatal Pedestrian Injuries by State, 2012-2021<sup>1,2</sup>\*

Rates of fatal pedestrian injury among children were greater in South Carolina, Delaware, and Florida.



#### **Notes and References**

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