FAST FACTS Motor Vehicle Crash-Related Injuries Among Occupants Ages 13–19 Years in 2021



This Fast Facts focuses on children 13–19 years of age in the U.S. in 2021 who were injured as occupants in motor vehicle crashes (MVC).



Fatal MCV-Related Injuries Among Occupants Ages 13–19 Years by Age, Sex, and Race/Ethnicity; 2021¹



Fatal MVC-Related Occupant Injuries by Month and Restraint Use, Ages 13–19 Years, 2021^{1,2}





*Available data do not indicate whether restrained children were properly restrained.

Cost of MVC-Related Occupant Injuries, Ages 13–19 Years, 2020 (the latest year for which cost data are available)³

The economic costs of fatal and nonfatal MVC occupant injuries among children ages 13–19 totaled at least \$34.24 billion in 2020. The majority of costs (48 percent) were incurred from injuries seen in the ER.

Cost	Fatal	Nonfatal		
		Hospitalization	ER Treated and Released	Combined (row)
Medical	\$7.2 million	\$1.56 billion	\$903.89 million	\$2.47 billion
Work Loss		\$499.19 million	\$455.1 million	\$954.29 million
Quality of Life Loss		\$3.92 billion	\$15.11 billion	\$19.03 billion
Value of Statistical Life	\$11.8 billion			\$11.78 billion
Combined (column)	\$11.79 billion	\$6.98 billion	\$16.47 billion	\$34.24 billion



Notes and References

- 1. Data on fatal and nonfatal MVC occupant injuries obtained from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) Fatality and Injury Reporting System Tool (FIRST). https://cdan.dot.gov/query. Accessed September 2023.
- 2. Population estimates used for rate calculations obtained from CDC WONDER. https://wonder.cdc.gov/bridged-race-population.html. Accessed September 2023.
- 3. Cost of injury data were calculated using data within the WISQARS Cost of Injury Reports application, which is limited to injuries that were serious enough to require an ED visit. WISQARS includes both motor vehicle- and non-motor vehicle-related injuries. Total costs are likely underestimated, as WISQARS cost estimates do not include ED treatment costs for injured children who were hospitalized. https://wisqars.cdc.gov/cost/. Accessed September 2023.



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