

Overview of Childhood Injury Morbidity and Mortality in the U.S. Fact Sheet (2013)

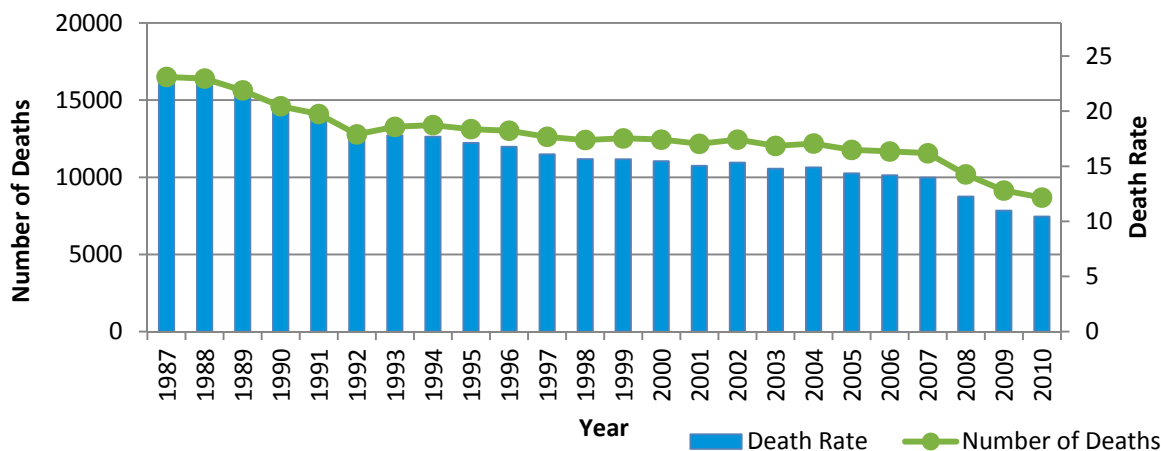
Fatalities

The five leading causes and number of injury-related child deaths, by age group, United States, 2010²

Rank	Age <1	Ages 1-4	Ages 5-9	Ages 10-14	Ages 15-19
1	Suffocation 905 (81.5%)	Drowning 436 (31.3%)	MV Traffic 354 (46.7%)	MV Traffic 452 (51.1%)	MV Traffic 2,895 (63.8%)
2	MV Traffic 76 (6.8%)	MV Traffic 343 (24.6%)	Drowning 134 (17.7%)	Drowning 117 (13.2%)	Poisoning 744 (16.4%)
3	Drowning 39 (3.5%)	Fire/burn 151 (10.8%)	Fire/burn 89 (11.7%)	Suffocation 48 (5.4%)	Drowning 301 (6.6%)
4	Fire/burn 22 (2.0%)	Suffocation 134 (9.6%)	Suffocation 31 (4.1%)	Fire/burn 46 (5.2%)	Other Land Transport 104 (2.3%)
5	Environment 22 (2.0%)	Pedestrian, Other 103 (7.4%)	Other Land Transport 26 (3.4%)	Other Land Transport 42 (4.7%)	Pedestrian, Other 73 (1.6%)

- The death rate from unintentional injuries declined by 55.4% from 1987 to 2010.¹
 - In 1987, 16,501 children ages 19 and under died from unintentional injuries, and the death rate was 23.39 per 100,000 children.¹
 - In 2010, 8,684 children ages 19 and under died from unintentional injuries, and the death rate was 10.43 per 100,000 children.¹
 - The number of unintentional injury deaths fell by 47.4% during this time period.¹

Unintentional injury fatalities and death rate among children ages 19 and under, 1987-2010¹



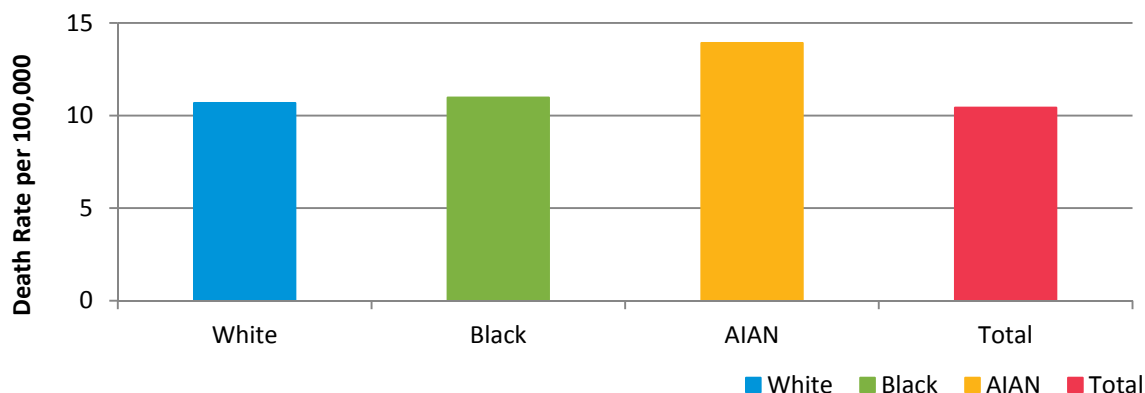
Injuries

- The number and rate of non-fatal injuries has stayed relatively constant from 2001 to 2012. In 2012, an estimated 9,038,763 children ages 19 and under were seen in emergency departments for nonfatal unintentional injuries, with an injury rate of 11.0 per 100 children.¹
- Said another way, 1 in 9 children ages 19 and under will be seen in an emergency department for a non-fatal unintentional injury.

Racial and ethnic disparities

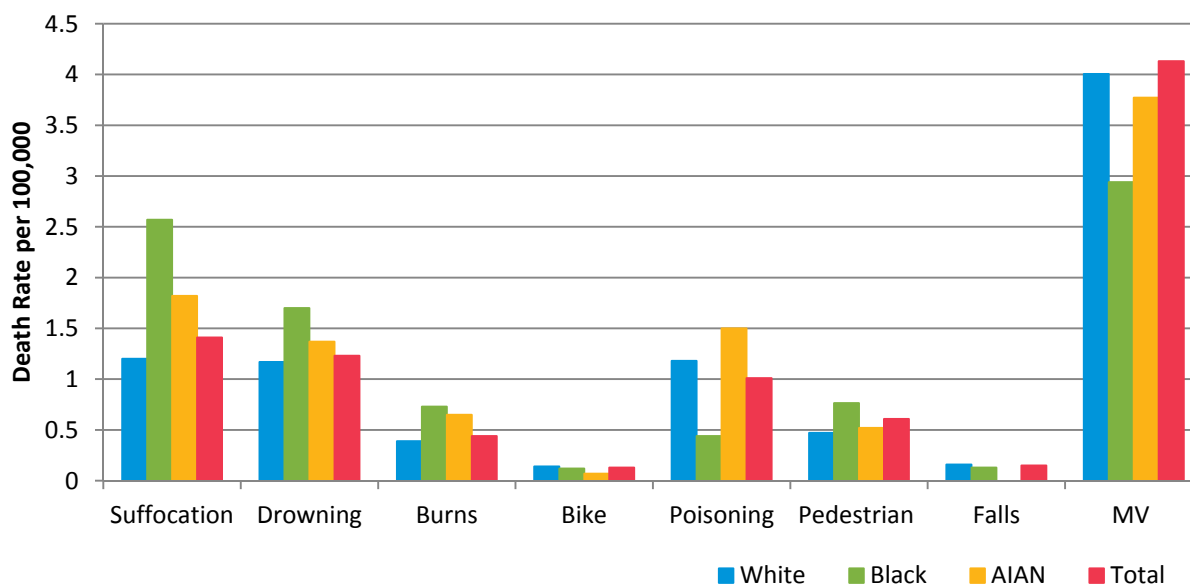
- American Indian/Alaska Native and African American children are at increased risk of injury-related death, compared to white children.

Unintentional injury death rate for children ages 19 and under, by race, 2010¹



- African-American and American Indian/Alaska Native children are at increased risk of injury-related death, as compared to white children, in several risk areas.

Unintentional injury death rate for children ages 19 and under, by race and risk area, 2010¹



References

¹ Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Injury Prevention and Control. Web-based Injury Statistics Query and Reporting System (WISQARS). National Center for Injury Prevention and Control Website. Unintentional fatal and nonfatal injuries, children ages 19 and under. Available from: <http://www.cdc.gov/injury/wisqars/index.html>. Accessed April 10, 2013 (fatal) and October 30, 2013 (nonfatal).

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