



Senior Falls by Month (2015-2016)

Table 1. Number of fall-related ED visits by month for Defiance County residents*

Month	2015	2016
January	44	21
February	40	41
March	29	39
April	24	31
May	39	42
June	43	34
July	40	40
August	38	29
September	45	34
October	38	
November	41	
December	38	
Total	459	311

This report was created as a surveillance effort to help understand the needs of the community concerning senior falls. Table 1 displays the total number of emergency department (ED) visits coded as falls from all Defiance County hospital ED records. There was a slight decrease in ED visits for falls from 2015 to 2016 in the third quarter, (123 vs. 103 falls.) The number of fall-related hospitalizations occurs more times among females than males in the county (Figure 1).

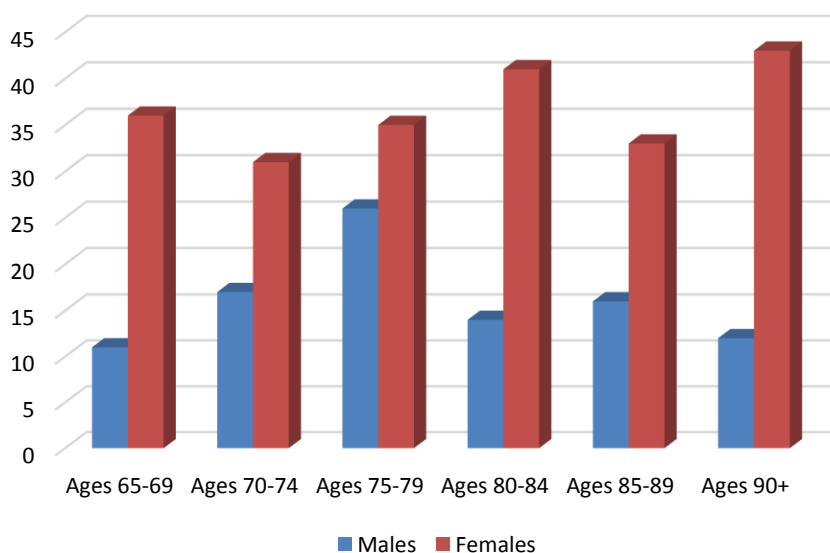
*ED visits coded as falls are derived from data in the EpiCenter and represent only those reported in the system. These data are provisional and subject to change when additional data are reported. All data is on Defiance County residents, including residents who may have sought medical help at a hospital outside of Defiance County. Falls are selected based on codes at diagnosis. Data reported as of 10/01/2016.

Defiance County EMS Fall Related Reports

More than one third of individuals ages 65 years or older fall each year¹. The risk of falling increases with age¹. In Defiance County, 15% of the population is 65 years and older.

In the 3rd quarter of 2016, there were 95 emergency medical service (EMS) fall related runs. The EMS team was dispatched to a resident's home and assisted the individual that fell. Forty residents out of 95 were not transported to a hospital. In the third quarter, the total known senior falls in Defiance County including both ED visits and EMS runs was 143 falls.

Figure 1. Fall ED Visits by Age Group*



1. National Institute of Health