



Defiance County General Health District Epidemiology Assessment

1st Quarter Report

May 4, 2020

Senior Falls by Month

Table 1. Number of fall-related ED visits by month for Defiance County residents 65 years and older¹

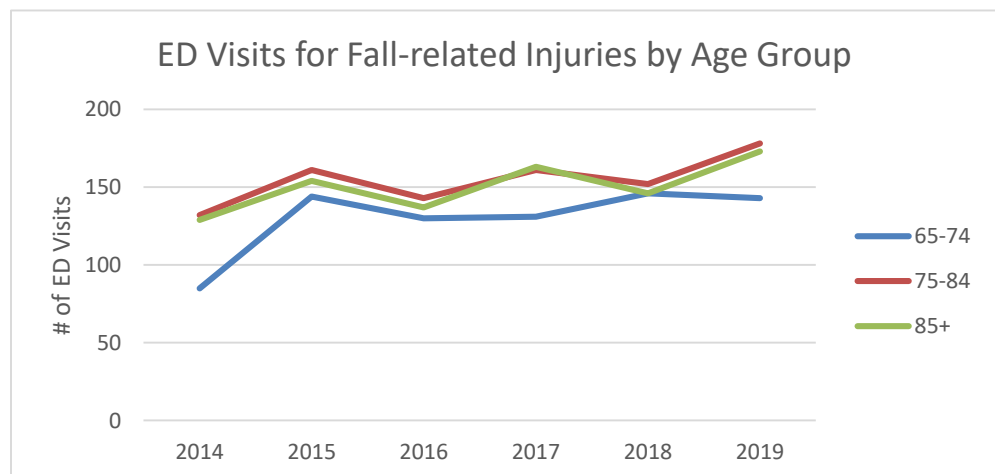
Month	2020	5-Year Average
January	53	35
February	35	33
March	37	36
April		
May		
June		
July		
August		
September		
October		
November		
December		
Total	125	104

Falls Among the Elderly

This report was created as a surveillance effort to help understand the needs of the community concerning senior falls. Seniors are defined in this report as adults ages 65 years and older. Table 1 displays the total estimated number of emergency department (ED) visits coded as falls from all Defiance County hospital ED records. In the first quarter of 2020, there were approximately 125 fall-related ED visits in residents 65 years and older.

In the first quarter, there were 81 emergency medical service (EMS) runs, where an EMS team was dispatched to a resident's home and assisted an individual that was 65 years or older that fell in Defiance City². Thirty-nine percent of the falls were not transported to the hospital for further assessment².

From 2018 to 2019 the trends of ED visits for fall-related injuries increased in residents 65+ and older.



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 4/1/2020. 2. Defiance Fire and Rescue Division, EMS.