



Defiance County General Health District Epidemiology Assessment

2nd Quarter Report July 1, 2021

Senior Falls by Month

Table 1. Number of fall-related ED visits by month for Defiance County residents 65 years and older^{1,3}

Month	2021	5-Year Average (2014-2019)
January ¹	35	37
February ¹	42	39
March ¹	37	35
April ³	21	30
May ³	24	37
June ³	24	37
July		38
August		38
September		39
October		40
November		38
December		44
Total		451

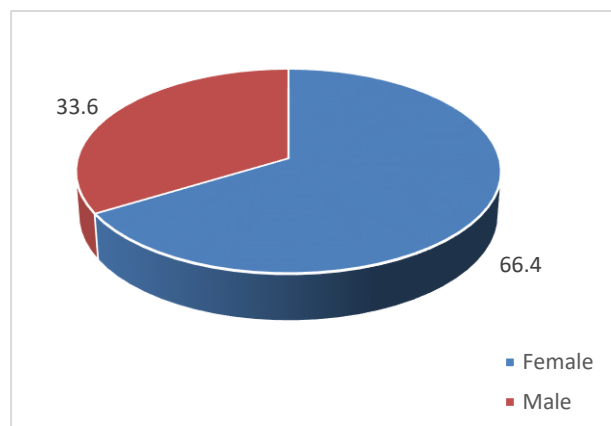
From January through June 2021, sixty-six percent of senior fall ED visits are female.

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 second quarter, there were 95 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. Fifty-Two percent of the falls were transported to the hospital for further assessment².

Figure 1. ED Visits for falls 65+ by Gender from Jan-June 2021³



1. ED visits coded as falls are derived from data in the ESSENCE 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 7/1/2021. 2. Defiance Fire and Rescue Division, EMS. 3. Epicenter