



Defiance County General Health District Epidemiology Assessment

3rd Quarter Report
October 8, 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	37
February	35	39
March	37	35
April	34	30
May	41	37
June	55	37
July	38	38
August	37	38
September	52	39
October		
November		
December		
Total	382	

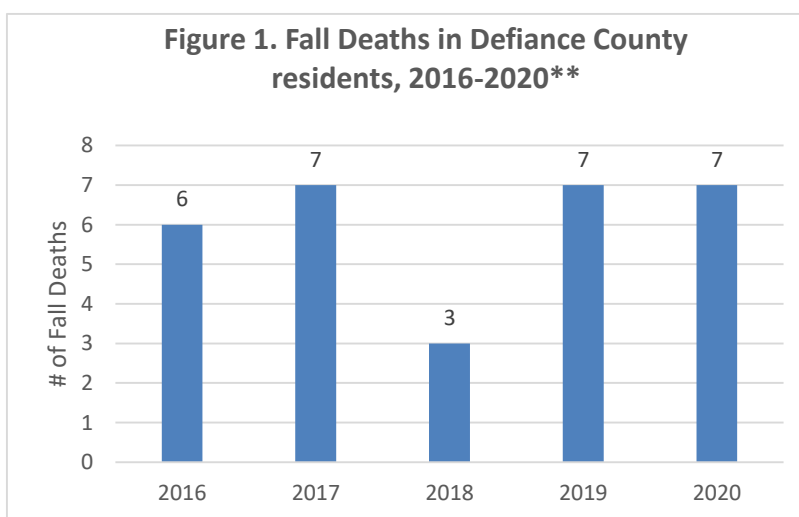
Figure 1. Fifty percent of the fall deaths between the reported time period were 85 years of age or older. Forty-six percent of the fall deaths were between the ages of 55-84 and four percent between 50-54.

2020** data includes fall deaths from January through September 30, 2020

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 third quarter of 2020, there were approximately 127 fall-related ED visits in residents 65 years and older.

In the third 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. Forty percent of the falls were not transported to the hospital for further assessment².



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 10/6/2020. 2. Defiance Fire and Rescue Division, EMS.