

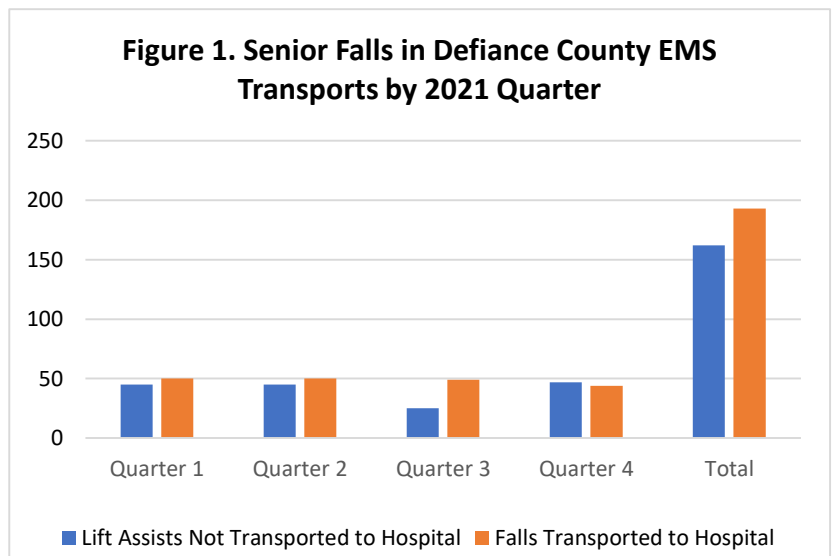
### Falls Among the Elderly

This report was created as a surveillance effort to help understand the needs of Defiance County communities concerning senior falls. Seniors are defined in this report as adults aged 65 years and older.

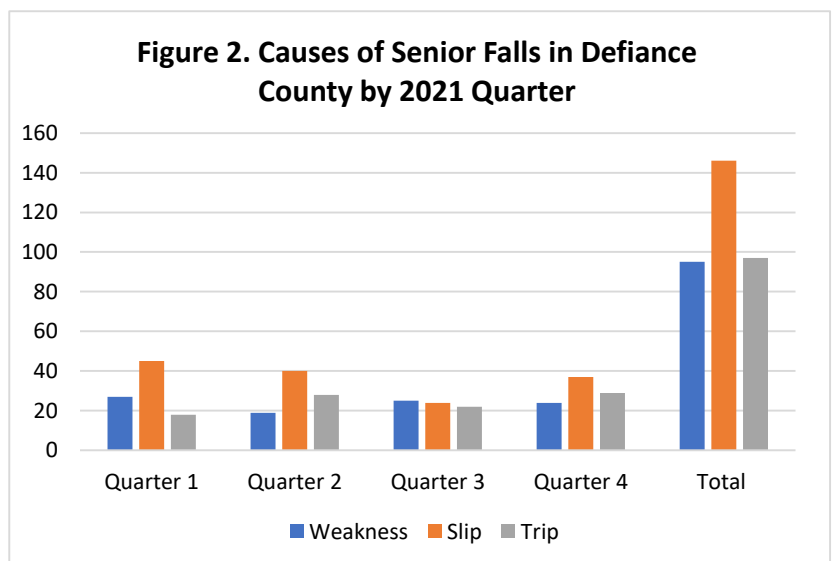
*Table 1.* Number of Fall-Related Emergency Department Visits by Month for Defiance County Residents 65 Years and Older

Month	2021	5-Year Average (2014-2019)
January	35	37
February	42	39
March	37	35
April	21	30
May	24	37
June	24	37
July	37	38
August	41	38
September	38	39
<b>October</b>	<b>35</b>	40
<b>November</b>	<b>37</b>	38
<b>December</b>	<b>48</b>	44
<b>Total</b>	419	451

In total, there were 120 Emergency Department visits for senior falls in the fourth quarter of 2021. The visits were coded as “fall” or “fell” and derived from data in the EpiCenter database. 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. Data reported between October 1, 2021 and December 31, 2021 was included.



*Figure 1.* This figure is displaying senior fall EMS assists not transported to a hospital vs. senior falls transported to a hospital. Overall, more senior falls were transported to a hospital (193) than not transported (162).



*Figure 2.* This figure is displaying the causes of senior falls in Defiance County, broken down by 2021 quarter. Overall, slips accounted for the most falls among the elderly (146).