



# Defiance County General Health District Epidemiology Assessment 2022 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report July 2022

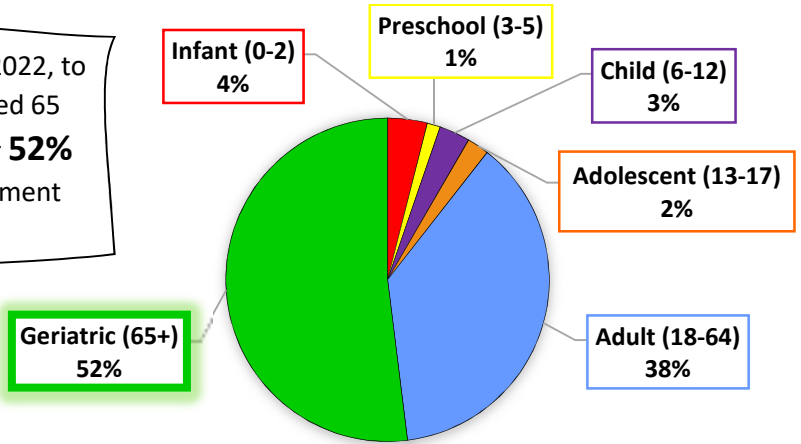
## Falls Among the Elderly

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. From April 1, 2022, to June 30, 2022, there were 91 emergency service runs for senior fall lift assists and transports to a hospital. 39 lift assists were not transported to a hospital, 52 were transported. In the second quarter, there were 118 emergency department visits for senior falls.

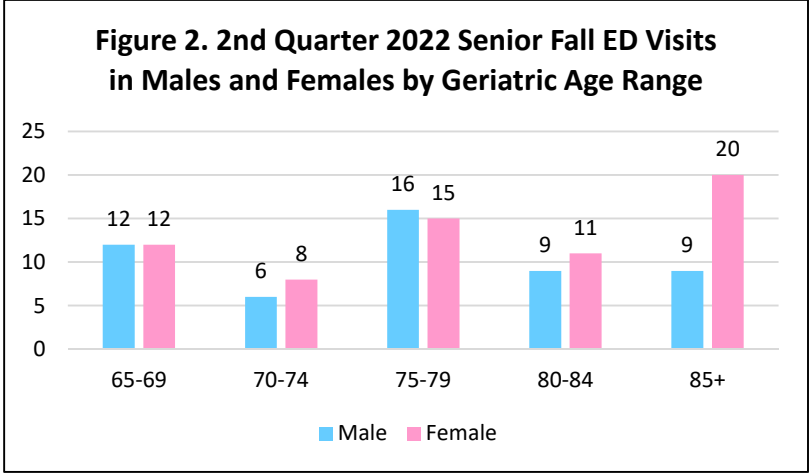
Month	2022
January	37
February	37
March	31
April	35
May	43
June	40
July	
August	
September	
October	
November	
December	
<b>Total</b>	

**Figure 1.** From April 1, 2022, to June 30, 2022, those aged 65 and older accounted for **52%** of all emergency department visits for falls.

**Figures 2 and 3.** There were 52 ED visits for males and 66 visits for females. ProMedica Defiance Regional Hospital and Mercy Defiance Hospital were the top two hospitals that senior patients visited due to falls.



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



Quarter	Lift Assists Not Transported to a Hospital	Falls Transported to a Hospital
1 <sup>st</sup>	36	59
2 <sup>nd</sup>	39	52
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ED 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.

