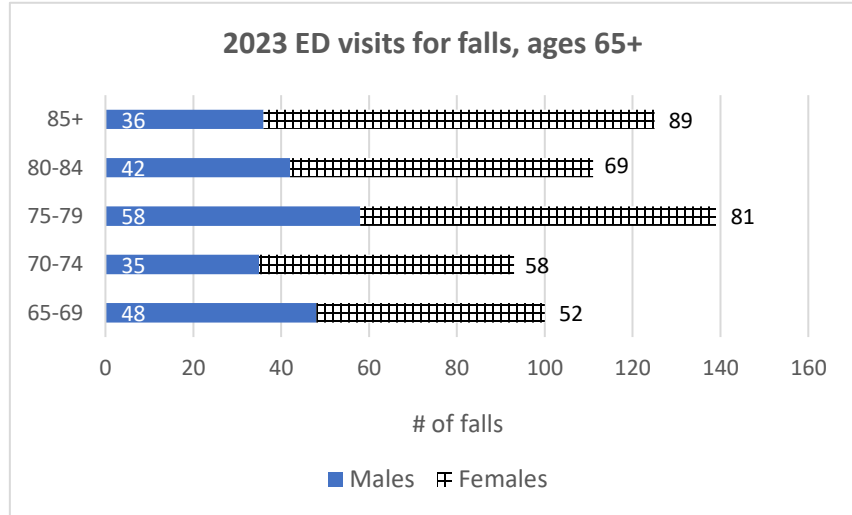


## Falls Among the Elderly

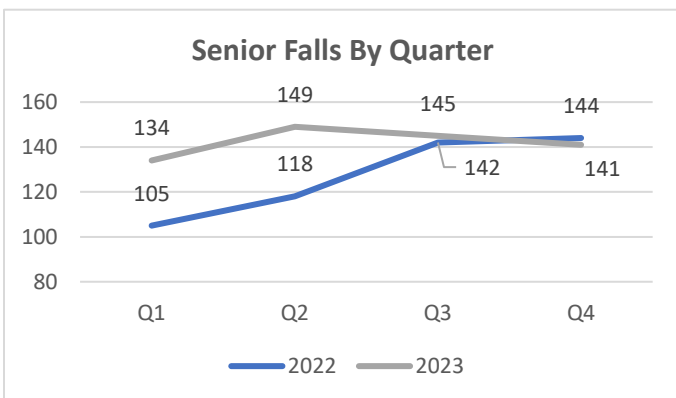
This report was created as a surveillance effort to help understand the needs of Defiance County communities concerning senior falls. Seniors are defined in this report as adults aged 65 years and older. From October 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023 there were 141 (49 males, 92 females) emergency room visits for senior falls.

### Emergency Department Visits related to Falls, ages 65+

Month	2022	2023
January	37	53
February	37	32
March	31	49
April	35	44
May	43	52
June	40	53
July	31	54
August	59	46
September	52	45
October	49	53
November	52	49
December	43	39
<b>Total</b>	<b>509</b>	<b>569</b>



In the year 2023, there was an increase in reported falls within the age group of 75-79. Out of the 569 falls among seniors, 62% occurred in females, while 38% occurred in males.



In 2023, there was an increase in emergency department visits for senior falls compared to 2022. The highest number of reported falls occurred during the second quarter.

2023 EMS Runs		
Quarter	Lift Assists Not Transported to a Hospital	Falls Transported to a Hospital
1 <sup>st</sup>	41	58
2 <sup>nd</sup>	38	67
3 <sup>rd</sup>	24	41
4 <sup>th</sup>	20	46
<b>Total</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>212</b>

Primary causes documented in EMS reports for senior falls include weakness, slips, and trips.

ED visits were derived from data in EpiCenter between the date range of October 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 and included codes "Fell" or "Fall." Data is provisional and subject to change when additional data are reported. All data is for Defiance County residents, including residents who may have sought medical help at a hospital outside of Defiance County. EMS data was provided by Defiance Fire and Rescue.