

DEFIANCE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Senior Fall Report

1st Quarter 2024 | April 17, 2024

Overview

This report was created as a surveillance effort to help understand the needs of Defiance County communities concerning senior falls. All falls are classified as Defiance County residents ages 65 years and older.

Emergency Department Visits

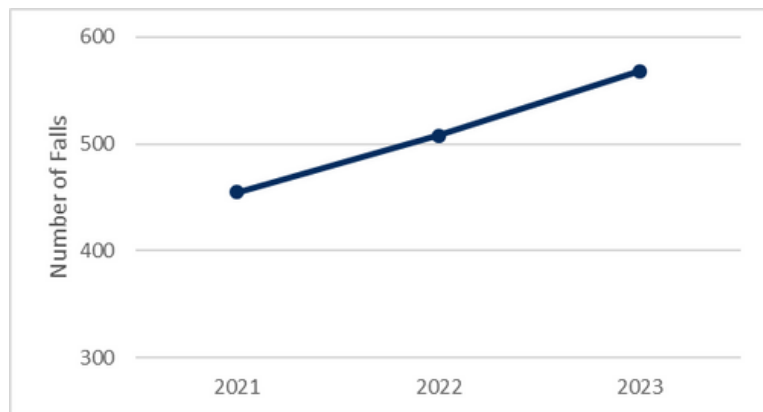
The availability of up-to-date senior fall emergency department data in Ohio and nationwide remains limited for comparison with rates and counts in Defiance County. However, it is evident that the number of emergency department visits due to senior falls continues to increase annually among residents of Defiance County. See figure below.

During the first quarter of 2024, there were 136 fall related emergency department visits in residents 65+. This number is higher than the first quarter ED visits in 2023. (See table 1). Of the 136 falls 51% were females.

Table 1. Senior Fall ED Visits¹

	2023	2024
1st Quarter	105	136
2nd Quarter		
3rd Quarter		
4th Quarter		

Senior Fall ED Visits Continue to Rise per Year



EMS Runs²

In the first quarter of 2024, there were 83 emergency medical service (EMS) responses for falls involving residents aged 65 and older in Defiance County. Out of these, fourteen individuals were not transported to the hospital for further evaluation.

Date Notes: 1. ED visits coded as falls are derived from data in 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 in this report was retrieved on April 4, 2024 and represents data between January 1, 2024 through March 31, 2024. 2. Defiance Fire and Rescue Division.



1st Quarter Summary in Defiance County

136

Senior Fall ED Visit

83

Fall Related EMS Runs

3

Deaths