

Firearm Injuries, All Ages, 2009-2011

Firearm injuries were the leading cause of injury death in Miami-Dade during the years 2009-2011. Between 2009-2011:

- 817 Miami-Dade County residents died as a result of firearm injuries.
- 1,117 residents were hospitalized as a result of firearm injuries.
- 953 residents were treated in the emergency department (ED) as a result of firearm injuries.
- Firearm injuries have declined 1% between 2009-2011.

Injury Severity	2009	2010	2011	Total
Deaths	286	257	274	817
Hospitalizations	361	390	366	1,117
ED Visits	339	278	336	953
Total	986	925	976	2,887

- Homicides and nonfatal assaults accounted for 65% of firearm injuries between 2009-2011.
- Unintentional firearm injuries, nearly all nonfatal, were responsible for 19% of firearm injuries.
- Self-inflicted firearm injuries, nearly all fatal, accounted for 11% of firearm injuries.

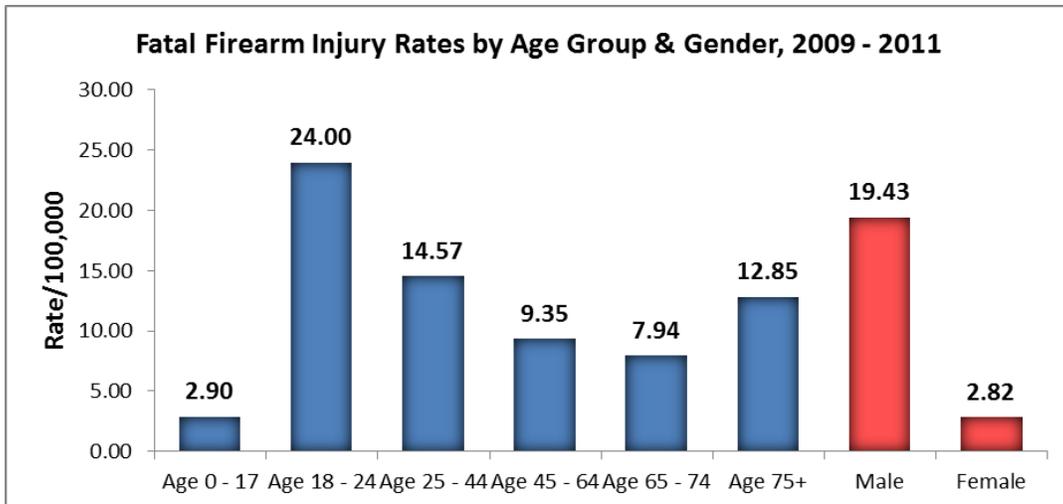
Injury Intent	Fatal	Nonfatal	Percent
Homicide/Assault	515	1,347	65%
Unintentional	10	551	19%
Suicide/Self-Inflicted	292	27	11%
Undetermined/Other	0	145	5%
Total	817	2,070	100%

- During 2011, nonfatal firearm injuries were estimated to cost nearly \$38 million dollars in hospital and ED charges (Table).

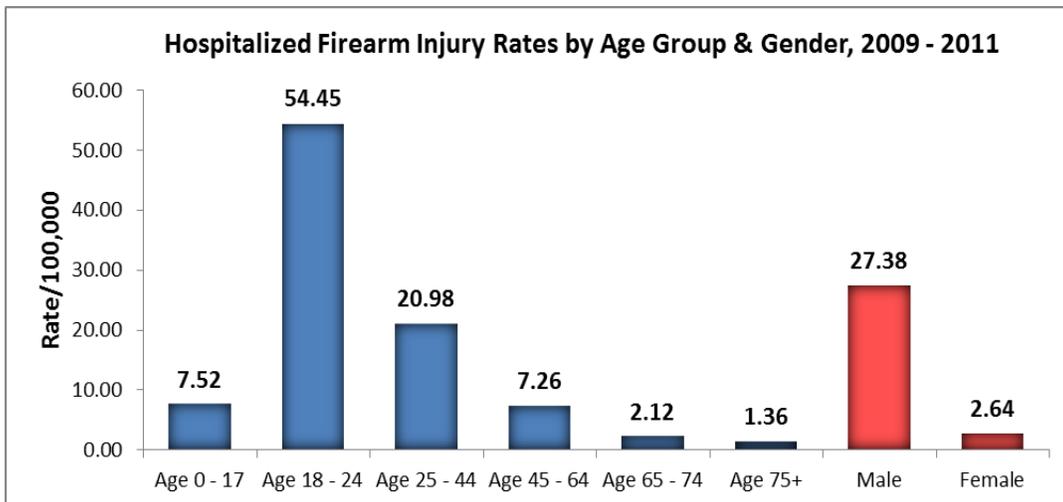
2011 Hospital & ED Charges for Nonfatal Firearm Injuries to Miami-Dade Co. Residents			
	Number	Total Charges	Median Charge
Hospitalizations	366	\$36,054,878	\$98,511
ED Visits	336	\$1,803,173	\$5,367
All Nonfatal Firearm Injuries	702	\$37,858,051	\$53,929

The figures below display fatal and nonfatal firearm injury rates by age and gender.

- The fatal firearm injury rate for young adults aged 18-24 was at least 1.65 times higher than the next highest age group.
- Males were nearly 7 times more likely than females to die from a firearm injury.



- The hospitalized firearm injury rate for young adults aged 18-24 was more than 2 ½ times higher than any other age group.
- Males were over 10 times more likely than females to be hospitalized for firearm injury.



- Like hospitalizations, young adults aged 18-24 had a rate for firearm injuries treated in the ED that was nearly 3 times higher than any other age group.
- Males were approximately 7 times more likely than females to be treated in the ED for firearm injuries.

ED Visit Firearm Injury Rates by Age Group & Gender, 2009 - 2011

