

## Firearm Injuries, Age 0-17 Years, 2009-2011

Firearm injuries were the leading cause of death to children age 0-17 during the years 2009-2011. Between 2009-2011:

- Forty-nine Miami-Dade County children age 0-17 died as a result of firearm injuries.
- 129 children were hospitalized as a result of firearm injuries.
- 118 children were treated in the emergency department (ED) as a result of firearm injuries.
- Firearm injuries increased 6% between 2009 & 2011.

<b>Injury Severity</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>Total</b>
Deaths	16	21	12	49
Hospitalizations	44	40	45	129
ED Visits	38	32	48	118
Total	98	93	105	296

- Homicides and nonfatal assaults accounted for 66% of firearm injuries between 2009-2011.
- Unintentional firearm injuries, nearly all nonfatal, were responsible for 24% of firearm injuries.
- Suicides and nonfatal self-inflicted injuries from firearms were rare events (2%) among children.

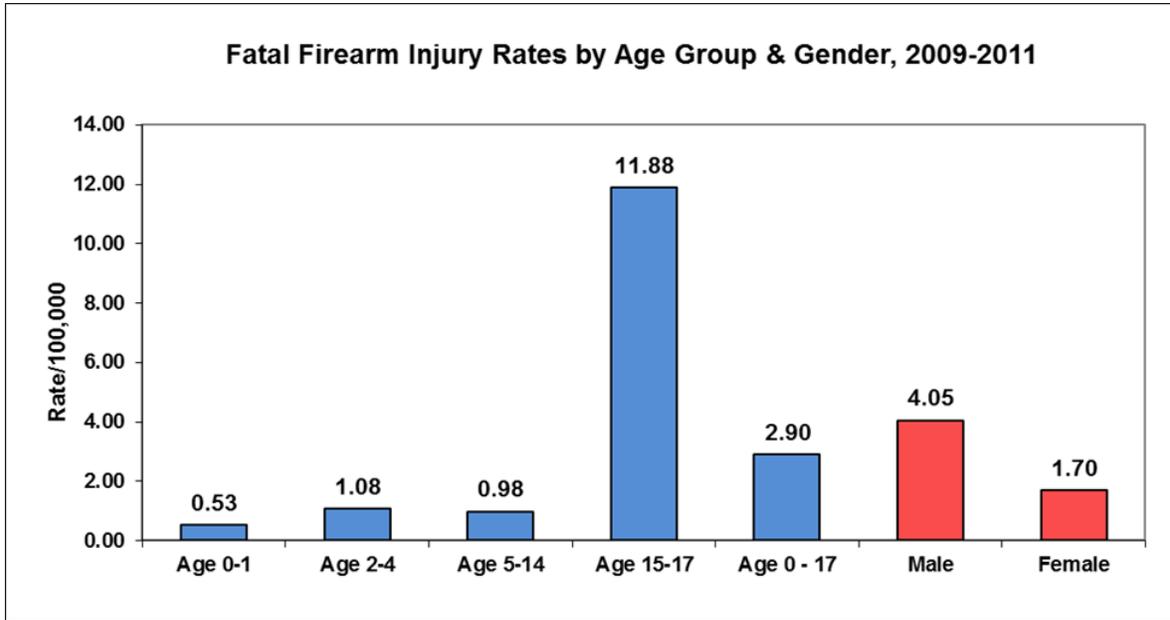
<b>Injury Intent</b>	<b>Fatal</b>	<b>Nonfatal</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Homicide/Assault	39	155	66%
Suicide/Self-Inflicted	6	1	2%
Unintentional	4	68	24%
Total	49	247	100%

- During the year 2011, nonfatal firearm injuries were estimated to cost approximately \$2.6 million dollars in hospital and ED charges (Table).

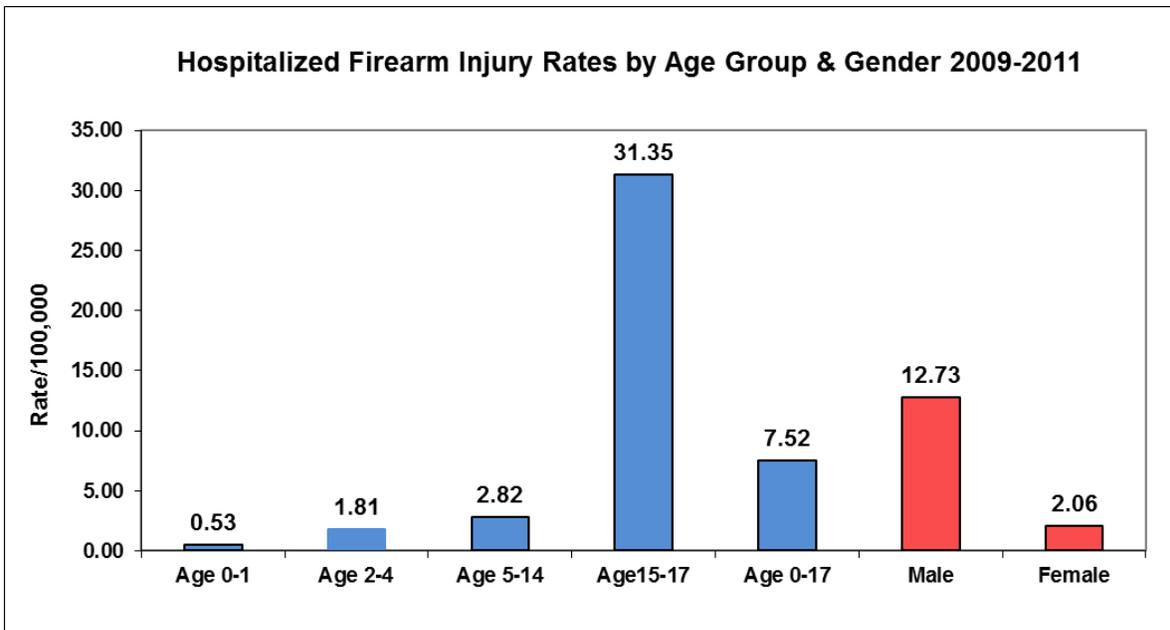
<b>2011 Hospital &amp; ED Charges for Nonfatal Firearm Injuries to Miami-Dade Co. Children Age 0-17</b>			
	<b>Number</b>	<b>Total Charges</b>	<b>Median Charge</b>
Hospitalizations	45	\$2,412,100	\$32,559
ED Visits	42	\$227,864	\$3,671
All Nonfatal Firearm Injuries	87	\$2,639,964	\$10,852

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

- Teens aged 15-17 experienced 71% of all fatal firearm injuries.
- Males were nearly 2.5 times more likely than females to die from a firearm injury.



- Teens aged 15-17 experienced 43% of all nonfatal hospitalized firearm injuries.
- Males were more than 6-times more likely than females to be hospitalized from firearm injury.



- Like hospitalizations, teens aged 15-17 experienced 89% of all nonfatal ED firearm injuries.
- Males were 5 times more likely than females to be treated in the ED for firearm injuries.

