

Firearm Injuries, All Ages, 2007-2009

Firearm injuries were the leading cause of injury death in Miami-Dade during the years 2007-2009. Between 2007-2009:

- 912 Miami-Dade County residents died as a result of firearm injuries.
- 1,114 residents were hospitalized as a result of firearm injuries.
- 1,146 residents were treated in the emergency department (ED) as a result of firearm injuries.
- Firearm injuries have declined 12% between 2007-2009.

Injury Severity	2007	2008	2009	Total
Deaths	318	308	286	912
Hospitalizations	381	372	361	1,114
ED Visits	415	392	339	1,146
Total	1,114	1,072	986	3,172

- Homicides and nonfatal assaults accounted for 65% of firearm injuries between 2007-2009.
- Unintentional firearm injuries, nearly all nonfatal, were responsible for 18% of firearm injuries.
- Suicides/self-inflicted nonfatal firearm injuries, nearly all fatal, accounted for 11% of injuries.

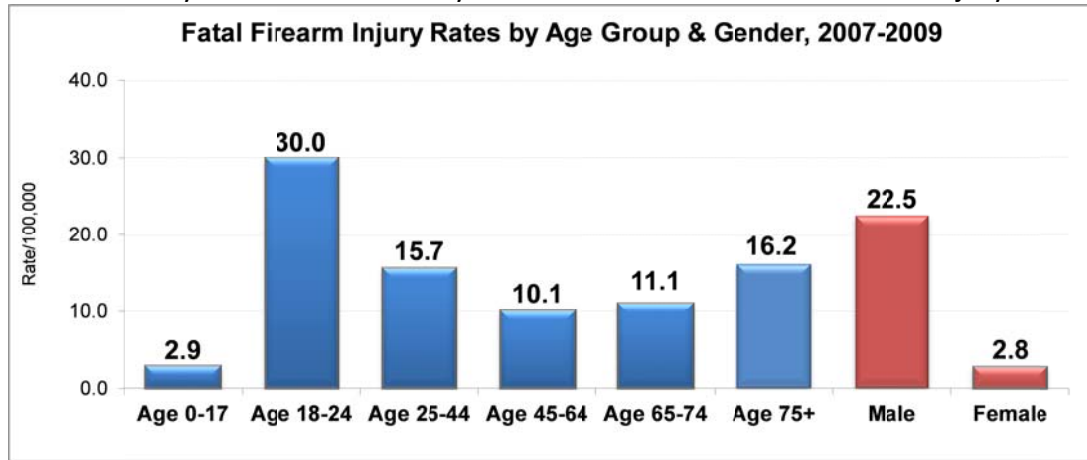
Injury Intent	Fatal	Nonfatal	Percent
Homicide/Assault	567	1,481	65%
Unintentional	5	556	18%
Suicide/Self-Inflicted	340	20	11%
Undetermined/Other	0	203	6%
Total	912	2,260	100%

- During the year 2009, nonfatal firearm injuries were estimated to cost nearly \$40 million dollars in hospital and ED charges (Table).

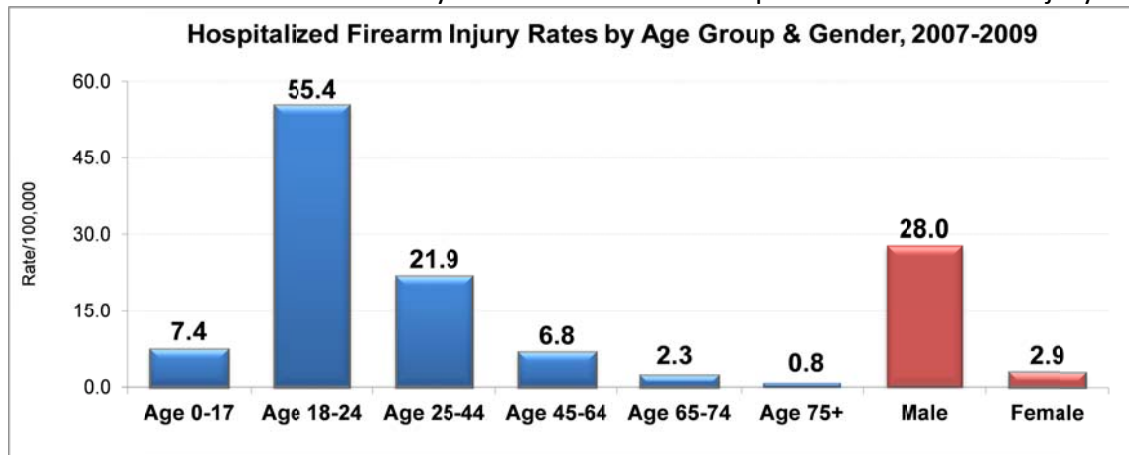
2009 Hospital & ED Charges for Nonfatal Firearm Injuries to Miami-Dade Co. Residents			
	Number	Total Charges	Median Charge
Hospitalizations	361	\$38,029,578	\$44,847
ED Visits	339	\$1,708,543	\$3,471
All Nonfatal Firearm Injuries	700	\$39,738,121	\$12,518

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 nearly 2-times higher than any other age group.
- Males were nearly 10-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-times higher than any other age group.
- Males were over 9-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 more than 3-times higher than any other age group.
- Males were 8-times more likely than females to be treated in the ED for firearm injuries.

