

Pedestrian Injury in Nebraska 2008-2012

Pedestrian deaths accounted for 14% of all traffic fatalities in the U.S. For those 15 and younger this rate could reach 20%. In Nebraska, around 10 pedestrians were killed and more than 2200 were injured in traffic crashes each year.

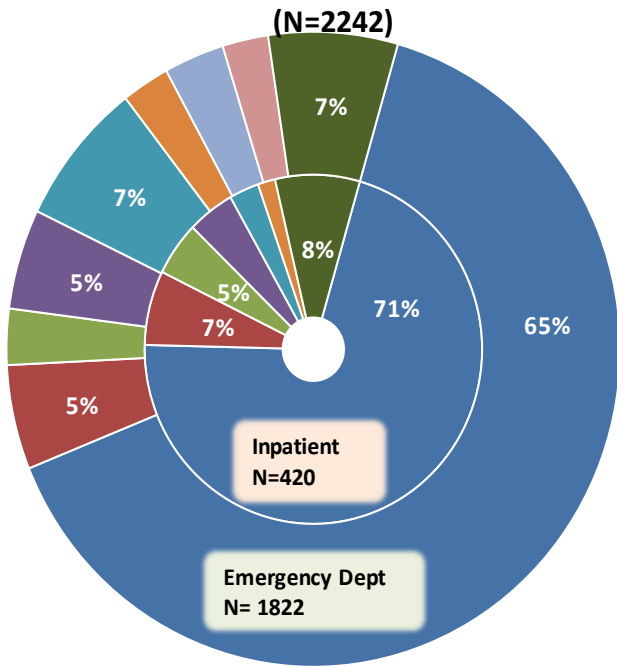


- ◆ Pedestrian deaths increased with age, but people aged 5 to 24 years had the most emergency department (ED) visits.
- ◆ Of all pedestrian injuries, motor vehicle (MV) collisions involving a pedestrian accounted for a majority of inpatient and ED visits. Following that, pedal cycle collisions accounted for 7% of ED visits and MV non-traffic collisions accounted for 7% of inpatient visits.
- ◆ Male pedestrians are at a higher risk of fatality than females.
- ◆ 78% of pedestrian injuries occur on a local road or street, 20% on a highway and interstate; a majority (88%) in urban areas.
- ◆ 34% of the pedestrian injuries happen when moving along the road, including walking, running, cycling, etc.; 14% in entering or crossing specified locations.

(Source: NE CODES)

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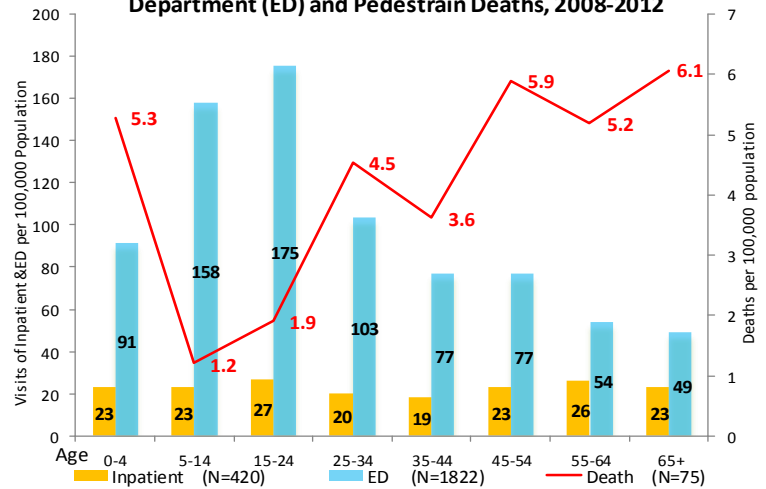
Figure 2: Pedestrians Injury by Cause for Inpatient & Emergency Dept, 2008-2012



- MV collision w/ pedestrian
- MV traffic collision w/ MV
- Pedal cycle accidents
- MV non-traffic collision w/ station obj
- Other
- MV nontraffic accidents
- Non-collision MV traffic accidents
- MV non-traffic collision w/ moving obj
- Off-Road MV nontraffic accidents

Source: NE Death Certification and Hospital Discharge Data

Figure 1: Pedestrian Visits of Inpatient & Emergency Department (ED) and Pedestrian Deaths, 2008-2012



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Safety Reminders

For Pedestrians:

- Walk on a sidewalk or path if available. Otherwise, walk on the shoulder facing traffic.
- Don't be distracted by electronic devices.
- Be cautious and stay alert. Never assume a driver sees you.
- Wear bright clothes during the day. Wear reflective materials and use a flash light at night.
- Stay off of freeways, highways and other pedestrian-prohibited roadways.
- Cross streets at crosswalks or intersections whenever possible. If not, stay in a well-lit area and wait for a traffic gap to cross.
- Avoid using alcohol and drugs while walking.

For Drivers:

- Always stop for pedestrians in crosswalks and stop well back from the crosswalk. Never pass vehicles stopped at a crosswalk.
- Slowdown and be prepared to stop when turning or entering a crosswalk.
- Follow the speed limit, especially around pedestrians and in school zones or neighborhoods.
- Look out for pedestrians everywhere, at all times. Be especially vigilant for pedestrians in hard to see conditions, such as nighttime or in bad weather.

Source: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)