

Focus On... Unintentional Injury

DeSoto County

2023 Leading Causes of Fatal Injury, All Ages¹

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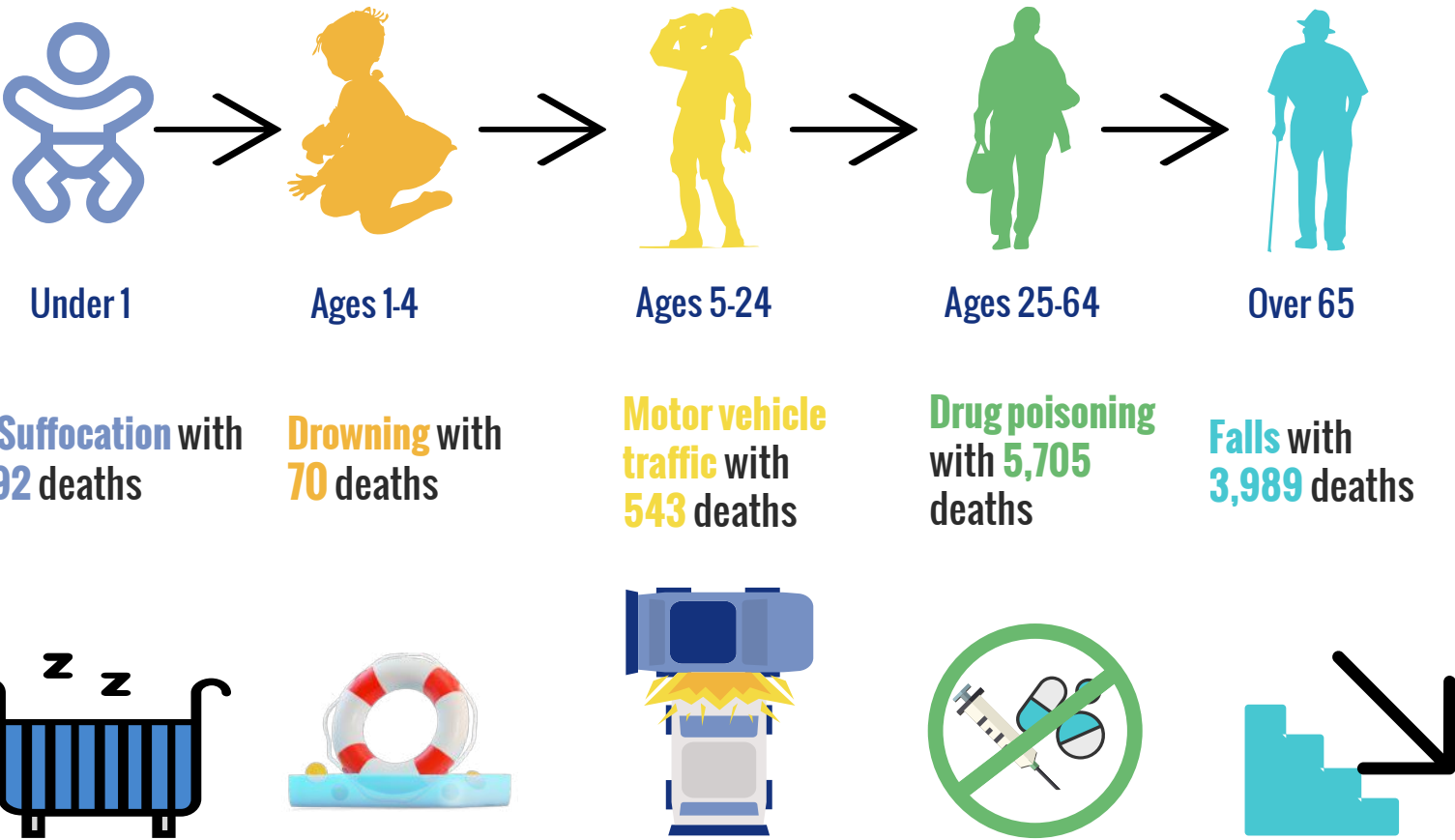


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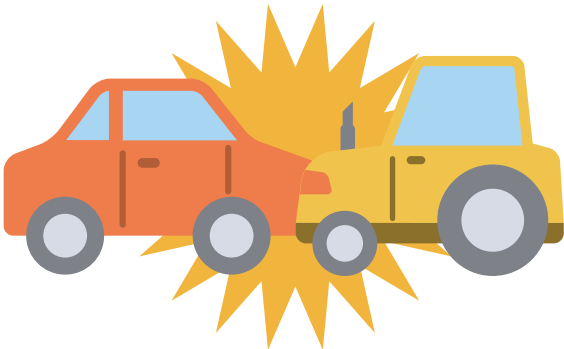
We compared the fatal injury rates of each category between the county and the state. If the data category is in **green** that means the rate is **better** than the Florida average, if it is **red** it is **worse** than the Florida average.

Leading Cause of Fatal Unintentional Injury in Florida Through the Ages, 2023¹



In DeSoto County, the rate of motor vehicle traffic crashes has **increased** from 1,296.3 in 2016-2018 to 1,716.6 per 100,000 in 2021-2023

In 2023, the rate of **alcohol confirmed** motor vehicle traffic crashes was higher than the Florida average (20.1 vs 22.6) in DeSoto County¹



¹ Florida Department of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics

HPC encourages you to think about next steps to improve unintentional injuries in Southwest Florida. You may want to **get involved**, **get informed**, and/or **get more data**.

Get Involved

Safe Kids Southwest Florida

- Safekidsswfl.org
- This coalition implements evidence-based programs, such as car-seat checkups, safety workshops, and sports clinics, that help parents and caregivers prevent childhood injuries.

DeSoto County CHIP

- Desoto.floridahealth.gov
- This group continues to work toward helping the residents of DeSoto County become healthier. The Task Force welcomes community members to join.

Drug Free DeSoto County Coalition

- Drugfreedesoto.com/
- The coalition’s mission is to reduce drug use and abuse among DeSoto County’s youth, and over time, the community as a whole.

Hanley Foundation

- Hanleyfoundation.org
- At Hanley Foundation, we are dedicated to changing the face of addiction through prevention, advocacy, treatment, and recovery support.

Area Agency on Aging for Southwest Florida

- Aaaswfl.org
- AAASWFL is committed to connecting older adults and adults with disabilities to resources and assistance for living safely with independence and dignity.

Florida Department of Elder Affairs

- Elderaffairs.org
- The major focus of DOEA is to provide home and community-based services to seniors who are at risk of being placed into a long-term care facility because of their degree of frailty.

Florida Falls Prevention Coalition

- Ncoa.org/article/florida-state-falls-prevention-coalition
- Falls prevention coalition can bring together organizations and providers that need to collaborate to reduce falls, identify state or community needs, recommend policy changes, and build capacity.

Get Informed

University of Rochester Medical Center

- Urmc.rochester.edu
- This page provides an overview of preventing unintentional injuries.

Healthy People 2030

- Health.gov
- Healthy People identifies public health priorities to help improve health and well-being across the United States.

Florida Department of Health

- Floridahealth.gov
- The Florida Department of Health works to protect, promote, and improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county, and community efforts.

Get Data

- [Leading Causes of Fatal Injury Dashboard](#)
 - Flhealthcharts.gov/charts/OpenPage.aspx?tn=671
- [Fatal Injuries Profile](#)
 - Flhealthcharts.gov/ChartsReports/rdPage.aspx?rdReport=ChartsProfiles.InjuryProfileDASHBOARD
- [Florida Health Charts](#)
 - Flhealthcharts.gov/



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