

# Firearm Safety in Florida

SURVEILLANCE DATA: 2014

## FLORIDA VIOLENCE AND INJURY PREVENTION

Firearms are the fourth leading cause of injury death overall, and the second leading cause of injury death among ages 15-44 and 55-65+.



In 2014, 2,375 residents died from firearm injuries. There were an additional 1,656 hospitalizations for non-fatal injuries.

### Firearm Safety at Home.

Everyone in your home should be educated about firearm safety.



About one third of homes with children ages 18 & under, also have a gun in the home.

If you have guns in your home, you must take extra precautions when children are present.

### Handle Firearms Safely

Use a locking device that renders the firearm inoperable when not in use.

Keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction.

Keep your finger off the trigger until you are ready to shoot.

Know how the firearm operates: read the manual and take firearm courses.

### STORAGE

Store UNLOADED firearms in a locked cabinet, safe, gun vault or storage case.

Always unload, clean & place your firearms in their secure storage location immediately after use.

Store ammunition in a locked location separate from firearms.



### Firearm Deaths & Injury Rates per 100,000

Hospitalizations	
YEAR	RATE
2009	9.4
2010	8.4
2011	8.8
2012	9.0
2013	8.3
2014	8.5

Deaths	
YEAR	RATE
2009	12.4
2010	12.0
2011	12.5
2012	12.9
2013	12.5
2014	12.1



LEARN MORE:

[www.nij.gov/topics/crime/gun-violence/pages/welcome.aspx](http://www.nij.gov/topics/crime/gun-violence/pages/welcome.aspx)

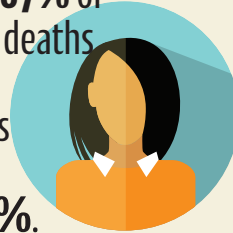
[www.cdc.gov/ViolencePrevention/index.html](http://www.cdc.gov/ViolencePrevention/index.html)

[www.projectchildsafe.org/safety](http://www.projectchildsafe.org/safety)

**Adults, ages 25-34**  
Highest rate of deaths



**Males** accounted for **87%** of firearm injury deaths & non-fatal hospitalizations combined.  
**Females 13%.**



**Who is Injured?**

**Percent of deaths & non-fatal hospitalizations combined by race.**  
Whites, 56%  
Blacks, 39%  
Other/Non-Whites, 4%

Fatal and non-fatal firearm injury hospitalization rates for males was 6.9 and 8 times higher than for females.

In older age groups, firearm fatalities remained high while non-fatal hospitalizations decreased.

	FEMALE	MALE	WHITE	BLACK	OTHER/ NON-WHITE	BOTH SEXES/ ALL RACES
<b>DEATHS</b>	352	2,023	1,730	556	85	2,375
<b>NON-FATAL HOSPITALIZATIONS</b>	178	3,501	2,271	1,555	172	1,656

**Economic Impact.**



**\$69,511.00**

Median admission charge for non-fatal firearm-injury hospitalizations.

**63%**

Hospitalizations paid by patient, the underinsured or Medicaid.

**4 DAYS**

Median length of stay.



**Who Pays?**

**Firearm Injury Hospitalization**



Patient-Paid or Underinsured

**35%**

Medicaid

**28%**

Medicare

**7%**

Commercial Insurance

**17%**

Other Sources

**13%**