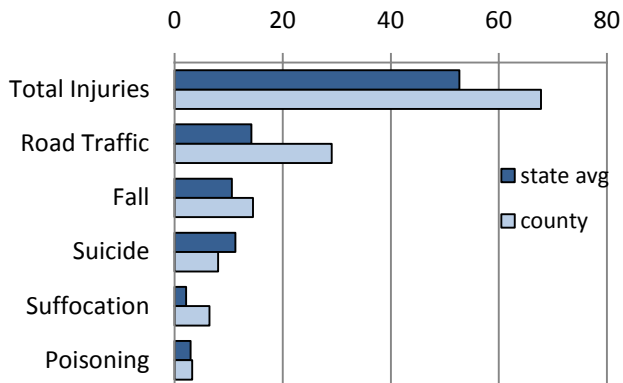
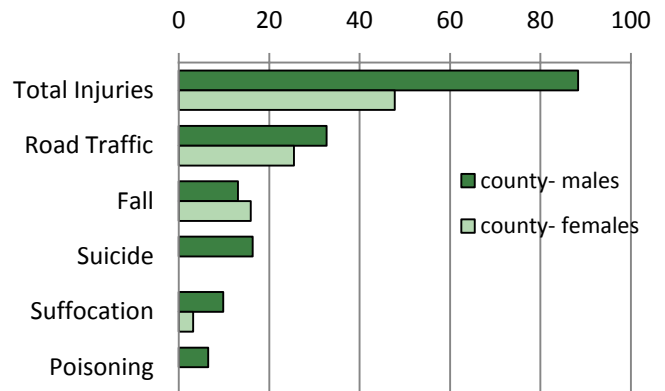


Cherokee County (2006 population = 12,094)

Injury death rate²- all ages (total and 5 leading causes)
County vs. State avg (Avg. rate for 2002-2006 per 100,000)



Injury death rate²- all ages (total and 5 leading causes)
County by gender (Avg. rate for 2002-2006 per 100,000)



County Injury Hospitalization Data

Young Children (0-4 years)

	Male		Female		Total	
	N ¹	Rate ²	N ¹	Rate ²	N ¹	Rate ²
Total Injuries	0	-----	<5	<146	<5	<77
Leading Causes						
Fire/Burn	0	-----	<5	<146	<5	<77

Youth (5-14 years)

	Male		Female		Total	
	N ¹	Rate ²	N ¹	Rate ²	N ¹	Rate ²
Total Injuries	9	223.1	0	-----	9	115.9
Leading Causes						
Road Traffic	<5	<59	0	-----	<5	<33
Other Transport	<5	<59	0	-----	<5	<33
Fall	<5	<35	0	-----	<5	<20
Fire/Burn	<5	<35	0	-----	<5	<20
Cut/Pierce	<5	<35	0	-----	<5	<20

Young Adults (15-24 years)

	Male		Female		Total	
	N ¹	Rate ²	N ¹	Rate ²	N ¹	Rate ²
Total Injuries	15	360.2	6	167.4	21	271.0
Leading Causes						
Road Traffic	<5	<58	<5	<66	<5	<59
Suicide	<5	<58	<5	<66	<5	<59
Struck by/Against	<5	<82	0	-----	<5	<46
Fall	<5	<58	0	-----	<5	<33
Natural/Environmental	<5	<34	<5	<38	<5	<33

Injury Prevention Facts

Injuries are the leading cause of death for Iowans age 1-34

Bicycles and pedestrians

- Young children need supervision in the traffic environment.
- Children should learn bicycle and pedestrian safety from an early age.
- Wearing a helmet can reduce the risk of head injury by as much as 85%.

Motor vehicle traffic

- Motor vehicle (MV) traffic is the leading cause of injury death for Iowans age 1-34 and 55-64.
- While all passengers in a MV should be restrained, Iowa law requires that children through age 10 be restrained.
- Youth must be taught safe driving habits; drivers should always model safe driving habits, especially when riding with youth.

Homicide and assault

- Homicides are a leading cause of death and hospitalization for many age groups in Iowa.
- Firearms are the leading means of homicide in Iowa, followed by cut/pierce.
- Youth and young adults must learn how to resolve problems without violence.
- Mentoring programs can reduce violence.



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County Injury Hospitalization Data

Injury Prevention Facts

Adults (25-44 years)

	Male		Female		Total	
	N ¹	Rate ²	N ¹	Rate ²	N ¹	Rate ²
Total Injuries	29	425.0	13	198.8	42	314.3
Leading Causes						
Road Traffic	5	73.3	<5	<54	8	59.9
Suicide	5	73.3	<5	<54	8	59.9
Other Specified	6	87.9	0	-----	6	44.9
Fall	<5	<37	<5	<38	<5	<35
Overexertion	<5	<37	<5	<38	<5	<35

Suicide and self-harm

- Suicides are a leading cause of death and hospitalization for all Iowa adults.
- Firearms, suffocation, and poisonings are the leading means of suicides in Iowa, and their use varies by age.
- People with mental and substance abuse disorders and/or suicidal thoughts should be encouraged to seek help and be supported by friends and family.

Older Adults (45-64 years)

	Male		Female		Total	
	N ¹	Rate ²	N ¹	Rate ²	N ¹	Rate ²
Total Injuries	27	309.5	21	248.4	48	279.4
Leading Causes						
Fall	14	160.5	9	106.5	23	133.9
Suicide	<5	<18	6	71.0	7	40.8
Road Traffic	<5	<18	<5	<30	<5	<22
Struck by/Against	<5	<41	0	-----	<5	<22
Overexertion	<5	<18	<5	<19	<5	<16

Poisoning

- Poisoning was the 4th leading cause of injury death and 2nd leading cause of injury hospitalization in Iowa from 2002 to 2006.
- To reduce likelihood & severity of poisoning:
- Store all medicines, household products, and personal care products appropriately.
- Post poison control telephone # clearly.

Seniors (65+ years)

	Male		Female		Total	
	N ¹	Rate ²	N ¹	Rate ²	N ¹	Rate ²
Total Injuries	34	638.7	113	1498.5	147	1142.7
Leading Causes						
Fall	26	488.4	84	1113.9	110	855.1
Road Traffic	<5	<65	6	79.6	9	70.0
Overexertion	0	-----	5	66.3	5	38.9
Not Specified	<5	<46	<5	<47	5	38.9
Natural/Environmental	<5	<27	<5	<47	<5	<37

Falls in seniors

- Falls are the leading cause of injury death and hospitalization in Iowa seniors.
- Handrails, grab bars, night lights, non-slip mats or surfaces in tubs and showers, and non-slip pads under throw rugs should be installed in homes to prevent falls.
- Seniors should stay active & maintain a healthy diet to help prevent falls.

¹Total N for 2002-2006.

²Rates are the average yearly rate for 2002-2006, reported per 100,000 population; not age-adjusted.

Technical notes

- For confidentiality purposes, counts of injury events between 1 and 4 are indicated with <5 rather than the actual number.
- "N" values reflect the total number of injuries (in that category) that occurred during the 5-year reporting period (2002-2006).
- Rates are calculated by county residence, not location of injury occurrence or treatment.

