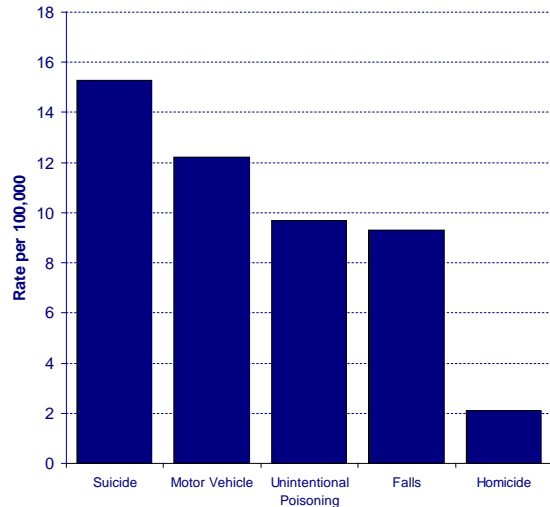
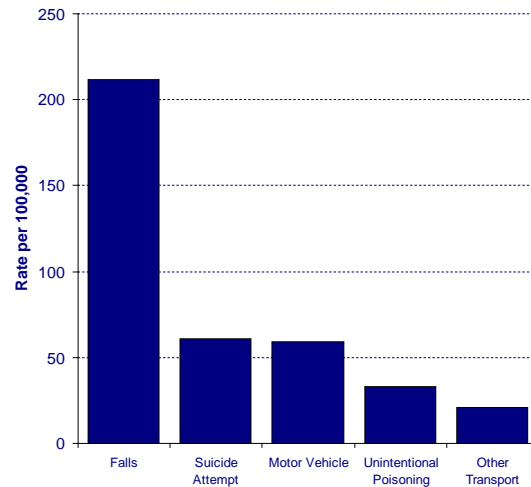


Injury in Oregon

Age-adjusted injury mortality rates,
Oregon, 2007



Age-adjusted injury hospitalization
rates, Oregon, 2007



Injury Mortality

- Injury is the 3rd leading cause of death in Oregon—but the leading cause among people 1-44 years of age.
- In 2007, unintentional injuries caused more than 1,600 deaths among Oregonians; intentional injuries caused 689 deaths.
- The leading causes of injury death are suicide, motor vehicle traffic, unintentional poisoning, unintentional falls, and homicide.
- The rate of unintentional poisoning fatalities—mainly due to drugs and medicines—has increased more in the past decade than any other injury in Oregon. More than half these deaths are associated with prescription drugs.

Injury Hospitalizations

- The leading causes of injury hospitalization are falls, suicide attempts, motor vehicle traffic, unintentional poisoning, and other transport (e.g., off road vehicles, watercraft).
- Each year, over 18,000 Oregonians are hospitalized for injuries.
- Fall injuries alone were associated with over \$550 million in hospitalization charges between 2003 and 2007.

Prevention

- Although injuries are often considered “accidents,” most injuries are preventable.
- The most effective means of reducing the burden of injury focus on prevention at the community level.

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