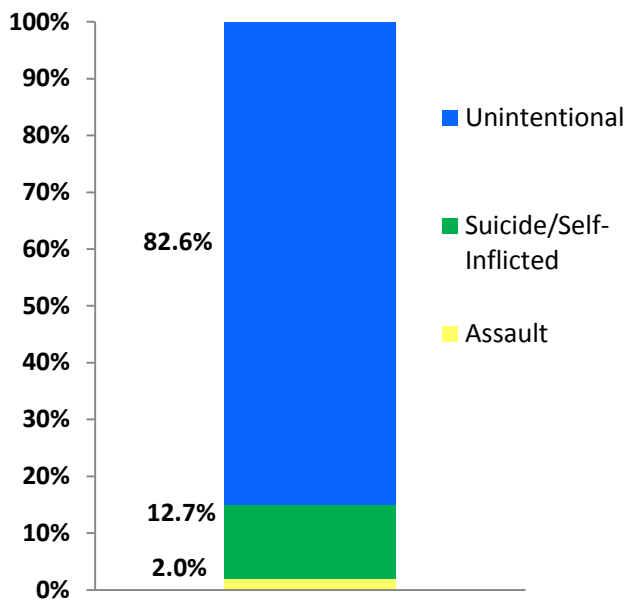


# Injuries Among Older Adults in North Carolina (State Residents, Ages 65+)

## Older Adult Injury-Related Deaths by Intent, (2012)\*



### North Carolina At a Glance:

- **14 %** of state residents were over the age of 65 in North Carolina in 2012.
- 1,689 older adults died of an **injury-related death**.
- **84%** of unintentional fall-related deaths in 2012 occurred in adults over the age of 65.
- **105** older adults died as a result of unintentional **suffocation** in 2012.

\*0.3% of older adults had an undetermined intent or were a victim of a legal intervention

## Leading Causes of Injury Death among Older Adults in North Carolina (2012):



756 older adults died as a result of an unintentional fall.

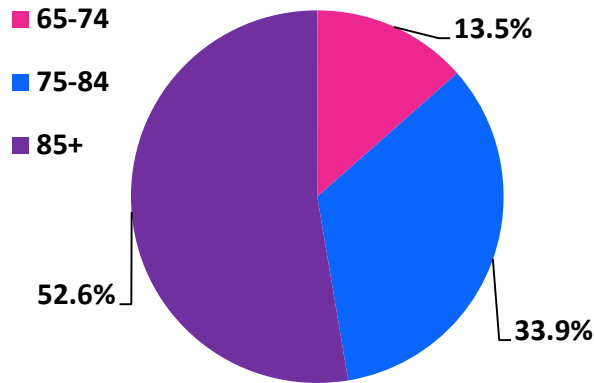


215 older adults died as a result of suicide/self-inflicted injury.



186 older adults died as a result of an unintentional motor vehicle crash or accident.

## Unintentional Fall Deaths Among Adults Ages 65+ (2012)



More than **HALF** of older adults that died as a result of a fall were 85 years or older.

While **16%** went home following hospitalization for a fall in 2011...

**13%** received home health care and **53%** went to a skilled nursing facility.

## Demographics of Older Adult Injuries: Number and Rate of Emergency Department Visits for Adults Ages 65+, State Residents (2012)

Falls- Unintentional      MVT - Unintentional      Struck - Unintentional

	NUMBER	RATE	NUMBER	RATE	NUMBER	RATE
<b>Sex</b>						
Male	16,089	2,776.6	2,388	412.1	2,114	264.9
Female	39,841	5,184.8	3,089	402.0	1,535	275.1
<b>Age</b>						
65-74	17,477	2,234.6	3,401	434.8	1,856	237.3
75-84	20,371	5,019.0	1,520	374.5	1,107	272.7
85+	18,086	11,312.8	562	351.5	686	429.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>55,934</b>	<b>4,149.8</b>	<b>5,483</b>	<b>406.8</b>	<b>3,649</b>	<b>270.7</b>

**61%**

The percentage of injury-related emergency department visits among older adults for **unintentional** injuries.

\*Falls represent unintentional falls. <sup>§</sup>Represent motor vehicle crash  
Crude rate per 100,000 state residents. \* indicates rate could not be calculated.

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