

## Injury & Violence Prevention Program

# Motor Vehicle Traffic Injuries in Los Angeles County

Motor vehicle traffic (MVT) injuries have been decreasing in Los Angeles County, but in 2010 they were still the 3<sup>rd</sup> leading cause of injury death, hospitalization, and ED visits among county residents.

- During 2010 there were:
  - 604 MVT deaths
  - 6,476 non-fatal MVT hospitalizations
  - 57,777 treated-and-released MVT emergency department (ED) visits
- Victims of MVT injuries include occupants, pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorcyclists.
  - Deaths: 33% occupants, 32% pedestrians, 3% bicyclists, 12% motorcyclists
  - Hospitalizations: 53% occupants, 19% pedestrians, 7% bicyclists, 15% motorcyclists
  - ED Visits: 76% occupants, 7% pedestrians, 4% bicyclists, 5% motorcyclists
- MVT deaths and hospitalizations were more common among males, but ED visits were more common among females.
- Blacks had the highest rates of MVT death, hospitalization and ED Visits.
- MVT injury rates for hospitalizations and ED visits were highest among 20-24 year olds. MVT injury death rates were highest among 65+ year olds, but were also high among 20-24 year olds, and in earlier years, death rates for 20-24 year olds were higher than 65+ year olds.

## MVT Injury Prevention Resources

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration – Federal agency responsible for minimizing the impact of motor vehicle crashes, sets vehicle safety standards, conducts research, provides information/data on a wide variety of traffic safety topics. [www.nhtsa.gov](http://www.nhtsa.gov)

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention – The CDC’s website has information on several aspects of motor vehicle safety include both injury statistics and prevention tips. [www.cdc.gov/motorvehiclesafety/index.html](http://www.cdc.gov/motorvehiclesafety/index.html)

National Safety Council – Working to prevent injuries and deaths through leadership, research, education and advocacy. [http://www.nsc.org/products\\_training/Products/MotorVehicleSafety/Pages/Home.aspx](http://www.nsc.org/products_training/Products/MotorVehicleSafety/Pages/Home.aspx)

Children’s Hospital Los Angeles – Injury Prevention Services, Buckle Up for Life Program  
[http://www.chla.org/site/c.ipINKTOAJsG/b.8484973/k.88B7/Injury\\_Prevention\\_Services.htm#buckle](http://www.chla.org/site/c.ipINKTOAJsG/b.8484973/k.88B7/Injury_Prevention_Services.htm#buckle)

Los Angeles Walks - Volunteer organization dedicated to promoting walking and pedestrian infrastructure in Los Angeles, educating Angelenos and local policymakers. <http://www.losangeleswalks.org>

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