

DATA FACTSHEET: Assaults Treated and Released from Emergency Departments (ED), LA County Residents, 2016-2020

Overall

- Over 140,000 Los Angeles County residents were treated in an ED for an assault between 2016 and 2020.
- On average, this is over 76 ED visits every day and more than 500 each week.

Race/ Ethnicity

- ED visit rates were highest among Blacks (775.7 per 100,000) and lowest among Asian/Pacific Islanders* (58.0 per 100,000).
- The ED visit rate among Blacks was 3 times higher than among Latino/Latinx individuals and over 4.5 times higher than Whites.

Sex

• Three out of every five ED visits for assaults were among males.

Age Group

- About 3 out of 5 ED visits for assaults were among people under the age of 35 (n=82,960).
- ED visit rates were highest among 20-24 year olds (591.7 per 100,000).

Service Planning Area (SPA)

• ED visit rates were highest in SPA 6 (569.3 per 100,000) and lowest in SPA 5 (169.8 per 100,000).

Weapon

• Two of of three ED visits for assaults were for injuries from being struck by an object, including being punched, kicked, or hit with a blunt weapon like a club.

Data sources:

Health Care Access and Information, Emergency Department Data for 2016-2020. Population estimates from County of Los Angeles, Internal Services Department, Information Technology Service, Urban Research-GIS Section.

^{*} We recognize that Asians and Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders are separate races. However, until 2019 these populations were reported as a single group by the data provider. In future updates of this table we will be able to report information separately for these populations.