

PINELLAS COUNTY INJURY & VIOLENCE PROFILE

2019

FAST FACTS

801

Total Number of accidental deaths in Pinellas County during 2016.¹

127

Total number of accidental deaths in Pinellas that were motor vehicle-related during 2016.¹

471

Total number of bicycle crashes in Pinellas County during 2015.²

572

Total number of pedestrian crashes in Pinellas County during 2015.²

26

Total number of infant and child accidental deaths in Pinellas during 2016.¹

19

Total number of infant and child accidental deaths due to unsafe sleeping in infants.¹ A safe sleep environment involves having the baby sleep on its back on a firm surface that is free of blankets and pillows.⁴

46

Total number of accidental deaths in Pinellas related to drowning during 2016.¹

INJURY

Injury is defined as physical harm or damage to someone's body. Injury occurs either accidentally (through injuries) or intentionally (through violence).

Combined, these two types of injuries are the 3rd leading cause of death in Pinellas County, behind heart disease and cancer.³

Accidental injuries can include **drowning, falls, poisonings, and motor vehicle crashes.**



Drowning and **unsafe sleeping** are the leading causes of accidental death for young children in Pinellas County.⁴



The Florida Department of Transportation recently adopted a **Complete Streets policy**: an approach to roadway design that aims to accommodate **all modes of travel**. Pinellas will implement this policy, with the hope of making streets **safer for bicyclists and pedestrians** and thereby **reducing injuries**.⁵

FAST FACTS

3,986

Total number of violent crimes committed in Pinellas during 2017.⁶

862

Total number of children (ages 5-11) experiencing child abuse in Pinellas during 2017.⁷

6,228

Total number of domestic violence offense in Pinellas during 2017.⁷

607

Total number of forcible sex offenses in Pinellas during 2017.⁷

VIOLENCE

Intentional injuries can include **homicide, forcible sex offenses, robbery, child abuse, and aggravated assault.**



In 2017, **domestic violence rates** were **significantly higher in Pinellas County than in Florida**: 6,228 cases per 100,000 in Pinellas compared to 857.9 per 100,000 in Florida.⁷

In 2017, **Child abuse rates** for children aged 5-11 were **significantly higher in Pinellas County than in Florida**: 1,402.4 cases per 100,000 in Pinellas compared to 857.9 per 100,000 in Florida.⁷

Why are **injury** and **violence** public health concerns?

The focus of public health is on the safety and well-being of entire populations. Violence and injuries affect *everyone*, regardless of age, race, or economic status. In the first half of life, more Americans die from violence and injuries — such as motor vehicle crashes, falls, or homicides — than from any other cause, including cancer, HIV, or the flu. Injury and violence also erodes communities by reducing productivity, decreasing property values, and disrupting social services.⁸

If you or someone you know is a victim of abuse or violence, there are many resources available in the Tampa Bay area. These include:

Community Action Stops Abuse (CASA) - 24/7 hotline (727) 895-4912

The Haven of RCS (727) 442-4128

FL Domestic Violence Hotline (800) 500-1119

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