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## PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report aims to provide a picture of trauma occurrences within the state of Nevada based on data submitted by hospitals to the Nevada Trauma Registry (NTR). This report presents data in a usable format for local health authorities, healthcare providers, the media, and the public. Nevada regulations require the Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) to prepare an Annual Trauma Report in accordance with [Nevada Administrative Code \(NAC\) 450B.768](#). This annual report's data is based on the calendar year and summarizes data submitted by Nevada hospitals regarding reported traumas handled by each facility.

It should be noted that the data depicted in this report reflects only data entered and reported to the NTR. Therefore, if a facility fails to report trauma data to the registry, it is not reflected in this report.

The information included in this report is accurate to the best knowledge of all reporting facilities and the State of Nevada Trauma Registry.

## INTRODUCTION

### What is the Nevada Trauma Registry (NTR)?

Per Nevada Revised Statutes [\(NRS\) 450B.238](#) and Nevada Administrative Code [\(NAC\) 450B.768](#) the NTR was established in 1987 to collect data on persons who sustain a physical (blunt or penetrating) injury caused by an accident or violence. The NTR data is collected from all licensed acute care hospitals and trauma centers in Nevada.

The NTR currently collects required data points from the National Trauma Data Bank (NTDB) established by the *American College of Surgeons* and data points identified in [NAC 450B.766](#) and [NAC 450B.768](#). Included (but not limited to) are data on the event causing the injury, severity of the injury, place of the injury, length of hospital stays, diagnosis(es) of the patient, discharge destination of the patient, and payer source.

Information on the frequency, occurrence, morbidity, and mortality of injuries reported in Nevada is available from the NTR. Data can be filtered by county, hospital, race, or age range. To measure the effects of trauma in Nevada and launch health education initiatives, grant applicants can use this data, which is available to state, private, or federal entities. Additionally, the Local Health Authorities are given access to data for data analysis, surveillance, and improving outcomes for public health.

The 2024 Annual Trauma Report is based upon data submitted to the NTR by Nevada's five designated trauma centers and 49 non-trauma center hospitals, for a total of 54 facilities that operated during calendar year 2024. To comply with [NAC 450B.768](#), a hospital must enter all trauma records into the NTR or notify the State NTR Manager that no records meet the criteria to be submitted by the quarterly due date.

The percentage of facilities that comply with submitting data to the NTR each year is summarized in the table below.

| YEAR | % of Non-Trauma Centers Compliant | % of Trauma Centers Compliant |
|------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 2019 | 89%                               | 75%                           |
| 2020 | 88%                               | 94%                           |
| 2021 | 88%                               | 100%                          |
| 2022 | 94%                               | 100%                          |
| 2023 | 99%                               | 100%                          |
| 2024 | 99%                               | 100%                          |

In 2024, all trauma centers provided the NTR with the required information. There were two noncompliance incidents involving facilities that are not designated trauma centers in the past year.

To ensure that the NTR software is used correctly, and that the data is of the highest quality and accuracy, regular training is conducted for hospital personnel. In addition, hospital personnel have open access to the NTR help desk for questions or concerns. It is the state's NTR staff's priority to continue training hospital staff to increase accuracy.

**Preparation → Analysis (Mapping) → Development (Conversion) → Testing → Deployment**

It is not recommended to compare year-over-year data due to multiple reporting changes over the years. These changes include transitions to modified ICD codes, the addition or removal of facilities, and the submission of trauma data during a global pandemic that affected the overall prevalence of trauma.

Throughout the state, collaborations have continued with trauma personnel in a variety of disciplines. To date, these efforts have included:

- Participating in local healthcare coalitions.
- Quarterly NTR user group meetings.
- Hosting quarterly conference calls with trauma center staff.
- Meeting hospital staff who enter NTR data in person, if possible.

Educating hospitals about trauma data requirements, creating relationships across the state, and communicating regularly have all contributed to improving hospital data entry compliance. The data from hospitals is both of higher quality and reliability enhancing the overall understanding of trauma in the state.

### Nevada Trauma Registry Background

The definition of a traumatic incident and the requirements for trauma reporting are outlined in the Nevada Revised Statutes and Nevada Administrative Code.

### NEVADA REVISED STATUTE (NRS)

[NRS 450B.105](#) "Trauma" defined. "Trauma" means any acute injury which, per standardized criteria for triage in the field, involves a significant risk of death or the precipitation of complications or disabilities.

[NRS 450B.238](#). Regulations requiring a hospital to record and maintain information. The State Board of Health shall adopt regulations which require each hospital to record and maintain information concerning the treatment of trauma in the hospital. The Board shall consider the guidelines adopted by the American College of Surgeons, which concern the information which must be recorded.

## NEVADA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE (NAC)

The NAC regarding trauma treatment in Nevada and the corresponding Trauma Registry reporting requirements, guidelines, and procedures can be found at [NAC 450B.760](#) through [NAC 450B.774](#), inclusive.

To summarize, the regulations require that the Public and Behavioral Health Division develop a standardized system for collecting trauma treatment information. It is necessary to maintain records regarding treatment both before and after admission to a hospital. This requirement is fulfilled by the Nevada Trauma Registry (NTR).

Each hospital must submit quarterly trauma data to the Division, which meets the criteria prescribed by the Division and contains the minimum data set required by the National Trauma Data Bank (NTDB) established by the American College of Surgeons, as well as any other information required by the Division or State Board.

Data submitted by hospitals on trauma patients shall be compiled into an annual report by the Division for the preceding calendar year.

## METHODOLOGY

The NTR is a depository of trauma incident data from across the state. All hospitals within Nevada are required to submit data quarterly to the NTR. Each year the data within the NTR will be statistically analyzed to evaluate incident traumas in Nevada. It should be noted that the data presented in this report is a reflection based solely on data points recorded within the NTR. It does not include patient history or examination. This evaluation is presented in the Annual Trauma Report, prepared by the state, per [NAC 450B.768](#).

A series of criteria identified by the American College of Surgeons must be met to be classified as a trauma. For an incident to be classified as a trauma, the patient must have:

- At least one diagnosis code for injury:
  - ICD-10 code from the following ranges: S00 -S99 (7th Character Modifier A, B, or C), T07, T14, T20-T28 (7th Character modifier A), T30-32, and T79.A1-T79.A9 (7th character modifier A) and the patient must have either:
- At least one of the following criteria:
  - The patient was hospitalized for at least 24 hours due to injuries, or
  - The injury resulted in death; or
  - The patient was transferred between hospitals using a ground or air ambulance.

In 2024, the NTR captured 18,870 trauma cases. This report includes cases for patients with an Emergency Department/Hospital Arrival Date between January 1, 2024, and December 31, 2024. All data were analyzed using Statistical Analysis System (SAS) Version 9.4 (SAS Institute, Cary, NC).

## RESULTS

From January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2024, a total of 18,870 traumas were recorded in the NTR from the 54 facilities in Nevada. The following pages include data analysis on trauma cases, risk factors, demographics, injury characteristics, injury location and mechanism, patient discharge and transfer, patient transport, safety equipment, and fall data breakdown.

## TRAUMA CENTER LEVELS

Outlined below are standard criteria for Trauma Centers verified by the ACS and designated by states and municipalities. Facilities are set/confirmed as adult and/or Pediatric Trauma Centers. It is not uncommon for facilities to have different designations for each group (i.e., a Trauma Center may be a Level I Adult facility and a Level II Pediatric Facility).

### Level I

A Level I Trauma Center is a comprehensive regional resource, a tertiary care facility central to the trauma system. A Level I Trauma Center can provide total care for every aspect of injury – from prevention to rehabilitation.

Elements of Level I Trauma Centers Include:

- 24-hour in-house coverage by general surgeons and prompt availability of care in specialties such as orthopedic surgery, neurosurgery, anesthesiology, emergency medicine, radiology, internal medicine, plastic surgery, oral and maxillofacial, pediatric, and critical care.
- Referral resources for communities in nearby regions.
- Provides leadership in the prevention and public education to surrounding communities.
- Provides continuing education to the trauma team members.
- Incorporates a comprehensive quality assessment program.
- Operates an organized teaching and research effort to help direct innovations in trauma care.
- Program for substance abuse screening and patient intervention.
- Meets minimum requirement for annual volume of severely injured patients.

### Level II

A Level II Trauma Center can initiate definitive care for all injured patients.

Elements of Level II Trauma Centers Include:

- 24-hour immediate coverage by general surgeons and by the specialties of orthopedic surgery, neurosurgery, anesthesiology, emergency medicine, radiology, and critical care.
- Tertiary care needs such as cardiac surgery, hemodialysis, and microvascular surgery may be referred to as a Level I Trauma Center.
- Provides trauma prevention and continuing education programs for staff.
- Incorporates a comprehensive quality assessment program.



### Level III

A Level III Trauma Center has demonstrated an ability to provide prompt assessment, resuscitation, surgery, intensive care, and stabilization of injured patients and emergency operations.

Elements of Level III Trauma Centers Include:

- 24-hour immediate coverage by emergency medicine physicians and prompt availability of general surgeons and anesthesiologists.
- Incorporates a comprehensive quality assessment program.
- Has developed transfer agreements for patients requiring more comprehensive care at a Level I or Level II Trauma Center.
- Provides backup care for rural and community hospitals.
- Offers continued education of the nursing and allied health personnel or the trauma team.
- Involved with prevention efforts and must have an active outreach program for its referring communities.

### Level IV

A Level IV Trauma Center has demonstrated the ability to provide advanced trauma life support (ATLS) before transferring patients to a higher-level trauma center. In addition, it provides evaluation, stabilization, and diagnostic capabilities for injured patients.

Elements of Level IV Trauma Centers Include:

- Basic emergency department facilities to implement ATLS protocols and 24-hour laboratory coverage. Available trauma nurse(s) and physicians are available upon patient arrival.
- May provide surgery and critical-care services if available.
- Has developed transfer agreements for patients requiring more comprehensive care at a Level I or Level II Trauma Center.
- Incorporates a comprehensive quality assessment program.
- Involved with prevention efforts and must have an active outreach program for its referring communities.

### Level V

A Level V Trauma Center provides initial evaluation, stabilization, and diagnostic *capabilities* and prepares patients for transfer to higher levels of care.

Elements of Level V Trauma Centers Include:

- Basic emergency department facilities to implement ATLS protocols.
- Available trauma nurse(s) and physicians are available upon patient arrival.
- After-hours activation protocols if the facility is not open 24 hours a day.
- May provide surgery and critical-care services if available.
- Has developed transfer agreements for patients requiring more comprehensive care at Level I through III Trauma Centers.

## TECHNICAL NOTES

There are three ways in which the Nevada Trauma Registry presents traumas. Each category found in the report is explained below.

- Total Trauma Cases include all cases reported to the Nevada Trauma Registry, including transfers between facilities. Therefore, if a trauma patient is presented initially to one facility and is transferred to another facility, that case is represented twice.
- Unique Trauma Cases are calculated by matching trauma records based on birth date, injury date, patient zip code, and discharge/arrival date. Unique trauma cases include only the first presentation to a facility and not transfers between facilities, except in Tables 3, 8, 10, 15, 16, 17, and Figure 11, where traumas are assigned to the last transfer facility. This logic to include the previous transfer facility was used to account for the following situations:
  - When considering traumas that resulted in deaths, it is important to analyze based on the facility at the time of death. Therefore, throughout this report, when a table lists Mortality Proportion and 18,870 in Unique Traumas, the table is based upon the last facility.
  - There were some instances where the mechanism of injury differed between the facility of the first presentation and the facility at the time of death. In this case, the mechanism was assigned based on the facility at the time of death.
    - Please note that the state of Nevada does not attempt to change/correct patient records at the first facility if it does not match information at the last facility.
- Patient Transfer Trauma Cases are determined by the following question reported by the facilities, “if transferred, to which facility?” This question is self-reported by hospital staff and does not always align with the results of the Division’s match to calculate unique trauma cases.

## TRAUMA CASES BY FACILITY

Out of all facilities listed in Table 1, the designated trauma centers had the highest number of trauma cases treated. There were five designated trauma centers in the State of Nevada during 2024.

**Table 1: Trauma Cases by Facility, 2024 (includes Nevada Residents and Non-Residents)**

| County       | Facility                                  | Unique Traumas Trauma Patients^ |      | Total Trauma Cases* |      |
|--------------|---|---------------------------------|------|---------------------|------|
| Clark County | Boulder City Hospital                     | 45                              | 0.2% | 47                  | 0.2% |
|              | Centennial Hills Hospital Medical Center  | 466                             | 2.5% | 480                 | 2.5% |
|              | ER at Cadence                             | 10                              | 0.1% | 10                  | 0.1% |
|              | ER at Damonte Ranch                       | 6                               | 0.0% | 6                   | 0.0% |
|              | ER at Desert Springs                      | 30                              | 0.2% | 30                  | 0.2% |
|              | ER at Desert's Edge                       | 4                               | 0.0% | 4                   | 0.0% |
|              | ER at North Las Vegas                     | 8                               | 0.0% | 8                   | 0.0% |
|              | ER at Valley Vista                        | 57                              | 0.3% | 57                  | 0.3% |
|              | ER at West Craig                          | 34                              | 0.2% | 34                  | 0.2% |
|              | Elite Medical Center                      | 6                               | 0.0% | 6                   | 0.0% |
|              | Henderson Hospital                        | 448                             | 2.4% | 453                 | 2.3% |
|              | Henderson ER at Green Valley Ranch        | 19                              | 0.1% | 22                  | 0.1% |
|              | Mesa View Regional Hospital               | 59                              | 0.3% | 61                  | 0.3% |
|              | *Mike O'Callaghan Federal Medical Center  | 117                             | 0.6% | 118                 | 0.6% |
|              | Mountain View Hospital                    | 799                             | 4.2% | 806                 | 4.2% |
|              | Mountain View ER at Aliante               | 23                              | 0.1% | 28                  | 0.1% |
|              | Mountain View ER at Skye Canyon           | 11                              | 0.1% | 11                  | 0.1% |
|              | North Vista Hospital                      | 155                             | 0.8% | 156                 | 0.8% |
|              | Southern Hills ER at South Las Vegas Blvd | 23                              | 0.1% | 27                  | 0.1% |
|              | Southern Hills ER at the Lakes            | 27                              | 0.1% | 36                  | 0.2% |
|              | Southern Hills Hospital Medical Center    | 466                             | 2.5% | 472                 | 2.4% |
|              | Spring Valley - ER at Blue Diamond        | 52                              | 0.3% | 52                  | 0.3% |
|              | Spring Valley Hospital Medical Center     | 711                             | 3.8% | 727                 | 3.8% |
|              | St Rose Dominican Hosp Blue Diamond       | 48                              | 0.3% | 49                  | 0.3% |
|              | St Rose Dominican Hosp De Lima            | 92                              | 0.5% | 104                 | 0.5% |
|              | St Rose Dominican Hosp North Las Vegas    | 100                             | 0.5% | 101                 | 0.5% |
|              | St Rose Dominican Hosp San Martin         | 174                             | 0.9% | 182                 | 0.9% |
|              | *St Rose Dominican Hosp Siena             | 1,406                           | 7.5% | 1,422               | 7.3% |
|              | St Rose Dominican Hosp West Flamingo      | 26                              | 0.1% | 26                  | 0.1% |
|              | St Rose Dominican Hosp West Sahara        | 49                              | 0.3% | 51                  | 0.3% |
|              | Summerlin Hospital Medical Center         | 630                             | 3.3% | 640                 | 3.3% |

|                           |  |               |               |               |               |
|---------------------------|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
|                           | *Sunrise Hospital Medical Center           | 4,042         | 21.4%         | 4,221         | 21.8%         |
|                           | *University Medical Center                 | 3,748         | 19.9%         | 3,830         | 19.8%         |
|                           | Valley Hospital Medical Center             | 22            | 0.1%          | 22            | 0.1%          |
| <b>Washoe County</b>      | Incline Village Community Hospital         | 7             | 0.0%          | 8             | 0.0%          |
|                           | Northern Nevada Medical Center             | 178           | 0.9%          | 179           | 0.9%          |
|                           | N. NV Medical Center ER at McCarran        | 44            | 0.2%          | 44            | 0.2%          |
|                           | N. NV Medical Center ER at Spanish Springs | 52            | 0.3%          | 58            | 0.3%          |
|                           | Sierra Medical Center                      | 177           | 0.9%          | 177           | 0.9%          |
|                           | *Renown Regional Medical Center            | 2,576         | 13.7%         | 2,600         | 13.4%         |
|                           | Renown South Meadows Medical Center        | 171           | 0.9%          | 175           | 0.9%          |
|                           | St. Mary's Regional Medical Center         | 438           | 2.3%          | 442           | 2.3%          |
| <b>All Other Counties</b> | Banner Churchill Community Hospital        | 47            | 0.2%          | 55            | 0.3%          |
|                           | Battle Mountain General Hospital           | 19            | 0.1%          | 20            | 0.1%          |
|                           | Carson Tahoe Regional Medical Center       | 449           | 2.4%          | 457           | 2.4%          |
|                           | Carson Valley Health                       | 168           | 0.9%          | 176           | 0.9%          |
|                           | Desert View Hospital                       | 266           | 1.4%          | 281           | 1.5%          |
|                           | Grover C. Dils Medical Center              | 21            | 0.1%          | 21            | 0.1%          |
|                           | Humboldt General Hospital                  | 46            | 0.2%          | 50            | 0.3%          |
|                           | Mt. Grant General Hospital                 | 48            | 0.3%          | 49            | 0.3%          |
|                           | Northeastern Nevada Regional Hospital      | 59            | 0.3%          | 61            | 0.3%          |
|                           | Pershing General Hospital                  | 20            | 0.1%          | 20            | 0.1%          |
|                           | South Lyon Medical Center                  | 67            | 0.4%          | 68            | 0.4%          |
|                           | Williams Bee Ririe Hospital                | 104           | 0.6%          | 107           | 0.6%          |
| <b>Nevada (Total)</b>     | * = Trauma Center                          | <b>18,870</b> | <b>100.0%</b> | <b>19,347</b> | <b>100.0%</b> |

\*Unique trauma patients are calculated by matching transferred patient based on birthdate, injury date, patient zip code, and discharge/arrival date and only counted once by the facility where they first presented with the trauma (excepted when mortality data is analyzed), which is represented as Unique Trauma.

\* Total trauma cases are all cases reported to the Nevada Trauma Registry, for 2024.

**Table 2: Trauma Incidence and Mortality Ratio for Levels 1-3 by Trauma Center Designation**

| Trauma Center designation | Count         | Column Percent | Deaths     | Mortality Proportion (Row Percent) |
|---------------------------|---------------|----------------|------------|------------------------------------|
| Trauma Center Level 1     | 3,826         | 32.1%          | 182        | 4.8%                               |
| Trauma Center Level 2     | 6,745         | 56.5%          | 246        | 3.6%                               |
| Trauma Center Level 3     | 1,359         | 11.4%          | 20         | 1.5%                               |
| <b>Total</b>              | <b>11,930</b> | <b>100.0%</b>  | <b>448</b> | <b>3.8%</b>                        |

\*There were 15 unknown discharge status (dead/alive) cases.

## DEMOGRAPHICS

Of 18,870 unique traumas recorded in the NTR between January 1, 2024, and December 31, 2024, 55.1% of all trauma cases among males, and 44.8% were in females. (Table 3)

**Table 3: Nevada Trauma Cases by Sex (Unique Traumas)**

| Sex              | Count         | Percent     | Rate per 100,000 (95% CI)  |
|------------------|---------------|-------------|----------------------------|
| Male             | 10,401        | 55.1%       | 626.2 (614.2-638.2)        |
| Female           | 8,463         | 44.8%       | 506.1 (495.4-516.9)        |
| Other            | 1             | 0.0%        | -                          |
| Sex Not Reported | 5             | 0.0%        | -                          |
| <b>Total</b>     | <b>18,870</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>566.2 (558.1-574.2)</b> |

**Table 4: Nevada Trauma Cases by Race/Ethnicity (Unique Traumas)**

| Race/Ethnicity                  | Count         | Percent       | Rate per 100,000 (95% CI)  |
|---------------------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------------------|
| White                           | 11,541        | 61.2%         | 724.1 (710.9-737.3)        |
| Black                           | 1,756         | 9.3%          | 564.6 (538.2-591.0)        |
| American Indian, Alaskan Native | 117           | 0.6%          | 329.8 (270.1-389.6)        |
| Asian                           | 944           | 5.0%          | 272.7 (255.3-290.1)        |
| Hispanic                        | 2,533         | 13.4%         | 242.0 (232.6-251.5)        |
| Other                           | 996           | 5.3%          | . (-.)                     |
| Unknown                         | 983           | 5.2%          | . (-.)                     |
| <b>Total</b>                    | <b>18,870</b> | <b>100.0%</b> | <b>566.2 (558.1-574.2)</b> |

White individuals experienced a significantly higher count of trauma cases reported than any other racial or ethnic group in the state. This trend may be attributed to the higher concentration of individuals identifying as White within the state's population, which resulted in a greater overall number of trauma incidents reported for this group.

**Figure 1: Percentage of Unique Trauma Cases by Race/Ethnicity**

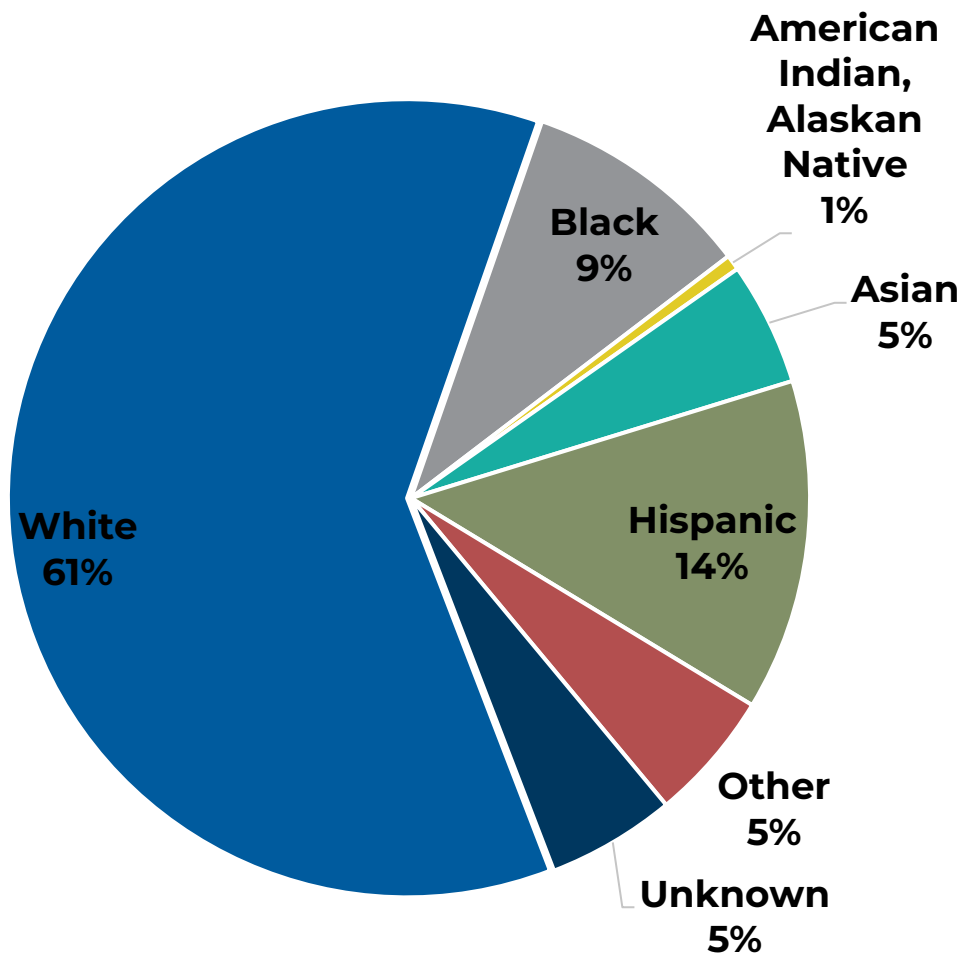


Figure 1 shows the frequencies and percentages among the racial/ethnic of trauma injuries in the Nevada in 2024.

**Table 5: Age-Specific Trauma Cases by Race/Ethnicity (Unique Traumas)**

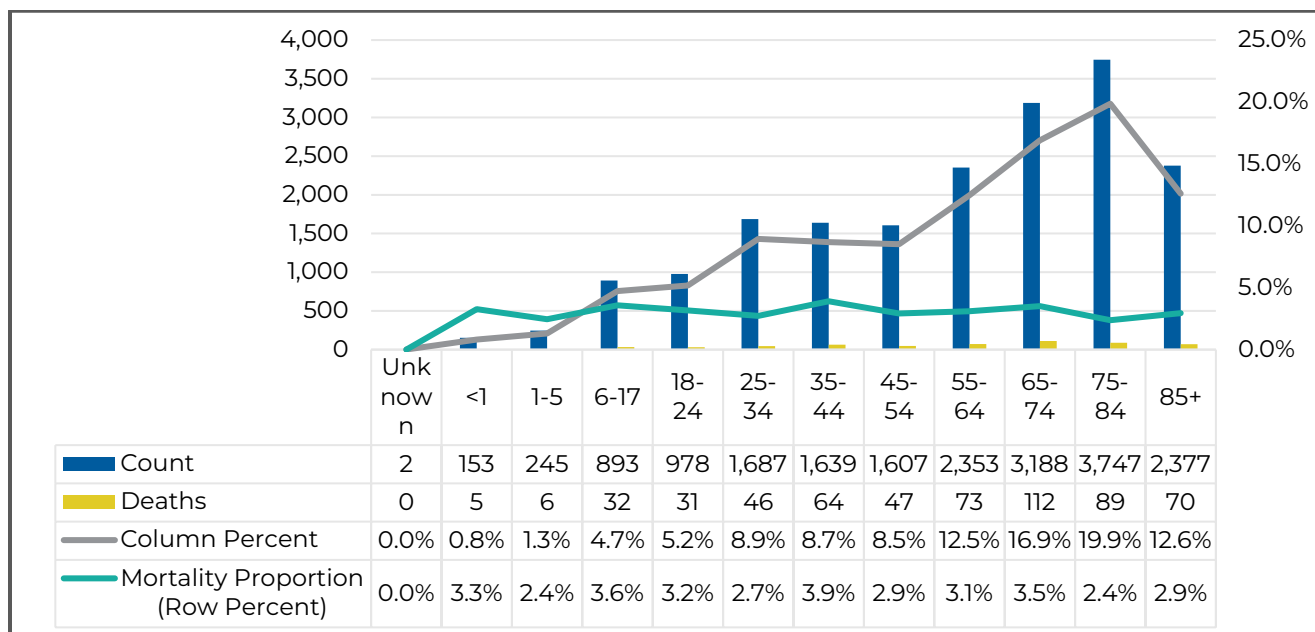
| Age Groups   | White         | Black        | American Indian, Alaskan Native | Asian      | Hispanic     | Other      | Unknown    | Total         |
|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------------------------|------------|--------------|------------|------------|---------------|
| <1           | 51            | 21           | 1                               | 10         | 45           | 16         | 9          | 153           |
| 1-5          | 99            | 43           | 2                               | 16         | 51           | 21         | 13         | 245           |
| 6-17         | 368           | 108          | 7                               | 42         | 228          | 70         | 70         | 893           |
| 18-24        | 308           | 171          | 9                               | 38         | 266          | 86         | 100        | 978           |
| 25-34        | 627           | 315          | 12                              | 51         | 386          | 136        | 160        | 1,687         |
| 35-44        | 676           | 276          | 11                              | 49         | 373          | 121        | 133        | 1,639         |
| 45-54        | 853           | 190          | 10                              | 61         | 294          | 86         | 113        | 1,607         |
| 55-64        | 1,562         | 197          | 19                              | 99         | 240          | 124        | 112        | 2,353         |
| 65-74        | 2,309         | 191          | 21                              | 159        | 254          | 142        | 112        | 3,188         |
| 75-84        | 2,890         | 151          | 19                              | 233        | 232          | 121        | 102        | 3,748         |
| 85+          | 1,797         | 93           | 6                               | 186        | 164          | 73         | 58         | 2,377         |
| Unknown      | 1             | 0            | 0                               | 0          | 0            | 0          | 1          | 2             |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>11,541</b> | <b>1,756</b> | <b>117</b>                      | <b>944</b> | <b>2,533</b> | <b>996</b> | <b>983</b> | <b>18,870</b> |

**Table 6: Age-Specific Trauma Cases and Mortality Proportion (Unique Traumas)**

| Age Groups   | Count         | Percentage of Cases | Deaths among Cases | Mortality Proportion (Row Percent) |
|--------------|---------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------|
| Unknown      | 2             | 0.0%                | 0                  | 0.0%                               |
| <1           | 153           | 0.8%                | 5                  | 3.3%                               |
| 1-5          | 245           | 1.3%                | 6                  | 2.4%                               |
| 6-17         | 893           | 4.7%                | 32                 | 3.6%                               |
| 18-24        | 978           | 5.2%                | 31                 | 3.2%                               |
| 25-34        | 1,687         | 8.9%                | 46                 | 2.7%                               |
| 35-44        | 1,639         | 8.7%                | 64                 | 3.9%                               |
| 45-54        | 1,607         | 8.5%                | 47                 | 2.9%                               |
| 55-64        | 2,353         | 12.5%               | 73                 | 3.1%                               |
| 65-74        | 3,188         | 16.9%               | 112                | 3.5%                               |
| 75-84        | 3,747         | 19.9%               | 89                 | 2.4%                               |
| 85+          | 2,377         | 12.6%               | 70                 | 2.9%                               |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>18,869</b> | <b>100.0%</b>       | <b>575</b>         | <b>3.0%</b>                        |

In Tables 5 and 6, trauma cases are presented by age groups and death rate among cases. During 2024, Nevada experienced 18,870 unique trauma cases. Of those, 3,188 were in the 65-74 age group, 3,747 in the 75-84 age group, and 2,353 in the 55-64 age group. In Figure 2, the 35-44 age group has the highest percentage of deaths from trauma, with 3.9%, followed by the 6-17 age group with 3.6%, and the 65-74 age group with 3.5%. Additionally, the mortality rate for individuals under 1 year of age was 3.3%, while the mortality rate for the 18-24 age group was 3.2%.

**Figure 2: Age-Specific Trauma Cases and Mortality Proportion (Unique Traumas)**

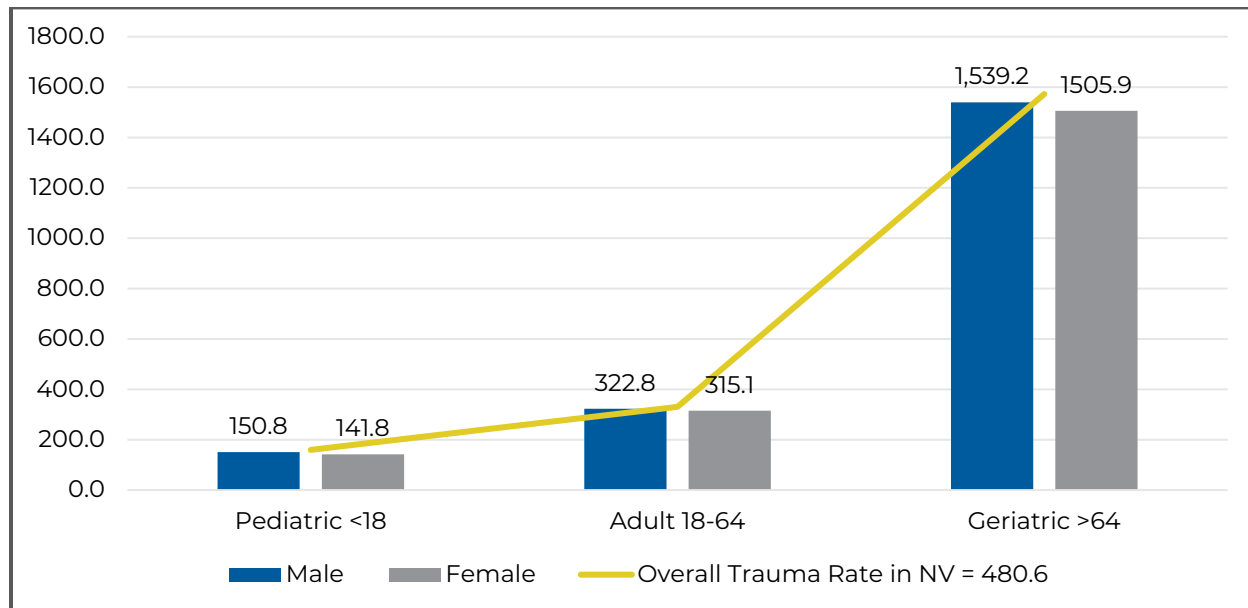


**Table 7: Age and Sex-Specific Trauma Rate per 100,000 Nevada Residents (Unique Traumas)**

| Age Group     | Male      |                           | Female    |                           | Unknown / Other | Total     |                           |
|---------------|-----------|---------------------------|-----------|---------------------------|-----------------|-----------|---------------------------|
|               | Residents | Rate per 100,000 (95% CI) | Residents | Rate per 100,000 (95% CI) | Residents       | Residents | Rate per 100,000 (95% CI) |
| Pediatric <18 | 714       | 194.2 (180.0-208.5)       | 369       | 105.0 (94.3-115.7)        | 1               | 1,084     | 150.8 (141.8-159.7)       |
| Adult 18-64   | 4,564     | 434.4 (421.8-447.0)       | 2,146     | 208.5 (199.7-217.3)       | 5               | 6,715     | 322.8 (315.1-330.6)       |
| Geriatric >64 | 3,380     | 1,392.8 (1,345.8-1,439.8) | 4,840     | 1,661.1 (1,614.3-1,707.9) | 0               | 8,220     | 1,539.2 (1,505.9-1,572.5) |
| Unknown       | 1         | -                         | 0         | -                         | 0               | 1         | -                         |
| Total         | 8,659     | 521.3 (510.3-532.3)       | 7,355     | 439.9 (429.8-449.9)       | 6               | 16,020    | 480.6 (473.2-488.1)       |



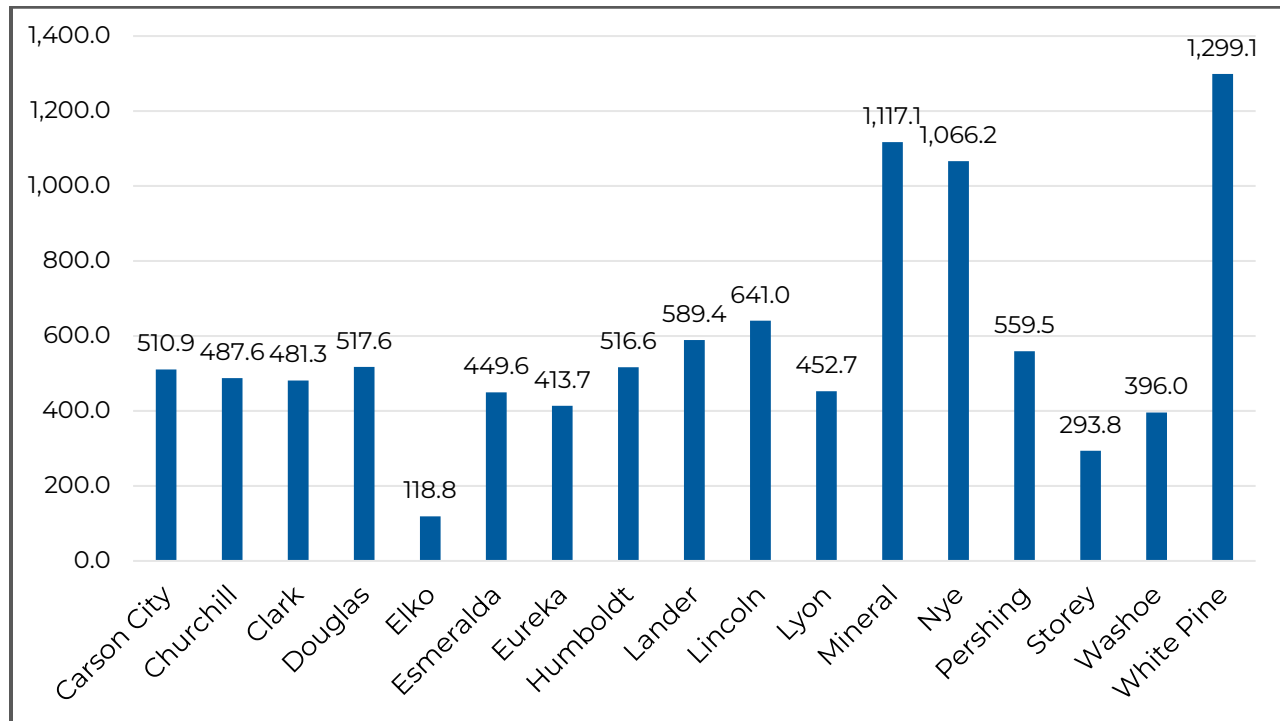
**Figure 3: Age and Sex-Specific Trauma Rates per 100,000 Nevada Residents**



**Table 8: Nevada Trauma Cases by County of Injury (non-duplicated)**

| County       | Count         | Rate per 100,000<br>(95% CI) |
|--------------|---------------|------------------------------|
| Carson City  | 305           | 510.9 (453.5-568.2)          |
| Churchill    | 130           | 487.6 (403.8-571.4)          |
| Clark        | 11,746        | 481.3 (472.6-490.0)          |
| Douglas      | 281           | 517.6 (457.1-578.2)          |
| Elko         | 67            | 118.8 (90.3-147.2)           |
| Esmeralda    | 5             | 449.6 (55.5-843.8)           |
| Eureka       | 8             | 413.7 (127.0-700.3)          |
| Humboldt     | 92            | 516.6 (411.0-622.2)          |
| Lander       | 37            | 589.4 (399.5-779.3)          |
| Lincoln      | 32            | 641.0 (418.9-863.1)          |
| Lyon         | 283           | 452.7 (399.9-505.4)          |
| Mineral      | 54            | 1,117.1 (819.1-1,415.0)      |
| Nye          | 563           | 1,066.2 (978.1-1,154.3)      |
| Pershing     | 41            | 559.5 (388.2-730.8)          |
| Storey       | 14            | 293.8 (139.9-447.7)          |
| Washoe       | 2,062         | 396.0 (378.9-413.1)          |
| White Pine   | 133           | 1,299.1 (1,078.3-1,519.9)    |
| Out of State | 1,074         | -                            |
| Unknown      | 1,943         | -                            |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>18,870</b> | <b>566.2 (558.1-574.2)</b>   |

**Figure 4: County-Specific Trauma Rates per 100,000 County Residents**



This analysis found that White Pine County, with 1299.1, had the highest rate of trauma cases per 100,000 residents. Mineral County came in second with 1117.1, followed by Nye County with 1066.2.

According to the Federal Information Processing Standard (FIPS) code for trauma cases, Trauma Rates per county are calculated exclusively based on ICD-10 diagnosis coding recorded by treating facilities, without regard for backgrounds, patient histories, or examinations.

### **Highest Trauma Cases (Figures 5-7)**

Utilizing ZIP and FIPS codes of where an injury occurred:

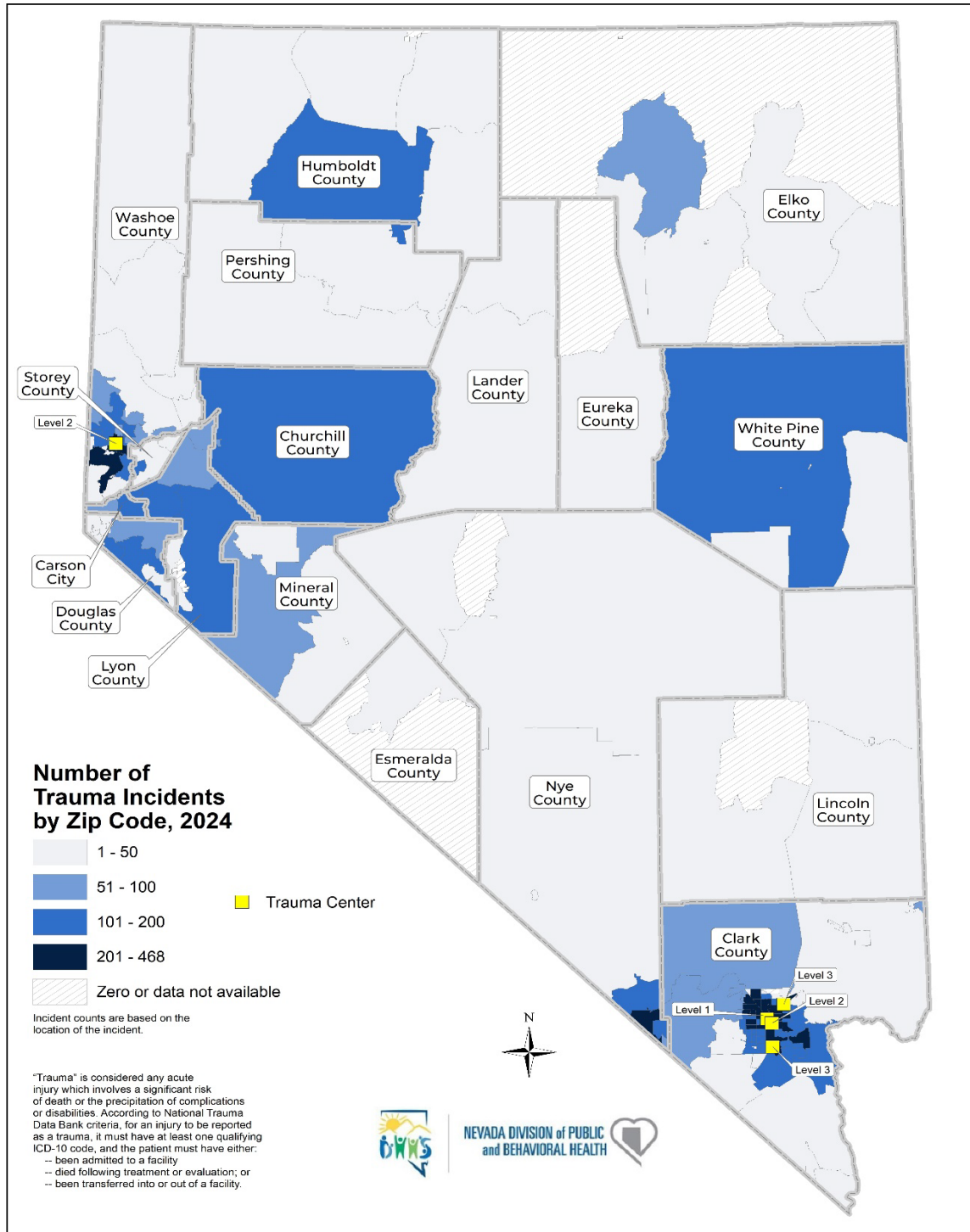
**#1) Clark County recorded the highest number of Trauma Cases at 11,746 Cases.**

**#2) Washoe with 2,062 Trauma Cases.**

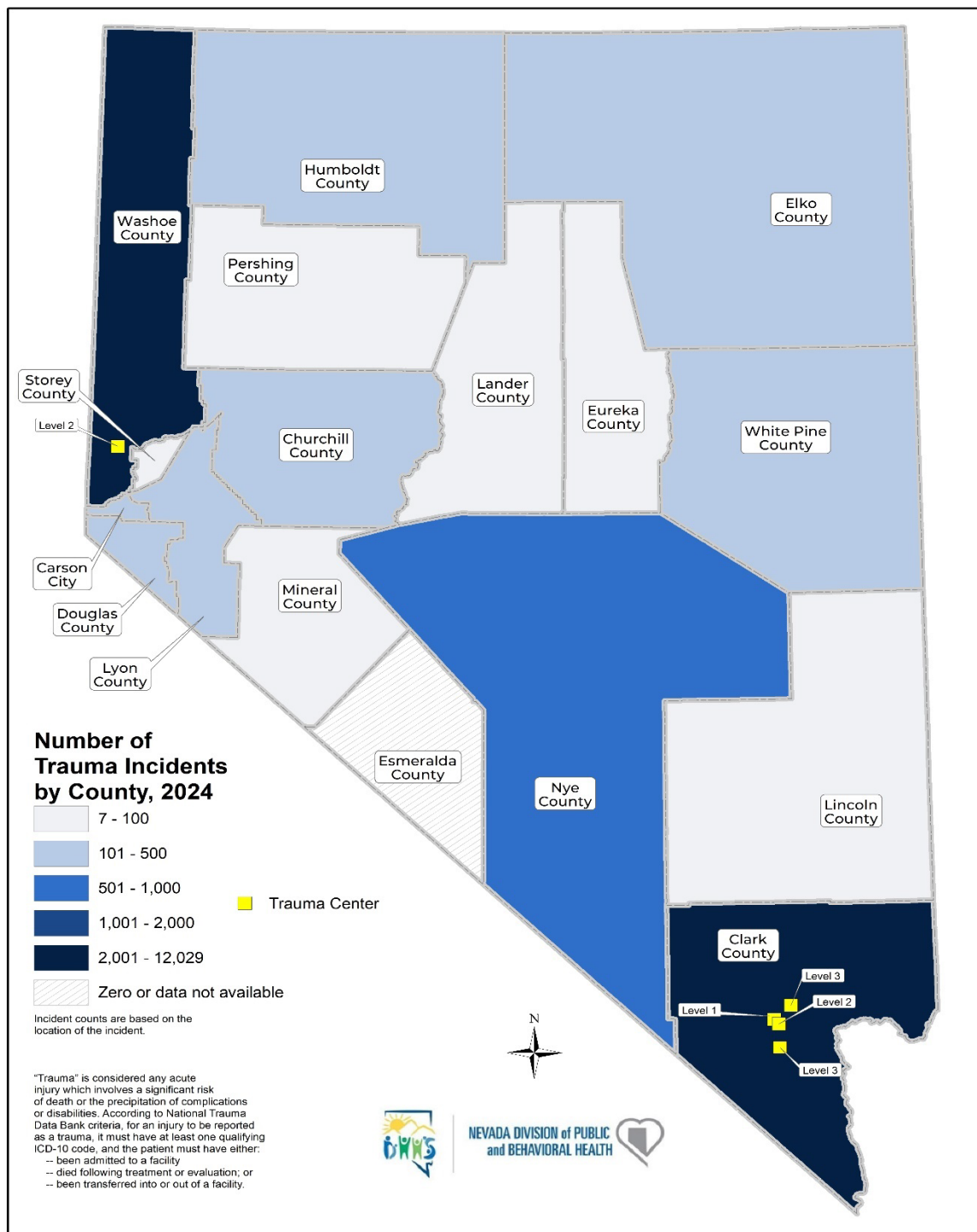
**#3) Nye with 563 Trauma Cases.**

1,074 Trauma Cases occurred out-of-state.

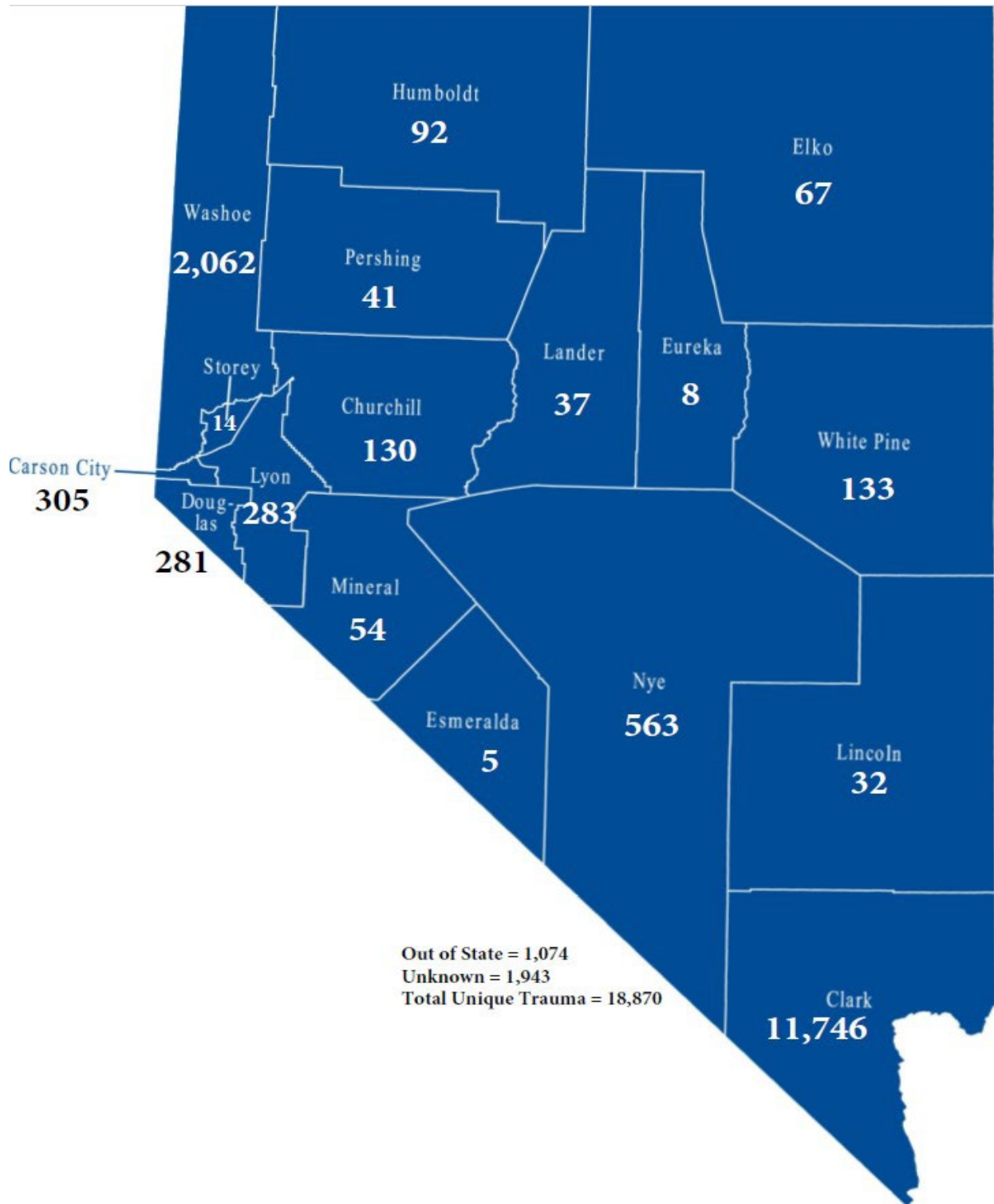
**Figure 5: NV Trauma Cases by Zip Code of Injury (Unique Traumas)**



**Figure 6: NV Trauma Cases by County of Injury (Unique Traumas)**



**Figure 7: NV Trauma Cases by County of Injury (Unique Traumas)**



**Table 9: Age-Specific Traumatic Brain Injury Incidence and Mortality Proportion (Unique Traumas)**

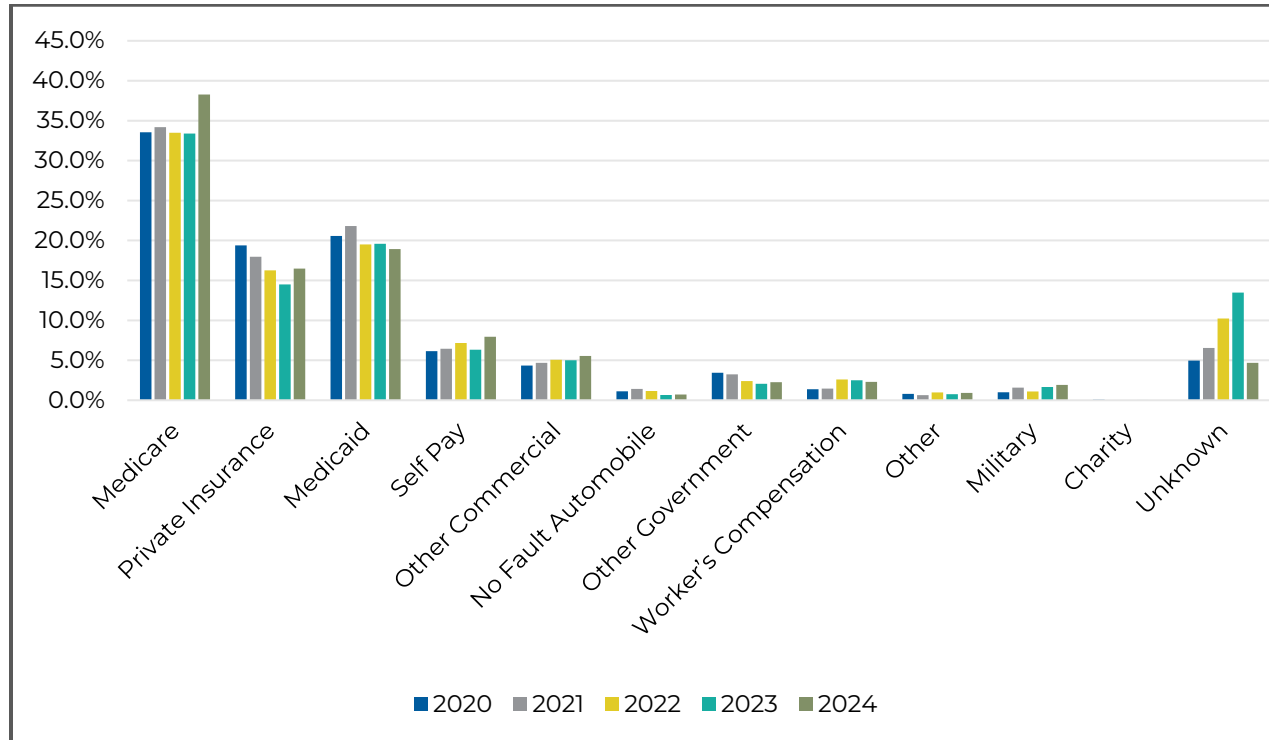
| Age Group     | Count        | Column Percent | Deaths     | Mortality Proportion (Row Percent) |
|---------------|--------------|----------------|------------|------------------------------------|
| Pediatric <18 | 205          | 6.0%           | 23         | 11.2%                              |
| Adult 18-64   | 1,576        | 46.3%          | 108        | 6.9%                               |
| Geriatric >64 | 1,624        | 47.7%          | 101        | 6.2%                               |
| Unknown       | 1            | 0.0%           | 0          | 0.0%                               |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>3,406</b> | <b>100.0%</b>  | <b>232</b> | <b>6.8%</b>                        |

*Throughout the report Unique Traumas are analyzed by where the patient first originated, but mortality data is analyzed based on their final facility. \*\* 9 unknown dead/alive status \*\**

**Table 10: Age-Specific Traumatic Brain Injury Incidence and Mortality Proportion (Unique Traumas)**

| Age Groups   | Count        | Column Percent | Deaths     | Mortality Proportion (Row Percent) |
|--------------|--------------|----------------|------------|------------------------------------|
| Unknown      | 1            | 0.0%           | 0          | 0.0%                               |
| <1           | 29           | 0.9%           | 2          | 6.9%                               |
| 1-5          | 37           | 1.1%           | 4          | 10.8%                              |
| 6-17         | 141          | 4.1%           | 17         | 12.1%                              |
| 18-24        | 185          | 5.4%           | 14         | 7.6%                               |
| 25-34        | 310          | 9.1%           | 20         | 6.5%                               |
| 35-44        | 359          | 10.5%          | 30         | 8.4%                               |
| 45-54        | 266          | 7.8%           | 19         | 7.1%                               |
| 55-64        | 454          | 13.3%          | 25         | 5.5%                               |
| 65-74        | 594          | 17.4%          | 38         | 6.4%                               |
| 75-84        | 625          | 18.3%          | 37         | 5.9%                               |
| 85+          | 405          | 11.9%          | 26         | 6.4%                               |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>3,406</b> | <b>100.0%</b>  | <b>232</b> | <b>6.8%</b>                        |

**Figure 8: Proportion of Trauma Primary Payment Sources in Nevada, 2020-2024\***



\*Year over year trauma data comparison is not recommended due to the changes mentioned in the introduction section of this report. However, the data from previous years in Figure 8 were included as it was derived from proportional data.

**Table 11: Proportion of Trauma Primary Payment Sources in Nevada, 2020-2024**

| Primary Source of Payment | 2020  | 2021  | 2022  | 2023  | 2024  |
|---------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Medicare                  | 33.5% | 34.2% | 33.5% | 33.4% | 38.3% |
| Private Insurance         | 19.4% | 18.0% | 16.3% | 14.5% | 16.5% |
| Medicaid                  | 20.6% | 21.8% | 19.5% | 19.6% | 18.9% |
| Self-Pay                  | 6.2%  | 6.4%  | 7.2%  | 6.3%  | 8.0%  |
| Other Commercial          | 4.3%  | 4.7%  | 5.1%  | 5.0%  | 5.5%  |
| No Fault Automobile       | 1.1%  | 1.4%  | 1.2%  | 0.7%  | 0.7%  |
| Other Government          | 3.4%  | 3.2%  | 2.4%  | 2.1%  | 2.3%  |
| Worker's Compensation     | 1.4%  | 1.5%  | 2.6%  | 2.5%  | 2.3%  |
| Other                     | 0.8%  | 0.6%  | 1.0%  | 0.8%  | 0.9%  |
| Military                  | 1.0%  | 1.6%  | 1.1%  | 1.7%  | 1.9%  |
| Charity                   | 0.1%  | 0.0%  | 0.0%  | 0.0%  | 0.0%  |
| Unknown                   | 5.0%  | 6.6%  | 10.2% | 13.5% | 4.7%  |

## PLACE AND MECHANISM OF INJURY

**Table 12: Trauma Incidence by Place of Injury (Unique Traumas)**

| Place of Injury             | Trauma Count  | Percent     |
|-----------------------------|---------------|-------------|
| Residence                   | 9,218         | 48.9%       |
| Street                      | 4,456         | 23.6%       |
| Trade and Service Area      | 1,166         | 6.2%        |
| Recreation Area             | 405           | 2.1%        |
| Wilderness Area             | 318           | 1.7%        |
| Sports Area                 | 299           | 1.6%        |
| School or Public Area       | 224           | 1.2%        |
| Other Specified             | 208           | 1.1%        |
| Industrial and Construction | 135           | 0.7%        |
| Transport vehicle           | 107           | 0.6%        |
| Farm                        | 38            | 0.2%        |
| Railroad Track              | 12            | 0.1%        |
| Military Training Ground    | 6             | 0.0%        |
| Unknown/Unspecified         | 2,278         | 12.1%       |
| <b>Total</b>                | <b>18,870</b> | <b>100%</b> |

**Table 13: Trauma Incidence and Mortality by Mechanism of Injury (Unique Traumas)**

| Mechanism                        | Count         | Column Percent | Deaths     | Mortality Proportion (Row Percent) |
|----------------------------------|---------------|----------------|------------|------------------------------------|
| Falls                            | 11,411        | 60.5%          | 261        | 2.3%                               |
| Motor Vehicle Traffic            | 2,895         | 15.3%          | 161        | 5.6%                               |
| Struck by/Against                | 1,046         | 5.5%           | 6          | 0.6%                               |
| Cut/Pierce                       | 733           | 3.9%           | 12         | 1.6%                               |
| Firearm                          | 486           | 2.6%           | 101        | 20.8%                              |
| Other Specified                  | 358           | 1.9%           | 8          | 2.2%                               |
| Unknown                          | 329           | 1.7%           | 8          | 2.4%                               |
| Natural/Environmental            | 272           | 1.4%           | 0          | 0.0%                               |
| Motor Vehicle Non-Traffic        | 267           | 1.4%           | 4          | 1.5%                               |
| Suffocation                      | 265           | 1.4%           | 1          | 0.4%                               |
| Pedal Cyclist, Other             | 236           | 1.3%           | 1          | 0.4%                               |
| Other Transport (Land, Sea, Sky) | 170           | 0.9%           | 2          | 1.2%                               |
| Unspecified                      | 103           | 0.5%           | 0          | 0.0%                               |
| Overexertion                     | 91            | 0.5%           | 0          | 0.0%                               |
| Machinery                        | 79            | 0.4%           | 7          | 8.9%                               |
| Pedestrian, Other                | 75            | 0.4%           | 0          | 0.0%                               |
| Fire/Burn                        | 47            | 0.2%           | 1          | 2.1%                               |
| Drowning                         | 6             | 0.0%           | 2          | 33.3%                              |
| <b>Total</b>                     | <b>18,869</b> | <b>100.0%</b>  | <b>575</b> | <b>3.0%</b>                        |



In 2024, the state of Nevada saw the highest incidence of traumatic injury caused by Falls (60.5%), Traffic-Related Accidents (15.3%), and Being Struck by/Against (5.5%). In total trauma cases, the highest proportion of deaths came from Drowning incidents (33.3%), Firearm incidents (20.8%), and Machinery incidents (8.9%).

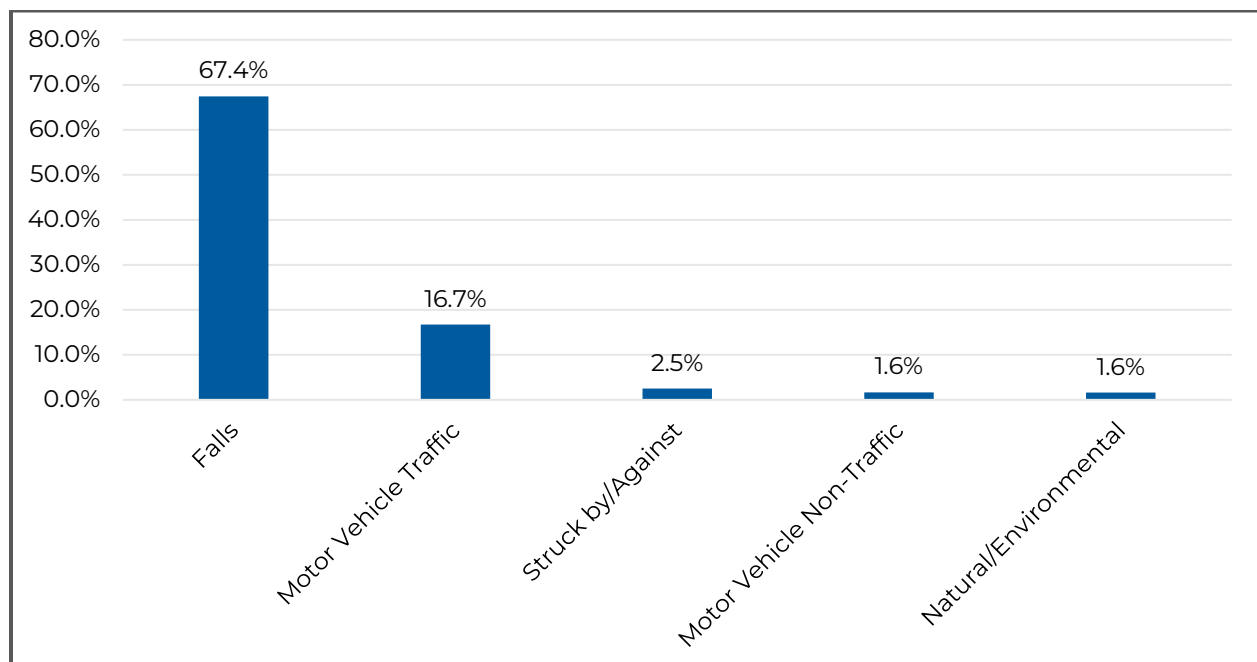
ICD-10 codes are currently used by the NTR to collect trauma data. Some trauma mechanisms are not coded in the ICD-10 system. If the cause of trauma cannot be identified using an ICD-10 code, there are still ICD-10 codes available: Pedestrian Other, Other Specified, Unspecified, and Unknown.

**Table 14: Trauma Rates for Top Three Mechanisms of Injury by Age (Unique Traumas)**

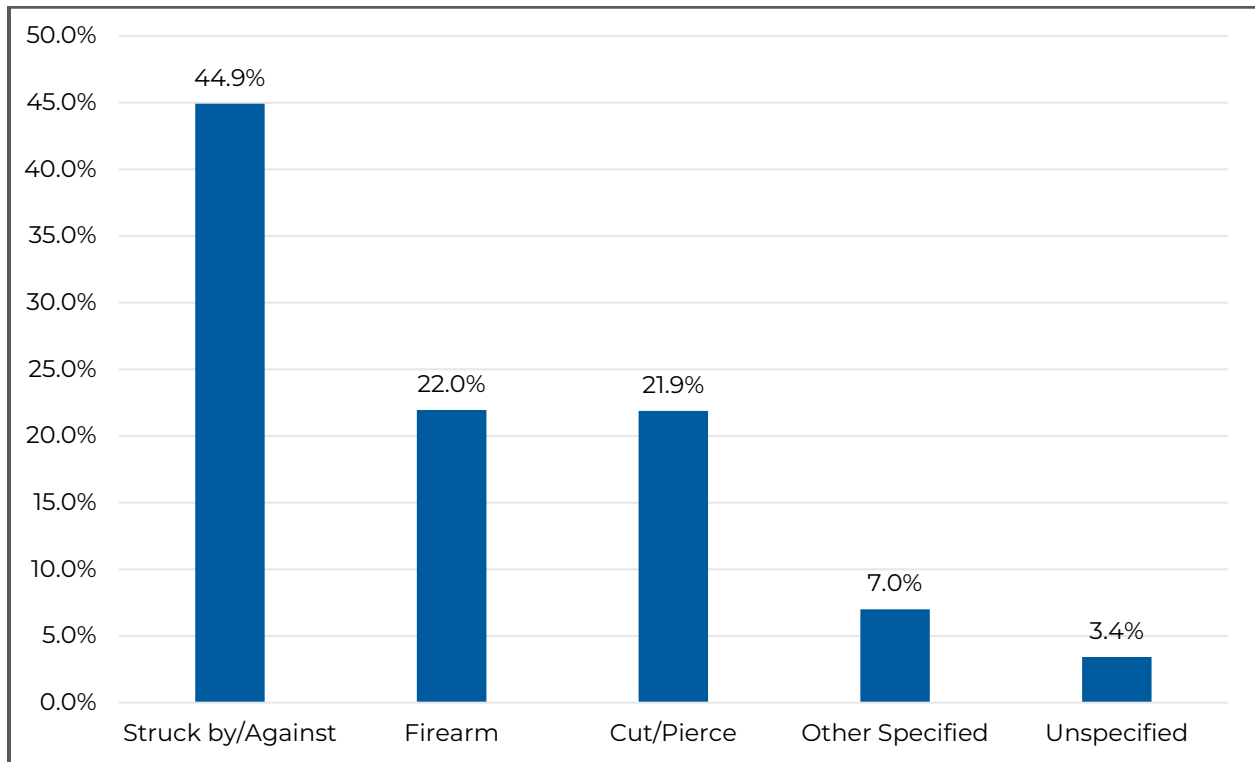
| Age Group        | Falls         |                               | Struck by/Against |                              | Motor Vehicle Traffic |                              |
|------------------|---------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|
|                  | n             | Rate per 100,000<br>(95% CI)  | n                 | Rate per 100,000<br>(95% CI) | n                     | Rate per 100,000<br>(95% CI) |
| Pediatric<br><18 | 767           | 106.7 (99.1-114.2)            | 66                | 9.2 (7.0-11.4)               | 204                   | 28.4 (24.5-32.3)             |
| Adult 18-<br>64  | 4,950         | 238.0 (231.4-244.6)           | 452               | 21.7 (19.7-23.7)             | 1,333                 | 64.1 (60.6-67.5)             |
| Geriatric<br>>64 | 5,694         | 1,066.2 (1,038.5-<br>1,093.9) | 547               | 102.4 (93.8-<br>111.0)       | 1,296                 | 242.7 (229.5-<br>255.9)      |
| Unknown          | 1             | -                             | 0                 | -                            | 1                     | -                            |
| <b>Total</b>     | <b>11,412</b> | <b>342.4 (336.1-348.7)</b>    | <b>1,065</b>      | <b>32.0 (30.0-33.9)</b>      | <b>2,834</b>          | <b>85.0 (81.9-88.2)</b>      |

Table 14 outlines the top three mechanisms for injury by age. The number one trauma injury per all age groups in 2024 was Falls.

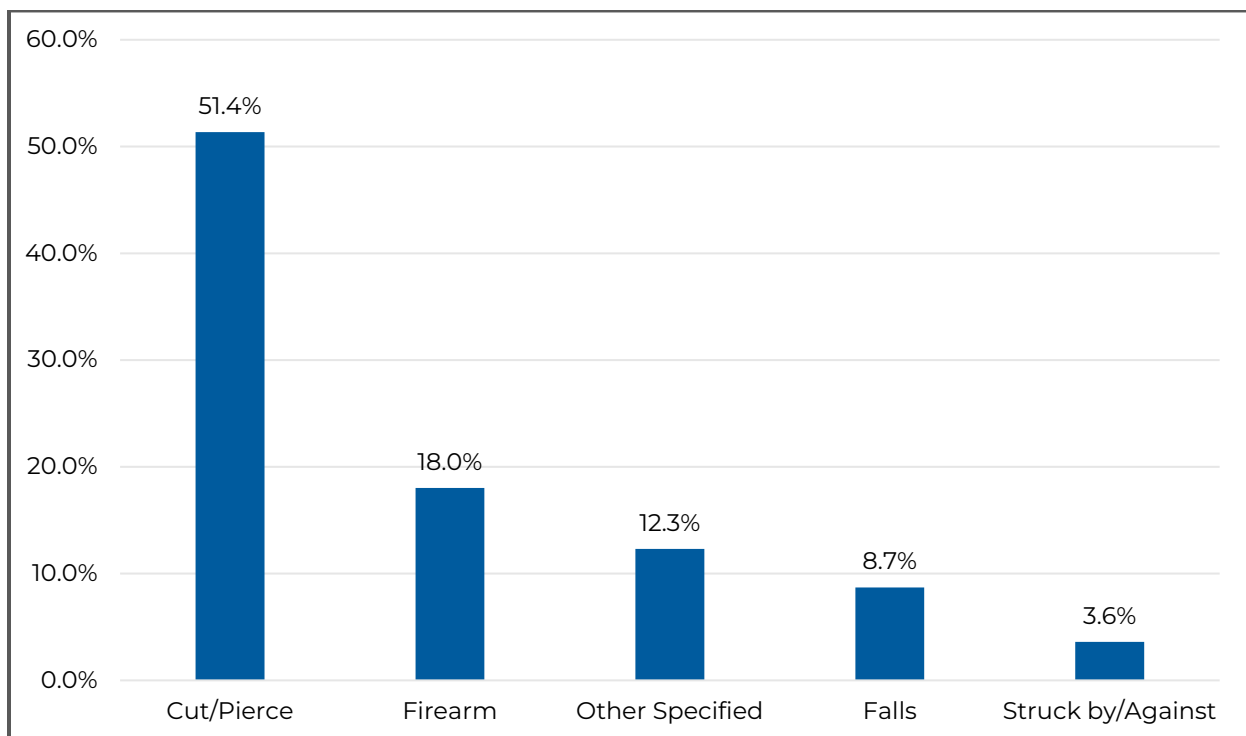
**Figure 9: Top Five Mechanisms of Unintentional Trauma**



**Figure 10: Top Five Mechanisms of Homicide/Assault-Related Trauma**



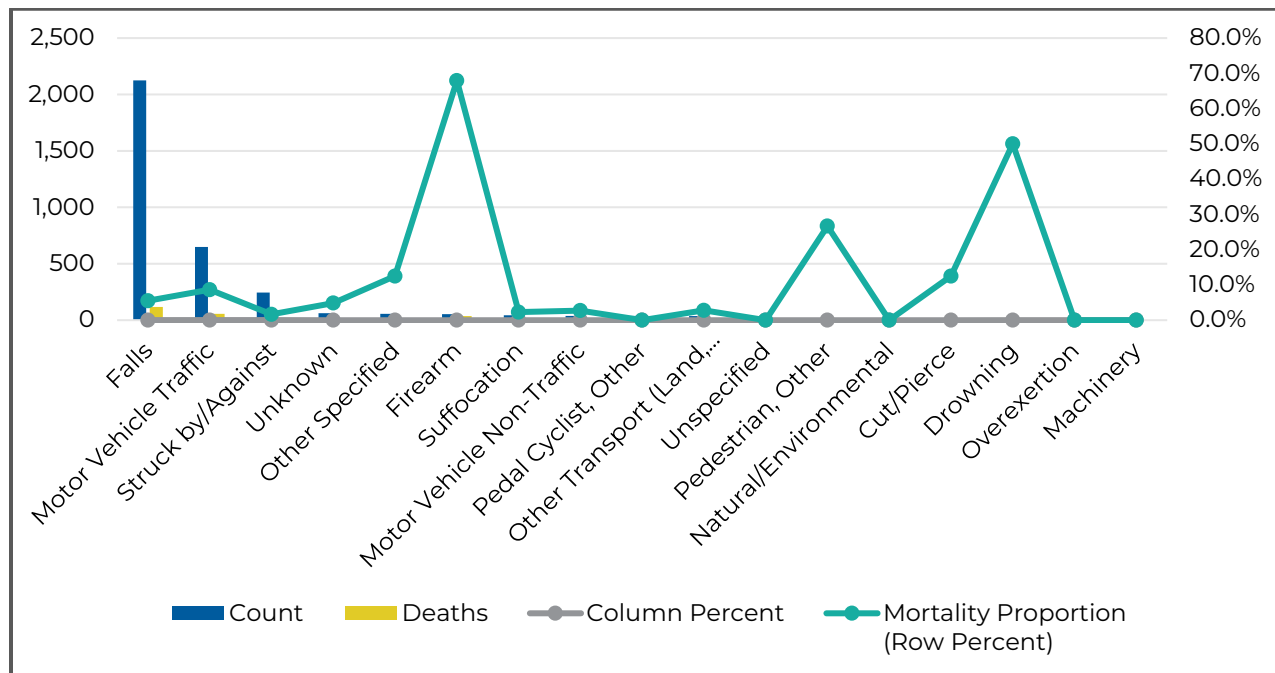
**Figure 11: Top Five Mechanisms of Suicide/Self-Inflicted Trauma**



**Table 15: Traumatic Brain Injury Incidence and Mortality by Mechanism of Injury**

| Mechanism                        | Count        | Column Percent | Deaths     | Mortality Proportion (Row Percent) |
|----------------------------------|--------------|----------------|------------|------------------------------------|
| Falls                            | 2,125        | 62.4%          | 117        | 5.5%                               |
| Motor Vehicle Traffic            | 649          | 19.1%          | 56         | 8.6%                               |
| Struck by/Against                | 244          | 7.2%           | 4          | 1.6%                               |
| Unknown                          | 62           | 1.8%           | 3          | 4.8%                               |
| Other Specified                  | 56           | 1.6%           | 7          | 12.5%                              |
| Firearm                          | 53           | 1.6%           | 36         | 67.9%                              |
| Suffocation                      | 44           | 1.3%           | 1          | 2.3%                               |
| Motor Vehicle Non-Traffic        | 37           | 1.1%           | 1          | 2.7%                               |
| Pedal Cyclist, Other             | 37           | 1.1%           | 0          | 0.0%                               |
| Other Transport (Land, Sea, Sky) | 36           | 1.1%           | 1          | 2.8%                               |
| Unspecified                      | 22           | 0.6%           | 0          | 0.0%                               |
| Pedestrian, Other                | 15           | 0.4%           | 4          | 26.7%                              |
| Natural/Environmental            | 13           | 0.4%           | 0          | 0.0%                               |
| Cut/Pierce                       | 8            | 0.2%           | 1          | 12.5%                              |
| Drowning                         | 2            | 0.1%           | 1          | 50.0%                              |
| Overexertion                     | 2            | 0.1%           | 0          | 0.0%                               |
| Machinery                        | 1            | 0.0%           | 0          | 0.0%                               |
| <b>Total</b>                     | <b>3,406</b> | <b>100.0%</b>  | <b>232</b> | <b>6.8%</b>                        |

**Figure 12: Mortality Proportion of Traumatic Brain Injury Incidence by Mechanism of Injury (Unique Traumas)**



## INJURY CHARACTERISTICS: INJURY SEVERITY SCORE (ISS)

Injury Severity Score (ISS) is an anatomical scoring system that provides an overall score for patients with multiple injuries. The ISS has values from 1 to 75:

ISS score of 1-8 = Minor  
ISS score of 16-24 = Serious

ISS score of 9-15 = Moderate  
ISS score of 25-75 = Severe

**Table 16: Trauma Incidence and Mortality Proportion by Injury Severity Score (ISS) (Unique Traumas)**

| Injury Severity Score | Count  | Column Percent | Deaths | Mortality Proportion (Row Percent) |
|-----------------------|--------|----------------|--------|------------------------------------|
| Minor, 1-8            | 8,672  | 45.1%          | 98     | 1.1%                               |
| Moderate, 9-15        | 7,734  | 40.5%          | 145    | 1.9%                               |
| Serious, 16-24        | 1,423  | 7.6%           | 61     | 4.3%                               |
| Severe, 25-75         | 1,035  | 6.7%           | 271    | 26.2%                              |
| Missing/NA/ND         | 5      | 0.0%           | 0      | 0.0%                               |
| Total                 | 18,869 | 100.0%         | 575    | 3.0%                               |

*Throughout the report Unique Traumas are analyzed by where the patient first originated, but mortality data is analyzed based on their final facility.*

**Table 17: Traumatic Brain Injury Incidence and Mortality Proportion (Unique Traumas) by Injury Severity**

| Injury Severity Score | Count        | Column Percent | Deaths     | Mortality Proportion (Row Percent) |
|-----------------------|--------------|----------------|------------|------------------------------------|
| Minor, 1-8            | 655          | 19.2%          | 6          | 0.9%                               |
| Moderate, 9-15        | 1,481        | 43.5%          | 34         | 2.3%                               |
| Serious, 16-24        | 657          | 19.3%          | 22         | 3.3%                               |
| Severe, 25-75         | 613          | 18.0%          | 170        | 27.7%                              |
| <b>Total</b>          | <b>3,406</b> | <b>100.0%</b>  | <b>232</b> | <b>6.8%</b>                        |

**Table 18: Injury to ED arrival time for a patient with a score of >15 for their injury, broken down by their location (Rural, Urban, or Statewide).**

| County      | <1hour | 1-3 hours | 3-6 hours | 6-9 hours | 9-12 hours | >12 hours |
|-------------|--------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|
| Carson City | 12     | 0         | 1         | 1         | 0          | 3         |
| Churchill   | 9      | 1         | 0         | 0         | 0          | 1         |
| Clark       | 1,128  | 164       | 66        | 50        | 25         | 64        |
| Douglas     | 30     | 6         | 1         | 0         | 0          | 0         |
| Elko        | 2      | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0          | 0         |
| Esmeralda   | 1      | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0          | 0         |
| Eureka      | 1      | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0          | 0         |
| Humboldt    | 21     | 1         | 0         | 1         | 0          | 0         |
| Lander      | 6      | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0          | 0         |
| Lincoln     | 5      | 2         | 0         | 1         | 0          | 0         |

|              |              |            |           |           |           |            |
|--------------|--------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| Lyon         | 20           | 5          | 1         | 1         | 2         | 7          |
| Mineral      | 10           | 0          | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0          |
| Nye          | 28           | 0          | 0         | 2         | 0         | 1          |
| Pershing     | 3            | 0          | 1         | 0         | 0         | 1          |
| Storey       | 1            | 0          | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0          |
| Washoe       | 207          | 7          | 10        | 14        | 0         | 6          |
| White Pine   | 17           | 1          | 1         | 1         | 0         | 1          |
| Out of State | 411          | 65         | 11        | 3         | 2         | 26         |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>1,912</b> | <b>252</b> | <b>92</b> | <b>74</b> | <b>29</b> | <b>110</b> |

## PATIENT TRANSPORTATION

In Nevada, ground ambulances outnumbered private cars and walk-ins when transporting trauma patients to hospitals in 2024 (Table 19)

**Table 19: Trauma Incidence by Mode of Arrival (Unique Traumas)**

| Mode of Arrival            | Trauma Count  | Percent     |
|----------------------------|---------------|-------------|
| Ground Ambulance           | 13,390        | 71.0%       |
| Private Vehicle or Walk-in | 4,212         | 22.3%       |
| Helicopter Ambulance       | 1,049         | 5.6%        |
| Fixed-Wing Ambulance       | 89            | 0.5%        |
| Water Ambulance            | 4             | 0.0%        |
| Police                     | 55            | 0.3%        |
| Other                      | 53            | 0.3%        |
| Public Safety              | 4             | 0.0%        |
| Missing                    | 14            | 0.1%        |
| <b>Total</b>               | <b>18,870</b> | <b>100%</b> |

It is useful to look at patient methods of arrival based on their Injury Severity Score (ISS) ranges in addition to reviewing the data by mode of patient arrival (Table 20). As demonstrated in Table 20, individuals with the greatest ISS were also the ones who were frequently transported to hospitals by ground ambulance.

**Table 20: Mode of arrival by Injury Severity Score**

| Mode of Arrival            | Injury Severity Score Range |                  |                  |                 |                          |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
|                            | Minor<br>1-8                | Moderate<br>9-15 | Serious<br>16-24 | Severe<br>25-75 | Missing/NA<br>ISS Scores |
| Ground Ambulance           | 5,757                       | 5,893            | 988              | 748             | 4                        |
| Private Vehicle or Walk-in | 2,485                       | 1,392            | 228              | 106             | 1                        |
| Helicopter Ambulance       | 303                         | 378              | 200              | 168             | 0                        |
| Fixed-Wing Ambulance       | 29                          | 45               | 10               | 5               | 0                        |
| Water Ambulance            | 0                           | 0                | 3                | 1               | 0                        |
| Police                     | 33                          | 14               | 5                | 3               | 0                        |

|               |              |              |              |              |          |
|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------|
| Other         | 47           | 4            | 1            | 1            | 0        |
| Public Safety | 3            | 0            | 1            | 0            | 0        |
| Missing       | 6            | 7            | 1            | 0            | 0        |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>8,663</b> | <b>7,733</b> | <b>1,437</b> | <b>1,032</b> | <b>5</b> |

## PATIENT DISCHARGE AND TRANSFER

Of the 18,870 trauma cases that occurred in Nevada in 2024, 1,856 were sent to trauma centers. The most trauma patients were transferred to Sunrise Hospital Medical Center from other facilities. The trauma center with the lowest average ISS was located at St. Rose Dominican Hospital – Siena Campus. (See Table 21)

**Table 21: Patient Transfer to Nevada Trauma Centers by Injury Severity Score**

| Facility Patient Transferred To          | Injury Severity Score Range |            |                    |               |
|--|-----------------------------|------------|--------------------|---------------|
|  | Trauma Cases                | Mean ISS   | Standard Deviation | ISS Range     |
| Renown Regional Medical Center           | 561                         | 8.6        | 5.8                | 1 - 75        |
| St. Rose Dominican Hospital Siena Campus | 90                          | 6.7        | 4.2                | 1 - 25        |
| Sunrise Hospital Medical Center          | 857                         | 9.1        | 7.7                | 1 - 75        |
| University Medical Center                | 348                         | 10.2       | 8.8                | 1 - 75        |
| <b>Total</b>                             | <b>1,856</b>                | <b>9.0</b> | <b>7.3</b>         | <b>1 - 75</b> |

*"Patient Transfer to" is determined by the question, "Was Patient Transferred to Facility?" and not through the matching process that creates the Unique Traumas*

## RISK FACTORS: DRUG/ALCOHOL USE

**Table 22: Injury Intent and Drug/Alcohol Use (Unique Traumas)**

| Injury Intent                         | Trauma Cases  | Drug/Alcohol Use | Percent Drug/Alcohol Use (Row Percent) |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|------------------|--|
| Unintentional                         | 16,855        | 2,343            | 14%                                    |
| Suicide                               | 333           | 134              | 40%                                    |
| Homicide/Assault                      | 1,371         | 382              | 28%                                    |
| Legal Intervention                    | 31            | 15               | 48%                                    |
| Undetermined (accidental/intentional) | 134           | 32               | 24%                                    |
| Unknown                               | 146           | 17               | 12%                                    |
| <b>Total</b>                          | <b>18,870</b> | <b>2,923</b>     | <b>15%</b>                             |

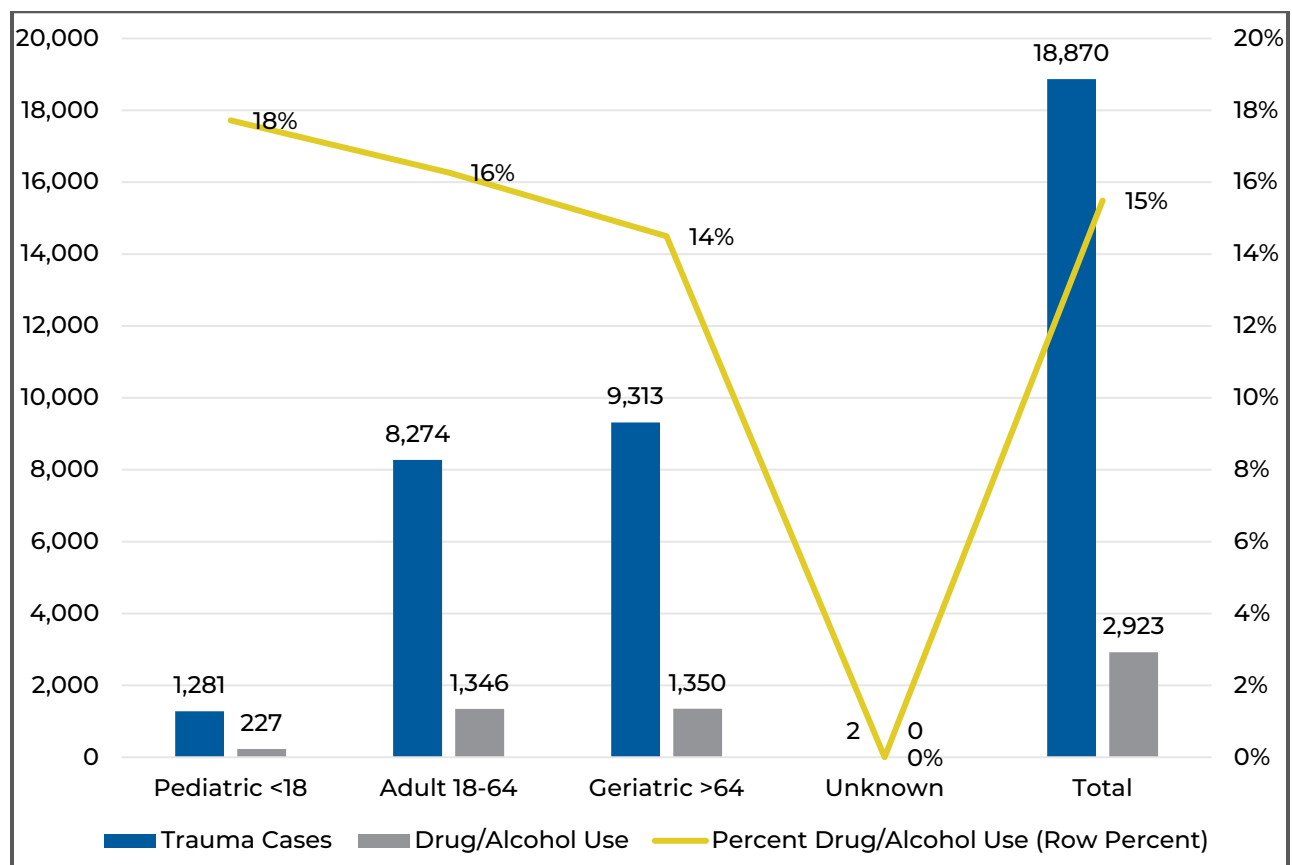
2,923 (15%) of the 18,870 distinct traumas listed in the NTR for 2024 involved drug or alcohol use. Additionally, drug or alcohol use was present in 40% of suicides and 28% of Homicide or Assault related trauma incidents.

**Table 23: Age-Specific Prevalence of Restraint Use Among Passengers in Moving Vehicles (Positive Blood Alcohol Content [BAC])**

| Protective Device Restraint | Pediatric <18 | Adult 18-64 | Geriatric >64 | Total      |
|-----------------------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|------------|
| None                        | 5             | 20          | 58            | 83         |
| Seatbelt – Lap & Shoulder   | 0             | 8           | 9             | 17         |
| Seatbelt – Lap Only         | 1             | 2           | 1             | 4          |
| Seatbelt – NFS              | 0             | 2           | 1             | 3          |
| Unknown                     | 16            | 75          | 58            | 149        |
| <b>Total</b>                | <b>22</b>     | <b>107</b>  | <b>127</b>    | <b>256</b> |

There was no restraint or safety measure used in 83 of the 256 unique trauma cases with reports of drug or alcohol use.

**Figure 13: Age-Specific Trauma and Drug/Alcohol Use (Unique Traumas)**



While adults aged 18 to 64 had a notable prevalence of positive or high Blood Alcohol Content (BAC) results—16% of the 8,274 recorded trauma cases in this age group—the highest percentage of positive BAC cases was actually seen in pediatric patients, at 18%. The geriatric population had the highest total number of trauma cases (9,313), with 14% testing positive for BAC.

**Table 24: Age-Specific Ratio of Restraint Use Among Drivers and Passengers in Motor Vehicles (Use of Drugs and Alcohol)**

| Protective Device Restraint | Pediatric <18 | Adult 18-64 | Geriatric >64 | Total      |
|-----------------------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|------------|
| None                        | 9             | 37          | 93            | 139        |
| Seatbelt – Lap & Shoulder   | 1             | 15          | 14            | 30         |
| Seatbelt – Lap Only         | 1             | 2           | 2             | 5          |
| Seatbelt – NFS              | 0             | 4           | 1             | 5          |
| Unknown                     | 27            | 133         | 107           | 267        |
| <b>Total</b>                | <b>38</b>     | <b>191</b>  | <b>217</b>    | <b>446</b> |

**Table 25: Trauma Incidence by Mechanism of Injury (Unique Traumas) and Drug/Alcohol Use**

| Mechanism                        | Trauma Cases  | Drug/Alcohol Use | Percent Drug/Alcohol Use (Row Percent) |
|----------------------------------|---------------|------------------|--|
| Falls                            | 11,412        | 1,213            | 11%                                    |
| Motor Vehicle Traffic            | 2,834         | 832              | 29%                                    |
| Struck by/Against                | 1,065         | 214              | 20%                                    |
| Cut/Pierce                       | 731           | 198              | 27%                                    |
| Firearm                          | 488           | 121              | 25%                                    |
| Other Specified                  | 360           | 47               | 13%                                    |
| Unknown                          | 333           | 55               | 17%                                    |
| Natural/Environmental            | 284           | 23               | 8%                                     |
| Motor Vehicle Non-Traffic        | 278           | 38               | 14%                                    |
| Suffocation                      | 264           | 61               | 23%                                    |
| Pedal Cyclist, Other             | 243           | 28               | 12%                                    |
| Other Transport (Land, Sea, Sky) | 171           | 30               | 18%                                    |
| Unspecified                      | 100           | 24               | 24%                                    |
| Overexertion                     | 93            | 7                | 8%                                     |
| Machinery                        | 79            | 3                | 4%                                     |
| Pedestrian, Other                | 77            | 19               | 25%                                    |
| Fire/Burn                        | 52            | 7                | 13%                                    |
| Drowning                         | 6             | 3                | 50%                                    |
| <b>Total</b>                     | <b>18,870</b> | <b>2,923</b>     | <b>15%</b>                             |

The following specific traumas were linked to the highest reported rates of drug and alcohol use: 50% of drowning cases and 29% motor vehicle traffic incidents. These are followed by cut/pierce injuries at 27% and firearm and pedestrian injuries both at 25%. Drug/alcohol use was found in 24% of incidents with unspecified mechanisms.



**Table 26: Trauma Incidence by Mechanism of Injury (Unique Traumas) and BAC Levels (Interval)**

| Mechanism                        | <0.08     | 0.08 to 1 | 2 to 20    | 21 to 50   | 51 to 100  | 101 to 200 | More than 200 | Unknown       | Total         |
|----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Falls                            | 34        | 24        | 53         | 45         | 70         | 135        | 305           | 10,746        | 11,412        |
| Motor Vehicle Traffic            | 1         | 1         | 31         | 49         | 55         | 124        | 214           | 2,359         | 2,834         |
| Struck by/Against                | 3         | 2         | 10         | 5          | 17         | 32         | 63            | 933           | 1,065         |
| Cut/Pierce                       | 9         | 11        | 9          | 11         | 9          | 37         | 38            | 607           | 731           |
| Firearm                          | 0         | 1         | 8          | 7          | 14         | 26         | 22            | 410           | 488           |
| Other Specified                  | 0         | 2         | 2          | 2          | 2          | 9          | 5             | 338           | 360           |
| Unknown                          | 1         | 1         | 1          | 3          | 3          | 8          | 17            | 299           | 333           |
| Natural/Environmental            | 0         | 0         | 0          | 0          | 2          | 4          | 3             | 275           | 284           |
| Motor Vehicle Non-Traffic        | 1         | 2         | 0          | 1          | 5          | 7          | 3             | 259           | 278           |
| Suffocation                      | 0         | 0         | 5          | 4          | 9          | 14         | 8             | 224           | 264           |
| Pedal Cyclist, Other             | 0         | 0         | 5          | 2          | 1          | 4          | 2             | 229           | 243           |
| Other Transport (Land, Sea, Sky) | 0         | 0         | 2          | 4          | 4          | 8          | 3             | 150           | 171           |
| Unspecified                      | 1         | 0         | 3          | 0          | 0          | 2          | 6             | 88            | 100           |
| Overexertion                     | 1         | 0         | 0          | 1          | 0          | 0          | 0             | 91            | 93            |
| Machinery                        | 0         | 0         | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 1             | 78            | 79            |
| Pedestrian, Other                | 0         | 0         | 2          | 1          | 0          | 0          | 5             | 69            | 77            |
| Fire/Burn                        | 3         | 0         | 0          | 0          | 0          | 1          | 1             | 47            | 52            |
| Drowning                         | 0         | 1         | 0          | 0          | 1          | 0          | 1             | 3             | 6             |
| <b>Total</b>                     | <b>54</b> | <b>45</b> | <b>131</b> | <b>135</b> | <b>192</b> | <b>411</b> | <b>697</b>    | <b>17,205</b> | <b>18,870</b> |

**Table 27: Trauma Incidence by County and BAC (Unique Traumas)**

| County       | <0.08     | 0.08<br>to 1 | 2 to<br>20 | 21<br>to<br>50 | 51 to<br>100 | 101<br>to<br>200 | more<br>than<br>200 | Unknown       | Total         |
|--------------|-----------|--------------|------------|----------------|--------------|------------------|---------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Out of State | 2         | 1            | 13         | 14             | 20           | 40               | 37                  | 947           | 1,074         |
| Carson City  | 0         | 0            | 3          | 1              | 7            | 10               | 16                  | 268           | 305           |
| Churchill    | 0         | 0            | 2          | 1              | 0            | 8                | 4                   | 115           | 130           |
| Clark        | 42        | 31           | 60         | 75             | 96           | 209              | 442                 | 10,791        | 11,746        |
| Douglas      | 0         | 0            | 4          | 2              | 3            | 7                | 7                   | 258           | 281           |
| Elko         | 0         | 0            | 2          | 2              | 2            | 2                | 1                   | 58            | 67            |
| Esmeralda    | 0         | 0            | 0          | 0              | 0            | 0                | 0                   | 5             | 5             |
| Eureka       | 0         | 0            | 0          | 1              | 0            | 1                | 0                   | 6             | 8             |
| Humboldt     | 0         | 0            | 2          | 1              | 1            | 1                | 2                   | 85            | 92            |
| Lander       | 0         | 0            | 0          | 2              | 0            | 2                | 0                   | 33            | 37            |
| Lincoln      | 1         | 0            | 0          | 0              | 0            | 0                | 0                   | 31            | 32            |
| Lyon         | 0         | 0            | 1          | 1              | 2            | 6                | 9                   | 264           | 283           |
| Mineral      | 0         | 0            | 1          | 1              | 0            | 0                | 3                   | 49            | 54            |
| Nye          | 0         | 0            | 5          | 0              | 3            | 6                | 0                   | 549           | 563           |
| Pershing     | 0         | 0            | 4          | 0              | 0            | 1                | 2                   | 34            | 41            |
| Storey       | 0         | 0            | 0          | 1              | 0            | 1                | 2                   | 10            | 14            |
| Washoe       | 0         | 4            | 14         | 15             | 26           | 59               | 125                 | 1,819         | 2,062         |
| White Pine   | 0         | 0            | 0          | 1              | 0            | 2                | 6                   | 124           | 133           |
| Unknown      | 9         | 9            | 20         | 17             | 32           | 56               | 41                  | 1,759         | 1,943         |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>54</b> | <b>45</b>    | <b>131</b> | <b>135</b>     | <b>192</b>   | <b>411</b>       | <b>697</b>          | <b>17,205</b> | <b>18,870</b> |

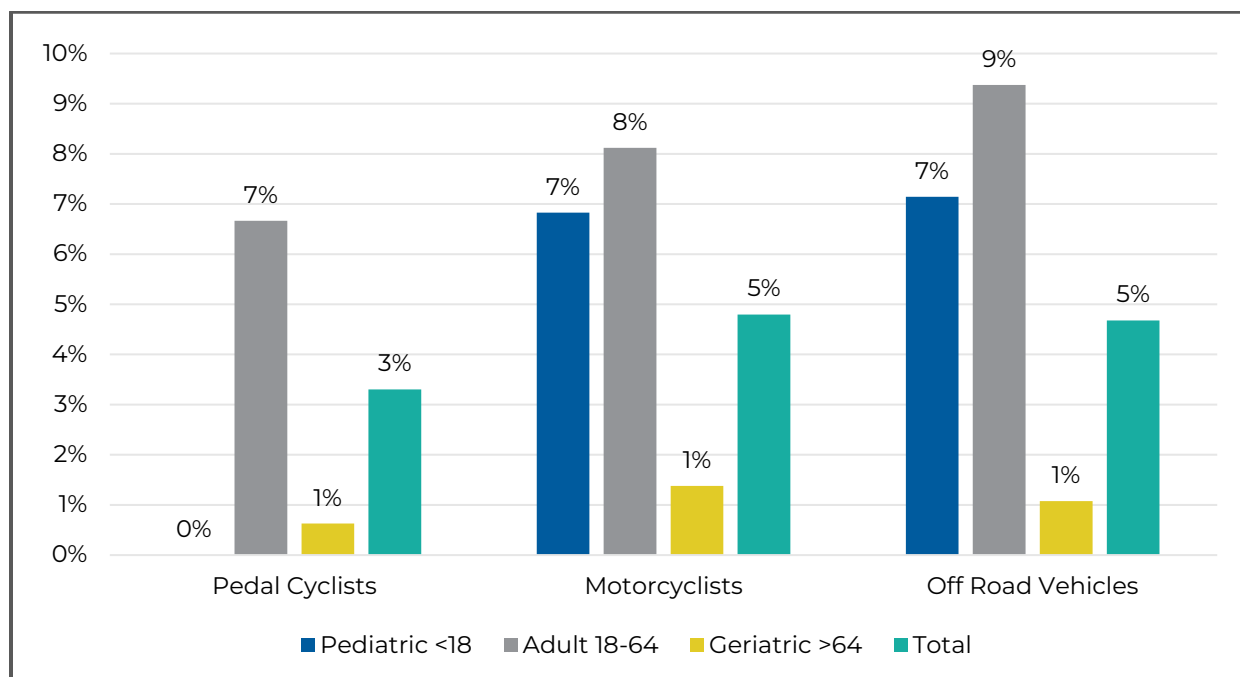
**Table 28: Trauma Incidence by County and Drug/Alcohol Use (Unique Trauma)**

| County       | Trauma Cases  | Drug/Alcohol Use | Percent Drug/Alcohol Use (Row Percent) |
|--------------|---------------|------------------|--|
| Out of State | 1,074         | 236              | 22%                                    |
| Carson City  | 305           | 54               | 18%                                    |
| Churchill    | 130           | 16               | 12%                                    |
| Clark        | 11,746        | 1,814            | 15%                                    |
| Douglas      | 281           | 29               | 10%                                    |
| Elko         | 67            | 9                | 13%                                    |
| Esmeralda    | 5             | 0                | 0%                                     |
| Eureka       | 8             | 2                | 25%                                    |
| Humboldt     | 92            | 8                | 9%                                     |
| Lander       | 37            | 4                | 11%                                    |
| Lincoln      | 32            | 3                | 9%                                     |
| Lyon         | 283           | 23               | 8%                                     |
| Mineral      | 54            | 6                | 11%                                    |
| Nye          | 563           | 42               | 7%                                     |
| Pershing     | 41            | 7                | 17%                                    |
| Storey       | 14            | 6                | 43%                                    |
| Washoe       | 2,062         | 310              | 15%                                    |
| White Pine   | 133           | 15               | 11%                                    |
| Unknown      | 1,943         | 339              | 17%                                    |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>18,870</b> | <b>2,923</b>     | <b>15%</b>                             |

## SAFETY EQUIPMENT

Wearing a helmet is crucial for safety, particularly when operating an off-road vehicle, motorcycle, or bicycle. —Figure 14.

**Figure 14: Proportion of Helmet Use Among Pedal Cyclists, Motor Cyclists, and Off-Road Users (UT)**



In Nevada, 1,660 of the 2,895 people injured in motor vehicle accidents reported wearing age-appropriate restraints at the time of the accident. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), in 2024, 91.2 percent of Americans wore seat belts, showing that they are aware of the importance of doing so for their own safety. According to the NHTSA, using a seatbelt can reduce your risk of suffering a fatal injury by 45% and a moderate to critical injury by 50%. Additionally, for light trucks, seatbelt use reduces the risk of fatal injury by 60% and moderate to critical injury by 65%

**Table 29: Age-Specific Restraint Use Among Motor-Vehicle Traffic Occupants**

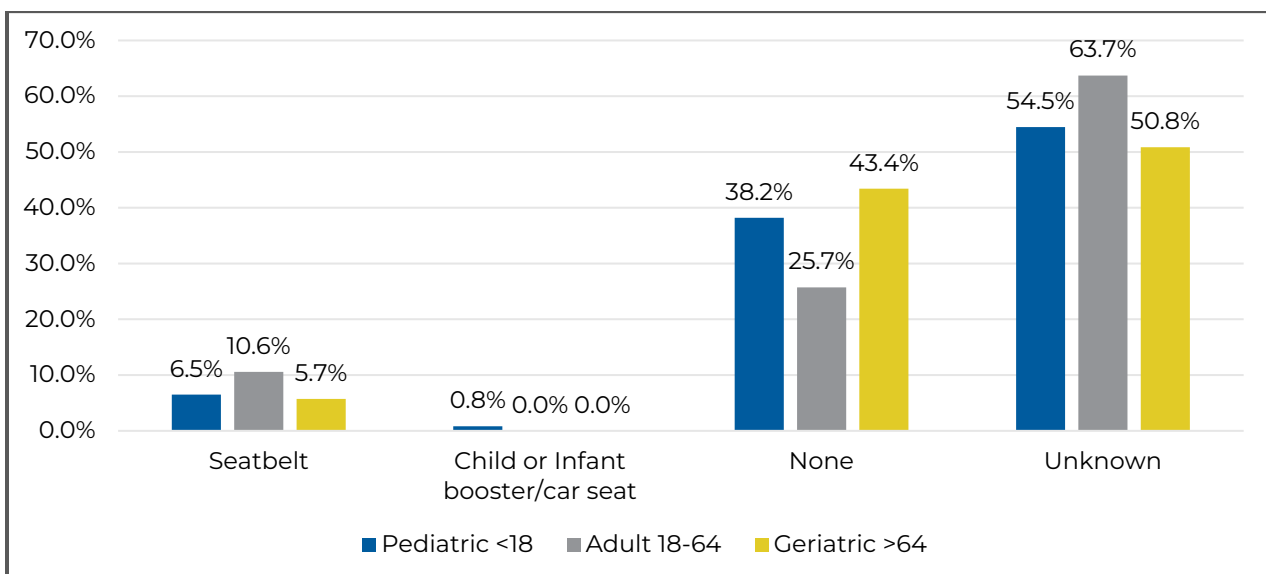
| Age Group                        | Pediatric <18 | Adult 18-64 | Geriatric >64 | Total        |
|----------------------------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| Seatbelt                         | 8             | 81          | 44            | 133          |
| Child or Infant booster/car seat | 1             | 0           | 0             | 1            |
| None                             | 47            | 197         | 334           | 580          |
| Unknown                          | 67            | 488         | 391           | 946          |
| <b>Total</b>                     | <b>123</b>    | <b>766</b>  | <b>769</b>    | <b>1,660</b> |

**Table 30: Age-Specific Proportion of Restraint Use Among Motor-Vehicle Traffic Occupants**

| Age Group   | Pediatric <18 | Adult 18-64  | Geriatric >64 | Total (column percent) |
|---|---------------|--------------|---------------|------------------------|
| Seatbelt  | 6.5%          | 10.6%        | 5.7%          | 8.0%                   |
| Child or Infant booster/car seat  | 0.8%          | 0.0%         | 0.0%          | 0.1%                   |
| None  | 38.2%         | 25.7%        | 43.4%         | 34.9%                  |
| Unknown   | 54.5%         | 63.7%        | 50.8%         | 57.0%                  |
| <b>Total Age-Specific Proportion</b>  | <b>7.4%</b>   | <b>46.2%</b> | <b>46.4%</b>  | <b>100.0%</b>          |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Among Motor vehicle occupants: 7.4% are &lt;18, 46.2% are 18-64 and 46.4% are &gt;64years.</li> <li>Among Motor vehicle occupants 8.0% use seatbelt, 0.1% used Child booster/car seat, 39.9% used no restraint. 57% of motor vehicle occupants have unknown restraint information.</li> <li>Among all motor vehicle traffic occupants &lt; 18 years, 8.1% used seatbelts.</li> </ul> |               |              |               |                        |

Table 30 and Figure 15 demonstrate that 6.5% of pediatric passengers involved in motor vehicle related traumas were properly restrained by a seat belt. While 10.6% of adult drivers reported wearing a seatbelt, the elderly population over the age of 64 reported wearing one at a rate of 5.7%. As individuals' self-reported use of restraints at the time of incidents there is potential for some data inaccuracies. It is important to note Figure 15 refers to the populations in shown age range that reported being properly restrained using the correct type of safety restraint. In 2024, data on restraint use appeared limited across all age groups in cases where a Motor Vehicle Crash (MVC) or related incident was the primary cause of injury. Figure 15 reflects a higher proportion of 'unknown' responses, particularly in relation to restraint use in MVC-related cases. Contributing factors may include limitations in available documentation or an elevated number of 'unknown' responses.

**Figure 15: Age-Specific Proportion of Restraint Use Among Motor-Vehicle Traffic Occupants**



## FALLS – BY LAST TRANSFER FACILITY

Slipping, tripping, and stumbling were considered the main contributors to the types of falls that resulted in trauma injuries, accounting for 65.1%. This was also the most frequent types of falls that resulted in death.

In 2024, falls were Nevada's leading cause of trauma. In line with this, most traumas occur at home (Table 12). In analyzing the falls by sex, males experienced more trauma than females by 1,180 cases. (Table 31). In two instances, the patient's sex was not documented in the record. A breakdown of the types of falls is provided in Table 32.

**Table 31: Trauma Rate for Falls by Sex (Unique Traumas)**

| Sex          | n             | Rate per 100,000 (95% CI)  |
|--------------|---------------|----------------------------|
| Female       | 5,250         | 313.9 (305.4-322.4)        |
| Male         | 6,430         | 387.1 (377.7-396.6)        |
| Unknown      | 2             | -                          |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>11,682</b> | <b>350.5 (344.1-356.8)</b> |

**Table 32: Incidence and Mortality Proportion by Type of Fall (Unique Traumas)**

| Type of Falls                           | Count         | Percent of Falls (Column Percent) | Deaths     | Mortality Proportion (Row Percent) |
|---|---------------|-----------------------------------|------------|------------------------------------|
| Same level, Slipping/Tripping/Stumbling | 7,602         | 65.1%                             | 173        | 2.3%                               |
| Unspecified                             | 1,256         | 10.8%                             | 47         | 3.7%                               |
| From Furniture                          | 721           | 6.2%                              | 14         | 1.9%                               |
| Steps                                   | 713           | 6.1%                              | 12         | 1.7%                               |
| Pedestrian Conveyance Accident          | 370           | 3.2%                              | 0          | 0.0%                               |
| Fall Due to Environmental Factors       | 334           | 2.9%                              | 4          | 1.2%                               |
| On or From Ladder/Scaffolding           | 295           | 2.5%                              | 5          | 1.7%                               |
| Out of Building/Structure               | 103           | 0.9%                              | 2          | 1.9%                               |
| Multi-Level: Cliff, Tree, Water, etc.   | 85            | 0.7%                              | 0          | 0.0%                               |
| Playground Equipment                    | 78            | 0.7%                              | 0          | 0.0%                               |
| Collision/Push/Shove By/Oth. Person     | 73            | 0.6%                              | 0          | 0.0%                               |
| Suicide Related                         | 35            | 0.3%                              | 1          | 2.9%                               |
| Undetermined Fall High Place            | 13            | 0.1%                              | 3          | 23.1%                              |
| Assault Related                         | 4             | 0.0%                              | 0          | 0.0%                               |
| <b>Total</b>                            | <b>11,682</b> | <b>100.0%</b>                     | <b>261</b> | <b>2.2%</b>                        |

**Table 33: Trauma Rate by Age and Type of Fall (Unique Traumas)**

| Age Group     | Type of Fall |                              |  |                              |                                      |                                 |
|---------------|--------------|------------------------------|--|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
|               | Steps        |                              | From Same Level<br>(tripping, slipping, stumbling) |                              | From Furniture<br>(bed, chair, etc.) |                                 |
|               | n            | Rate per 100,000<br>(95% CI) | n  | Rate per 100,000<br>(95% CI) | n                                    | Rate per<br>100,000 (95%<br>CI) |
| Pediatric <18 | 53           | 7.4 (5.4-9.4)                | 517  | 71.9 (65.7-78.1)             | 47                                   | 6.5 (4.7-8.4)                   |
| Adult 18-64   | 311          | 15.0 (13.3-16.6)             | 3,364  | 161.7 (156.3-167.2)          | 318                                  | 15.3 (13.6-<br>17.0)            |
| Geriatric >64 | 349          | 65.3 (58.5-72.2)             | 3,720  | 696.6 (674.2-718.9)          | 356                                  | 66.7 (59.7-<br>73.6)            |
| Total         | 713          | 21.4 (19.8-23.0)             | 7,602  | 228.1 (223.0-233.2)          | 721                                  | 21.6 (20.1-<br>23.2)            |

## FINAL NOTE

Trauma Registry (NTR) continues to improve due to increased data entry compliance and accuracy. The NTR Manager and Coordinator thank all NTR users for their perseverance in mastering accurate data entry into the NTR at the various trauma and non-trauma centers throughout Nevada. We appreciate and are aware of your commitment.

We are working to compile and maintain complete historical data for Nevada's trauma centers as collaboration among the facilities and the Nevada Trauma Registry continues to grow. Additionally, these data and subsequent reports become more valuable to the various NTR community stakeholders through ongoing partnerships to improve the quantity and quality of the information in the NTR.

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