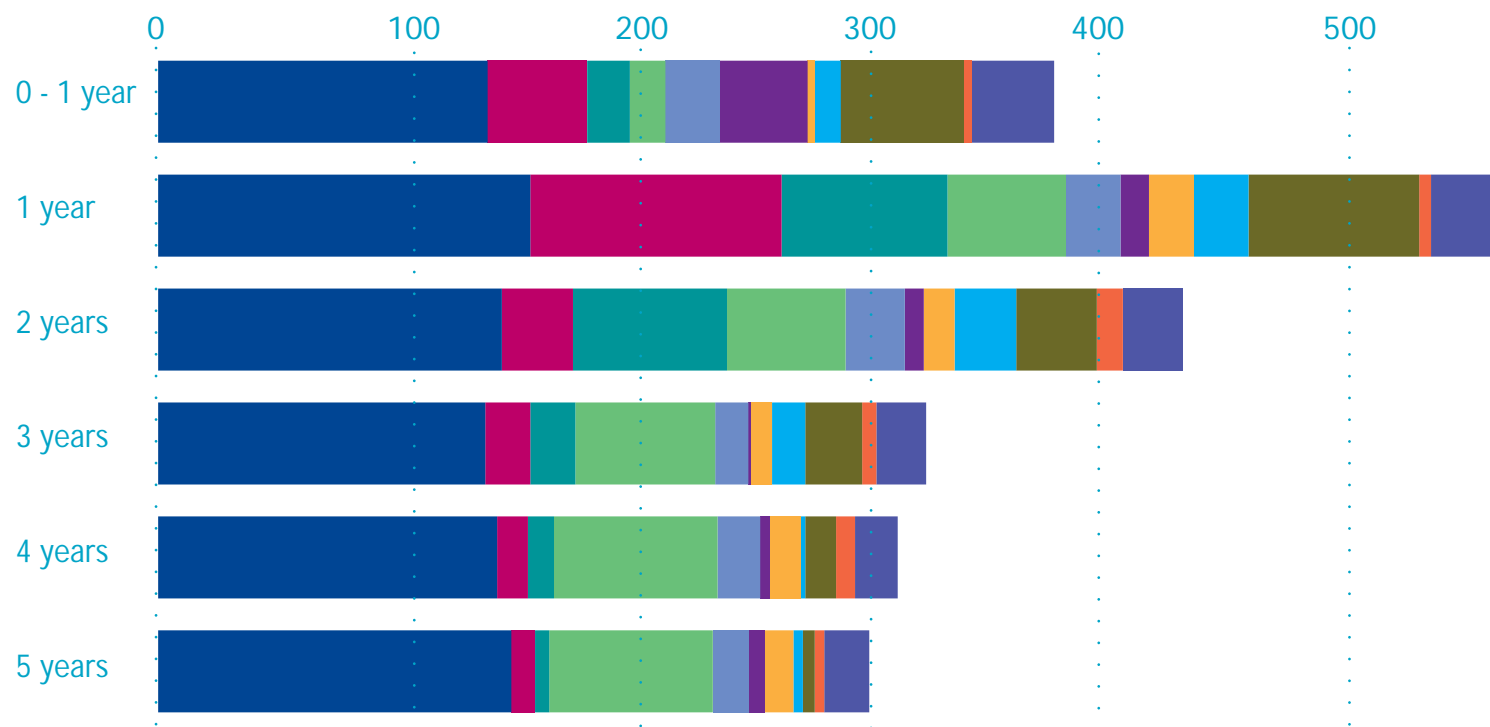




INJURY HOSPITALIZATIONS BY AGE AND CAUSE

Orange County Residents 0 - 5 years old, 1998 - 2000

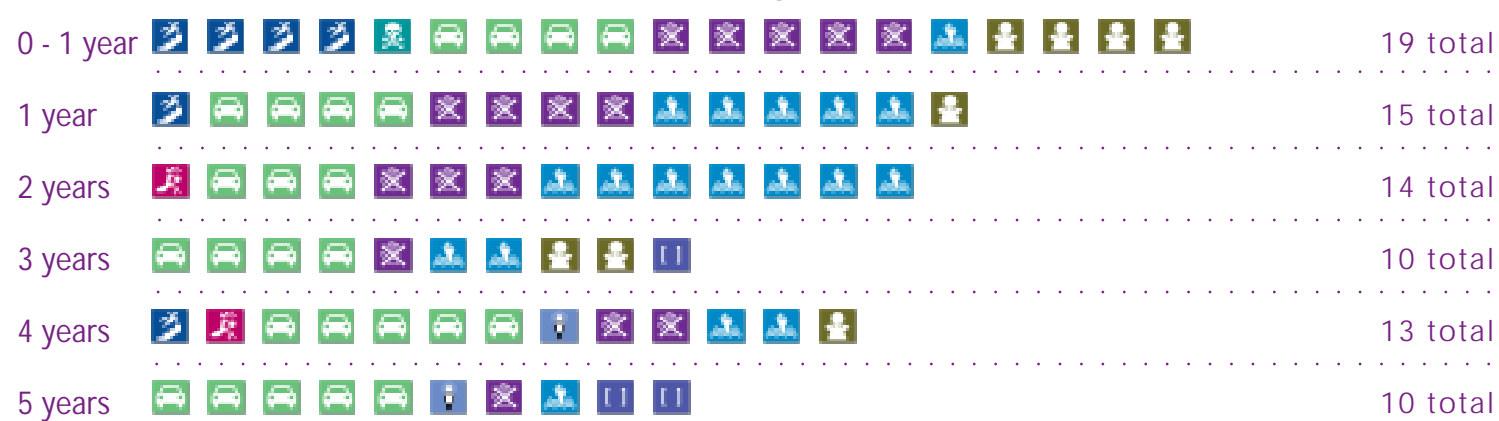
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INJURY-RELATED DEATHS BY AGE AND CAUSE

Orange County Residents 0 - 5 years old, 1998 - 2000

N = 81



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The California Chapter 4, American Academy of Pediatrics Injury Prevention Program was developed in 2001 with the mission to contribute to the prevention of injury, death and disability and secure wellness for children age 0-5 years and their families. Funding for this project is provided by the Children and Families Commission of Orange County.

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PROFILE OF CHILDHOOD INJURIES, 0 - 5 YEARS

In the US, injury is the leading cause of death for children. Over the 3-year period 1998-2000, 16% of the US deaths among children less than 5 years of age was due to injury. Each day, two Orange County children <5 years were seriously injured.

The "Profile of Childhood Injuries" highlights the leading causes of death and hospitalization of Orange County (OC) children (1998-2000). The leading cause of death for OC, as well as California children age <5 years, was drowning followed by assault. The leading cause of death for children < 1 year was assault. The number of young children seriously injured as pedestrians was nearly equal to the number injured as occupants in motor vehicles.

Recognizing the significance of reducing childhood injuries as part of the strategy to promote school readiness, the Children and Families Commission of Orange County has allocated substantial resources to community injury prevention programs using the injury data as a guide. The California Chapter 4, American Academy of Pediatrics is designated as the lead organization for a countywide Injury Prevention Collaborative.

Pediatricians and other health care providers are in a unique position to provide anticipatory injury prevention counseling to their patients and act as community advocates for public health policies aimed at reducing injury. We hope that you will find this profile useful in your injury prevention education efforts.

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LEADING CAUSES OF INJURY-RELATED DEATH 0-5 YEARS

1. DROWNING
2. ASSAULT
3. PEDESTRIAN (TRANSPORTATION)
4. VEHICLE PASSENGER (TRANSPORTATION)
5. FOREIGN BODY INGESTION / SUFFOCATION
6. FALLS

LEADING CAUSES OF INJURY HOSPITALIZATION 0-5 YEARS

1. FALLS
2. FIRE/ BURNS
3. FOREIGN BODY INGESTION / SUFFOCATION
4. POISONING
5. VEHICLE PASSENGER (TRANSPORTATION)
6. PEDESTRIAN (TRANSPORTATION)

INJURIES RESULTING IN HOSPITALIZATION OR DEATH BY MECHANISM

Orange County Residents 0 - 5 years old, 1998 - 2000

N = 2,398

