

January 2006 Update: *Traumatic Brain Injury in the United States: Emergency Department Visits, Hospitalizations, and Deaths*

Data from CDC's report *Traumatic Brain Injury in the United States: Emergency Department Visits, Hospitalizations, and Deaths* have been analyzed to provide more detail for the "Other" category of external cause of traumatic brain injury (TBI). Overall, "Struck by/against," which includes colliding with a moving or stationary object, is the third leading cause of TBI (19%), after falls (28%) and motor vehicle (MV)-traffic (20%).

Each year, "Struck by/against" averages 263,000 emergency department (ED) visits, 6,000 hospitalizations, and 400 deaths—totaling 269,000 TBIs. The report's detailed analysis showed "Struck by/against" was the second leading cause of ED visits; however, it was the cause for only a small percentage of hospitalizations (2%) and deaths (1%).

The categories of pedal cycle (3%), other transport (2%), and suicide (1%) are also shown. The "Other" category now accounts for only 7% of persons with TBI. Within "Other," no remaining cause category accounts for more than 1% of the total.

The figure below appears on page 11 of the January 2006 edition of the report.

Percentage of Average Annual Traumatic Brain Injury-Related Emergency Department Visits, Hospitalizations, and Deaths, by External Cause, United States, 1995–2001

