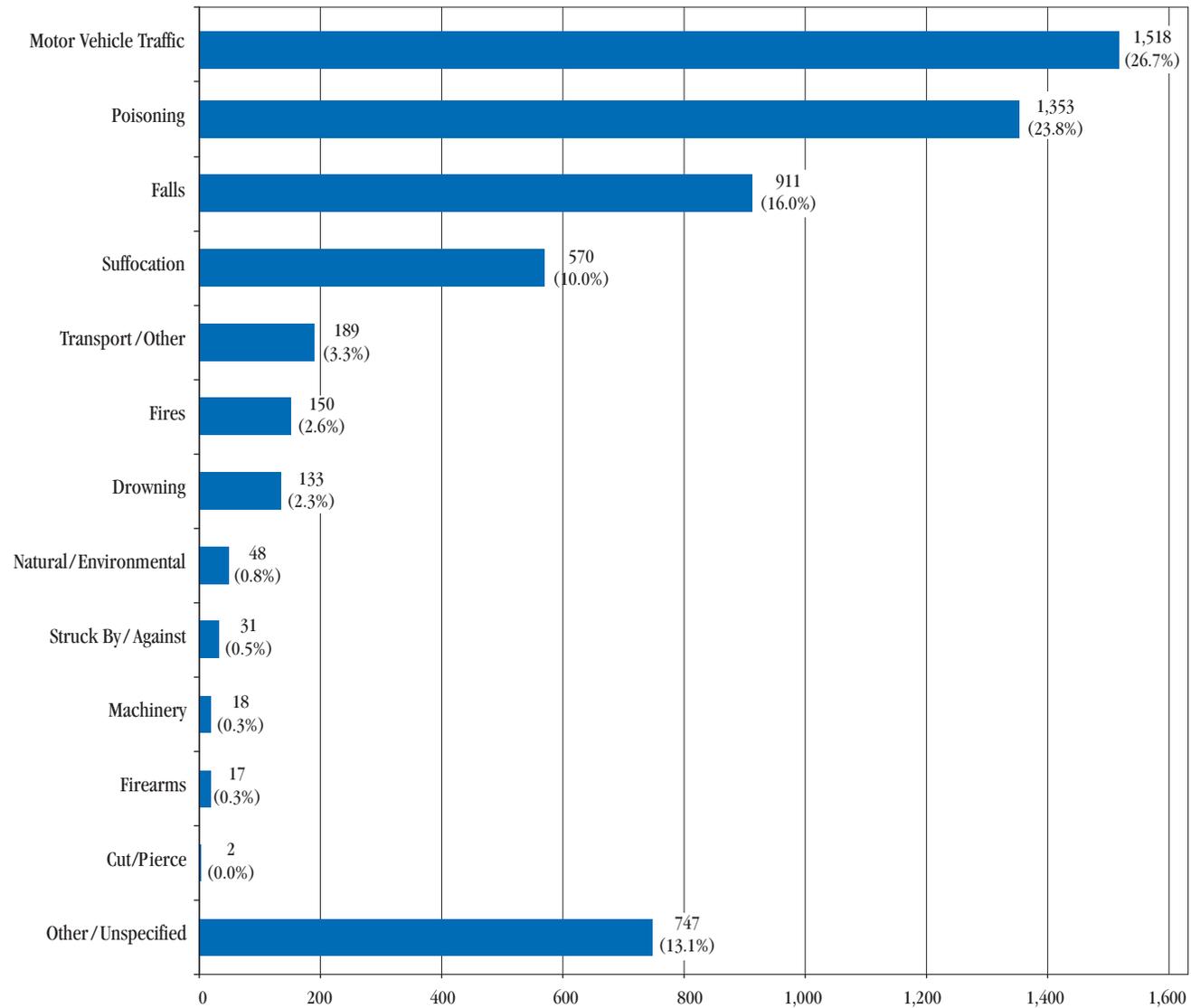


## Unintentional injury

- There were 5,687 unintentional injury deaths registered in Connecticut between 2000 – 2004, averaging 1,137 deaths per year
- More than one-fourth (26.7%) of unintentional injury deaths were due to motor vehicle crashes, which is the leading cause of unintentional injury deaths, followed by poisoning (23.8%), falls (16.0%) and suffocation (10.0%)
- Unintentional injury was the leading cause of death for children, youth and adults from 1-44 years of age—both in Connecticut and in the nation - and was the fifth leading cause of death for the population overall
- Between 2000 – 2004, 72,888 unintentional injury hospitalizations were registered in Connecticut, averaging 14,578 injury hospitalizations per year
- Unintentional injuries accounted for nearly 85% of all injury hospitalizations
- Approximately 60% of unintentional injury hospitalizations were due to falls
- The second leading unintentional injury hospitalizations were motor vehicle traffic crashes (16.6%), followed by poisoning (4.7%) and struck by /Against (2.9%)
- Unintentional injury hospitalizations were more than 13 times that of the unintentional injury deaths, meaning that one person died for every thirteen persons hospitalized
- Average length of hospital stay for unintentional injuries was 3 days
- **Between 2000-2004, the overall hospitalization charges for all unintentional injuries were \$1,211,294,776, with an average charge of \$11,553 per hospital stay**

**Figure 5**  
**Unintentional Injury Deaths by Mechanism**  
**Connecticut Residents, 2000 - 2004**  
 (n = 5,687; average = 1,137)



**Figure 6**  
**Unintentional Injury Hospitalizations by Mechanism**  
**Connecticut Residents, 2000 - 2004**  
 (n = 72,888; average = 14,578/year)

