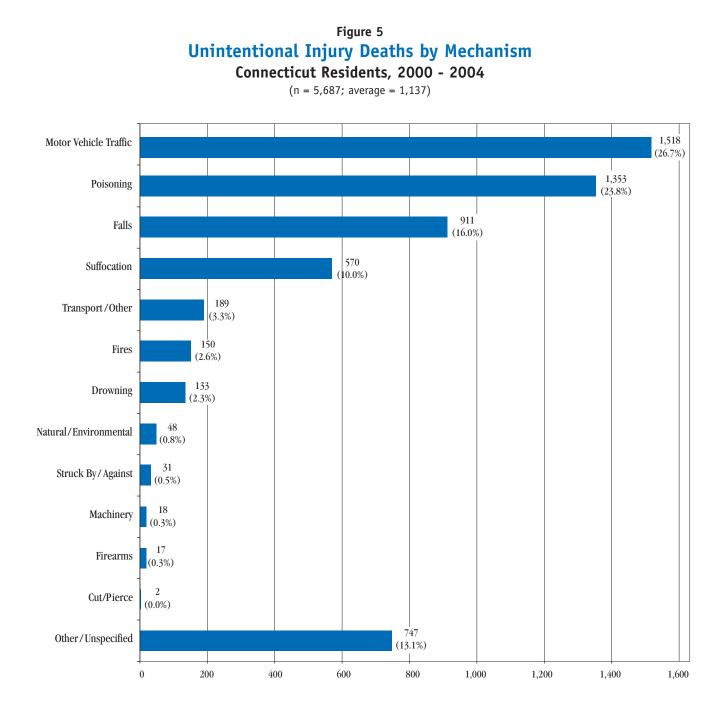
## **Unintentional injury**

- 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



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**Unintentional Injury Hospitalizations by Mechanism** Connecticut Residents, 2000 - 2004 (n = 72,888; average = 14,578/year)42,418 Fall (58.2%) Motor Vehicle Traffic 12,098 (16.6%) Poisoning 3,437 (4.7%) Struck By/Against 2,134 (2.9%) Overexertion 1,667 (2.3%) Transport, Other 1,509 (2.1%) Fire/Burn 1,329 (1.8%) Cut/Pierce 965 (1.3%) Pedal Cyclist, Other 921 (1.3%) Natural / Environmental 830 (1.1%) Machinery 596 (0.8%) Suffocation 303 (0.4%) Firearm 243 (0.3%) Pedestrian, Other 133 (0.2%) Drowning/Submersion 91 (0.1%) Other/Unspecified 4,214 (5.8%) 0 5,000 15,000 20,000 25,000 30,000 45,000 10,000 35,000 40,000 Number of Injury Hospitalizations

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