Injuries Requiring Medical Attention

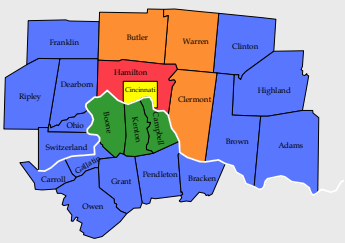
Results from the 2005 *Child Well Being Survey (CWB)*
Child Policy Research Center, The Health Foundation of Greater Cincinnati, and United Way of Greater Cincinnati

The Child Well Being Survey (CWB) is a project of the Child Policy Research Center, The Health Foundation of Greater Cincinnati and United Way of Greater Cincinnati. The University of Cincinnati's Institute for Policy Research administered the random telephone survey of caregivers of children in a 22-county area in Ohio, Kentucky, and Indiana from October through December 2005. The survey provides policy-makers, decision-makers, public agencies, and academicians with population-based information to describe and monitor the well being of children in the tri-state area.

Topics include: child health status, selected chronic conditions, medical home, injury requiring medical attention, health insurance, middle childhood activity, food security, child care arrangements, child's behavioral and emotional health, parent perception of substance use, caregiver's health status and selected adult health measures. Many questions were taken from the National Survey of American Families, the National Children's Health Survey, and the National Health Interview Survey. These questions provide national estimates to compare to CWB estimates.

The sample includes 1,559 completed interviews. The sampling area was grouped into five geographic regions: city of Cincinnati; Hamilton County outside the city, Ohio suburban counties (Butler/Clermont/ Warren); Northern Kentucky suburban counties (Boone/ Campbell/Kenton); and 15 rural counties in Ohio, Kentucky, and Indiana. The 2005 sample data is weighted to provide accurate population estimates.

Five Geographic Regions

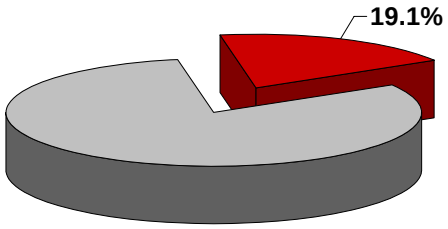


Selected Findings

The CWB survey asked caregivers, "During the past 12 months, has your child been injured and required medical attention?" Respondents were then asked where the most recent injury occurred.

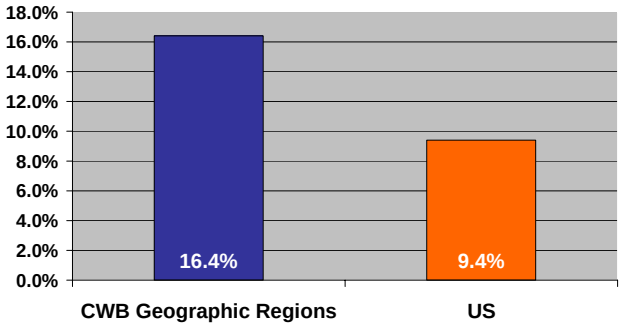
Overall, almost 20% of all children experienced an injury that required medical attention in 2005. White children (Appalachian and non-Appalachian) were more likely than African American children to suffer an injury that required medical attention. Injuries occurred more often to children of caregivers with the highest income levels (23% vs. 18% vs. 16%). It is possible that some groups of caregivers are more likely to seek medical attention for injury.

% of children who experienced an injury that required medical attention



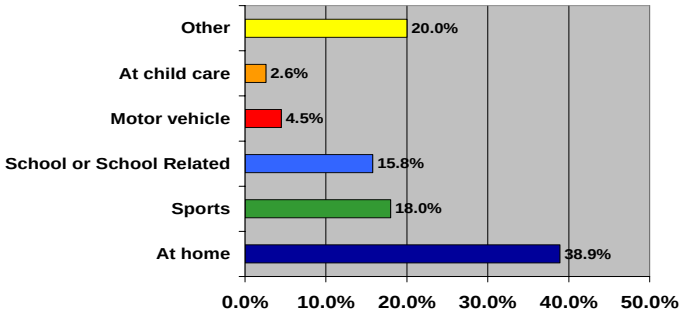
In comparison to the US, children younger than 5 years were almost twice as likely to experience an injury that required medical attention in the CWB 5 geographic regions (16.4% in the CWB area vs. 9.4% in US) (National Survey of Children's Health 2004).

% of children (0-5 yrs) who experienced an injury that required medical attention



The majority of injuries that occurred to children ages 0 to17 years in 2005 happened in the home (39%) or some "other" place (20%).

Place where most recent injury occured among all children



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