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# Falls

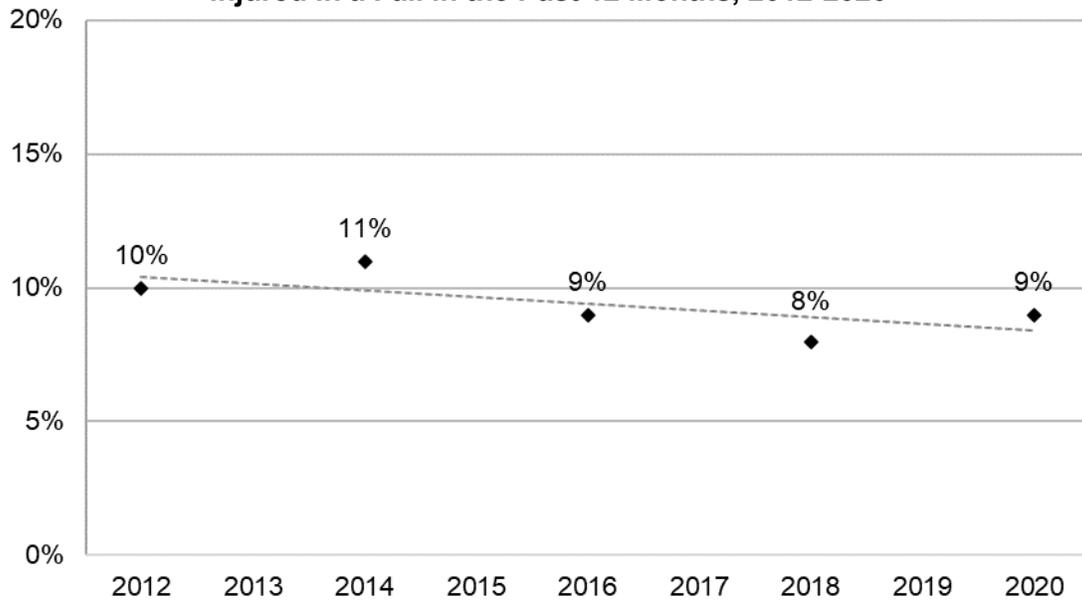
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**Definition:** South Dakotans ages 45 and older who answered “yes” to the question: “In the past 12 months were you injured in a fall; by injured we mean the fall caused you to limit your regular activities for at least a day or to go see a doctor?”

## Prevalence of Injuries Due to a Fall

- South Dakota 9%
- There is no nationwide median for injuries due to a fall

**Figure 82**  
**Percentage of South Dakotans, Ages 45 or Older, Who Were Injured in a Fall in the Past 12 Months, 2012-2020**



Source: The Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, South Dakota Department of Health, 2012-2020

**Table 62**  
**South Dakotans, Ages 45 and Older, Who Were Injured in a Fall in the Past 12 Months,**  
**2016-2020**

		2016-2020	95% Confidence Interval	
			Low	High
<b>Gender</b>	Male	7%	6.0%	8.4%
	Female	10%	8.9%	11.4%
<b>Age</b>	18-29	-	-	-
	30-39	-	-	-
	40-49	8%	5.6%	10.9%
	50-59	10%	7.8%	11.6%
	60-69	8%	7.1%	9.9%
	70-79	8%	6.3%	9.6%
	80+	9%	7.2%	12.4%
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>	White, Non-Hispanic	8%	7.3%	9.0%
	American Indian, Non-Hispanic	17%	12.0%	23.2%
	American Indian/White, Non-Hispanic	25%	9.5%	52.7%
	Hispanic	7%	2.9%	16.4%
<b>Household Income</b>	Less than \$35,000	14%	11.7%	16.2%
	\$35,000-\$74,999	8%	6.7%	9.5%
	\$75,000+	5%	3.6%	6.0%
<b>Education</b>	Less than High School, G.E.D.	11%	7.1%	16.1%
	High School, G.E.D.	9%	7.2%	10.2%
	Some Post-High School	9%	7.6%	10.6%
	College Graduate	8%	6.5%	9.1%
<b>Employment Status</b>	Employed for Wages	7%	5.7%	8.5%
	Self-employed	6%	4.3%	8.4%
	Unemployed	11%	6.3%	18.9%
	Homemaker	7%	4.2%	11.3%
	Student	*	*	*
	Retired	8%	7.1%	9.7%
	Unable to Work	26%	20.9%	32.6%
<b>Marital Status</b>	Married/Unmarried Couple	7%	6.4%	8.4%
	Divorced/Separated	13%	10.4%	16.3%
	Widowed	11%	8.6%	13.4%
	Never Married	8%	5.2%	12.5%
<b>Home Ownership Status</b>	Own Home	8%	6.8%	8.6%
	Rent Home	14%	11.3%	17.9%
<b>Children Status</b>	Children in Household (Ages 18-44)	-	-	-
	No Children in Household (Ages 18-44)	-	-	-
<b>Phone Status</b>	Landline	9%	7.5%	10.0%
	Cell Phone	9%	7.5%	9.9%
<b>Pregnancy Status</b>	Pregnant (Ages 18-44)	-	-	-
	Not Pregnant (Ages 18-44)	-	-	-
<b>County</b>	Minnehaha	8%	5.7%	10.2%
	Pennington	10%	7.7%	12.1%
	Lincoln	3%	1.9%	6.0%
	Brown	8%	5.9%	10.4%
	Brookings	7%	5.2%	9.4%
	Codington	9%	6.7%	11.3%
	Meade	7%	4.7%	9.5%
	Lawrence	11%	7.6%	14.8%

Note: \*Results based on small sample sizes have been suppressed.

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## **Demographics**

<b>Gender</b>	Females exhibit a significantly higher prevalence of being injured in a fall than males.
<b>Age</b>	The prevalence of being injured in a fall does not seem to consistently change as age changes.
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>	American Indians and American Indian/whites demonstrate a very high prevalence of being injured in a fall, while whites show a very low prevalence.
<b>Household Income</b>	The prevalence of being injured in a fall decreases as household income increases. This includes significant decreases as the \$35,000-\$74,999 and \$75,000+ income groups are reached.
<b>Education</b>	The prevalence of being injured in a fall decreases as education levels increase.
<b>Employment</b>	Those who are unable to work demonstrate a very high prevalence of being injured in a fall, while those who are employed for wages, self-employed, unemployed, a homemaker, or retired show a very low prevalence.
<b>Marital Status</b>	Those who are divorced or widowed exhibit a very high prevalence of being injured in a fall, while those who are married show a very low prevalence.
<b>Home Ownership</b>	Those who rent their home show a significantly higher prevalence of being injured in a fall than those who own their home.
<b>Phone Status</b>	The prevalence of being injured in a fall does not seem to change based on phone status.
<b>County</b>	Pennington, Codrington, and Lawrence counties all demonstrate a very high prevalence of being injured in a fall, while Lincoln county shows a very low prevalence.