

TRENDS IN LEADING CAUSES OF FATAL INJURY IN OHIO, 2000 TO 2010

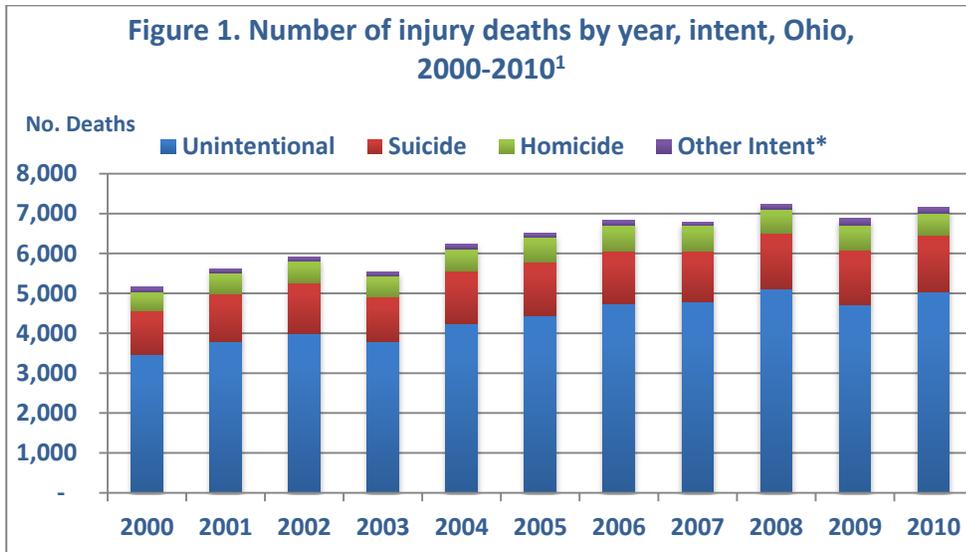
The overall number of injury-related* deaths has increased by 39 percent from approximately 5,100 in 2000 to more than 7,100 in 2010 (Figure 1.) All intents have contributed to the increase; however, unintentional injuries have increased the most (44 percent) during this time.

For the first time on record, in 2007 unintentional drug overdose surpassed motor vehicle traffic and suicide as the overall leading cause of injury death in Ohio. This trend continued in 2009 and 2010 (Figure 2.).

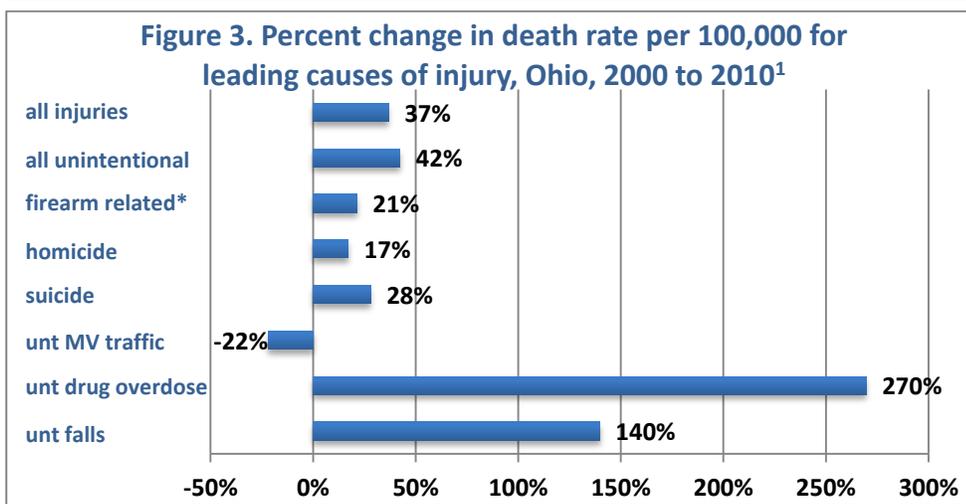
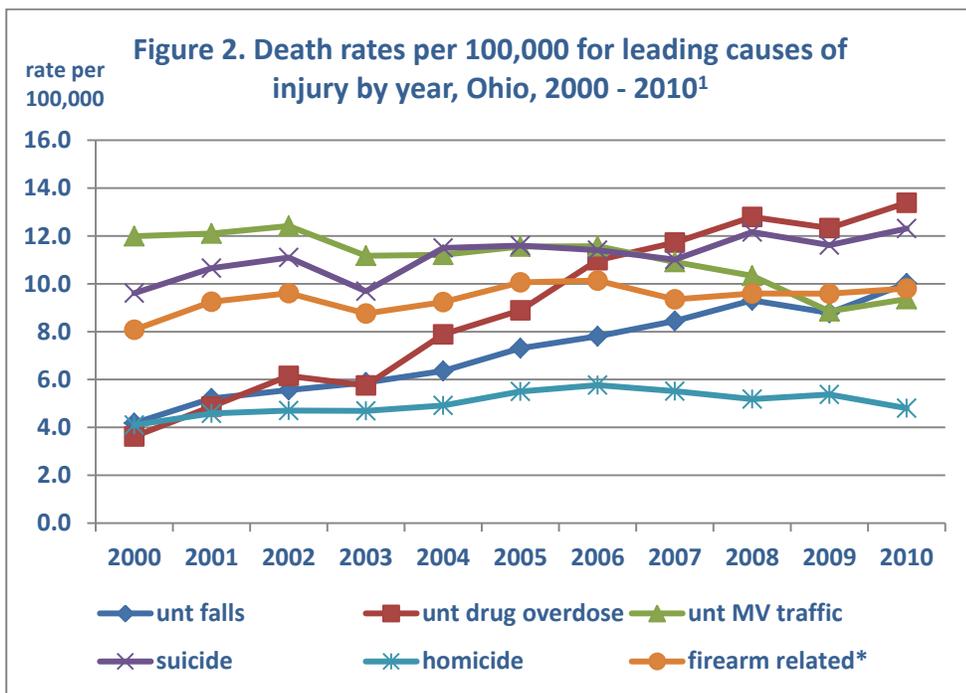
Unintentional drug overdose has been the largest driving force in the overall increase in unintentional injury death rates from 2000 to 2010. This increase in deaths has been driven largely by prescription drug overdoses (Data not shown).

Demonstrating a positive trend among Ohio injuries, motor vehicle traffic-related deaths decreased 22 percent from 2000 to 2010 (Figure 3).

Fatal falls have also increased significantly during this time period (140 percent, Fig. 3.). As the population continues to age, we expect to see growing rates of fatal falls.



*Other intent includes undetermined intent, legal intervention, war and medical



*All intents MV = motor vehicle unnt = unintentional
¹Source: Ohio Department of Health, Office of Vital Statistics, Analysis by Injury Prevention Program