

The Annual Cost of Falls to the US Economy Exceeds \$150 Billion



Cost of Unintentional Falls in the USA

Calendar 2010

Result of a Fall	Number Of Incidents	Medical Costs	Lost Wages	Total Cost	Average Cost Per Incident
Deaths	26,009	\$622,265,825	\$6,657,653,698	\$7,279,919,523	\$279,900
Hospitalization	992,452	\$38,630,888,947	\$56,262,339,893	\$94,893,228,841	\$95,615
Emergency Department Visit	8,043,684	\$20,526,698,988	\$30,278,638,301	\$50,805,337,290	\$6,316
Total	9,062,145	\$59,779,853,761	\$93,198,631,893	\$152,978,485,654	\$16,881

Data Source: NEISS All Injury Program operated by the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC). National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, CDC using WISQARS™. Data extracted August 25, 2016.

- This expense only includes lost wages and medical costs, it does not include the cost of pain and suffering, legal or insurance expense.
- This is more than 1% of the total Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the USA.
- That is the equivalent of the entire median income (before taxes) for three million US families.
- Over 2% of all healthcare spending was spent treating victims of slip, trip and fall injuries.