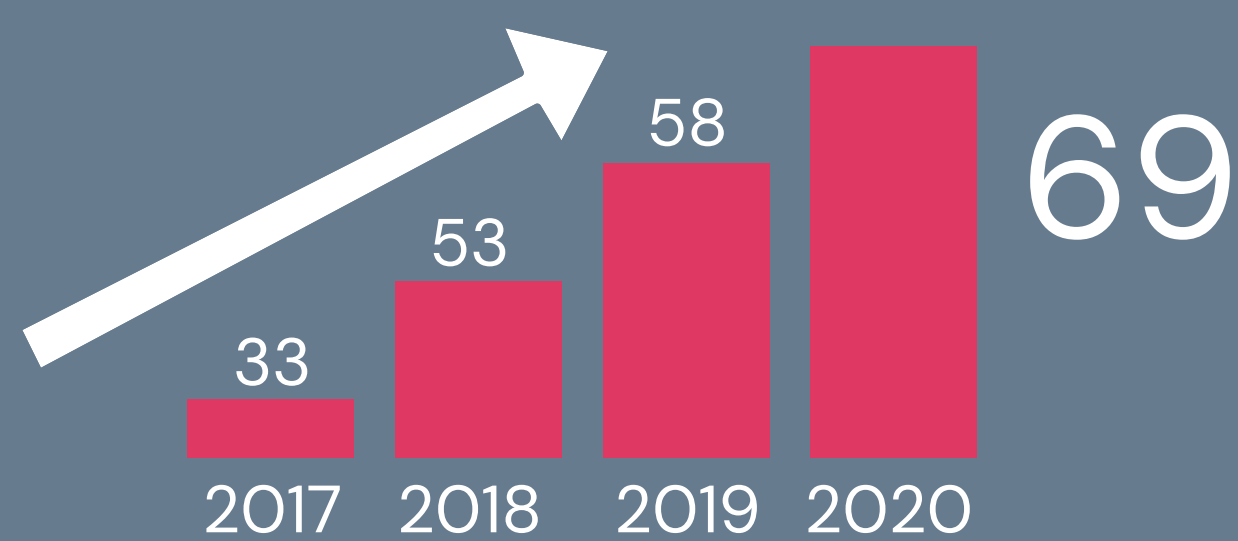


Pediatric Firearm Injuries in Our Communities

Children are injured by firearms across the metro area. Many of these injuries are accidental and preventable.

Read below to learn more about who is being injured, where the injuries are occurring and how you can help keep our children safe.



Children's Mercy had increased number of firearm injuries in 2020.

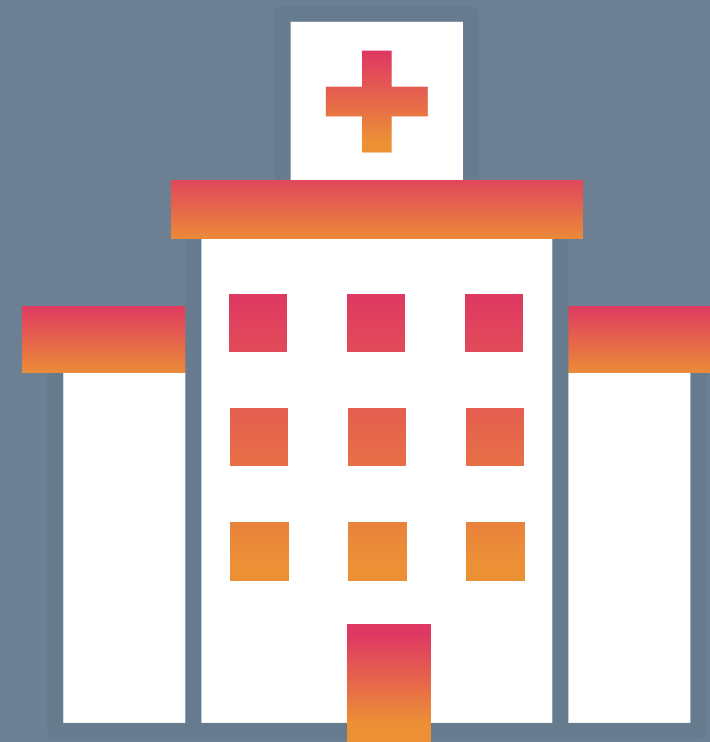
1 in 4

children injured were younger than 10 years old.



Over 80% of injuries to toddlers occurred in the home or car.

Every month, more than 5 children are injured or killed by firearms in our local communities.



170 children required admission to the hospital. 15% of these children needed ICU care.

While 68% of all injuries occurred in Jackson County, at least one child was injured by a firearm in the following counties:

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| Anderson | Douglas | McDonald |
| Atchison | Grundy | Neosho |
| Barton | Harrison | Platte |
| Bates | Jasper | Ray |
| Brown | Johnson | Riley |
| Buchanan | Jackson (KS) | Sedgewick |
| Caldwell | Labette | Shawnee |
| Cass | Lafayette | Vernon |
| Clay | Livingston | Wyandotte |
| Crawford | Leavenworth | |
| DeKalb | | |

Store firearms unloaded, locked up (lock box, cable lock or safe) with the ammunition stored separately.

