



TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY in Tennessee

In 1993, the Tennessee General Assembly established the Tennessee Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Program to address the needs of people with brain injuries and their families. *Tennessee Code Annotated 68-55-203* mandates the Department of Health develop and maintain a TBI Registry to collect data on patients admitted to Tennessee hospitals. Since January 2019, the TBI Registry has collected data on over 15,000 patients and has connected people with TBI in Tennessee with resources vital for their recovery.

Note: TBI Registry data is reported on a calendar year (January 1, 2020 - December 31, 2020)

OVERVIEW OF TENNESSEE REGISTRY PATIENTS

In 2020

8,227

patients were reported to the registry with a traumatic brain injury

89%

of TBI Registry patients were discharged from the hospital alive

50%

of patients were discharged home



34%

of patients were discharged to rehabilitation, skilled nursing or other long-term care facilities



11% of patients were discharged home under the care of an organized home health service organization

2% of patients were discharged to another hospital for further care



DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS OF TBI PATIENTS

50+

63% of TBI patients were adults over 50 years of age

Age group

81+

had the highest number of TBI patients

61%

of TBI patients were male

75%

of patients were non-Hispanic White

Average TBI patient age in years

Non-Hispanic White → 60.2

Non-Hispanic Black → 43.9

Hispanic → 34.7

TENNESSEE TBI TRENDS



Unintentional falls were the **leading** cause of injury for TBI Registry patients

Motor vehicle crashes were the cause of injury for most patients under 65 years of age



81% of TBI Registry patients had moderately **severe** TBIs

To learn more about the Traumatic Brain Injury Program visit, <https://tinyurl.com/health-tbi> or call the TBI Hotline at 1-800-882-0611



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