



GOVERNOR'S PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION

Emergency Preparedness

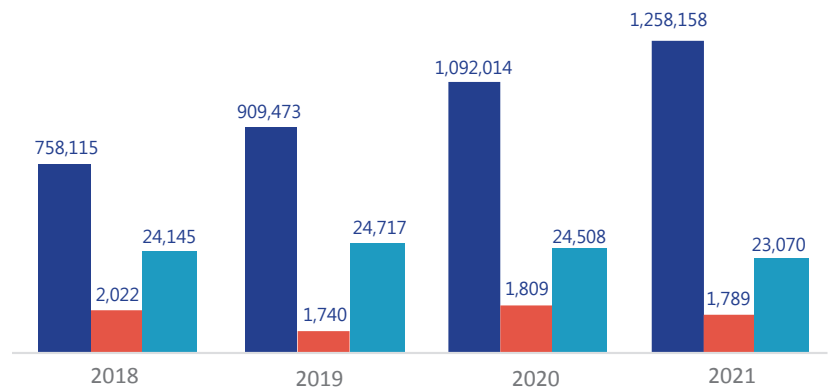


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Our goal: To ensure that every Hoosier has access to the core public health services that allow them to achieve their optimal health and wellbeing.

- Indiana faces gaps in emergency response due to funding, training, and resources
- Public health in Indiana does not maximize available funding to enhance emergency preparedness across the state.
- Indiana needs to be positioned to support future responses. The National Strategic Stockpile is not equipped to meet the needs of all 50 states at once.
- Greater use of available management systems is needed to coordinate resources
- Gaps in Indiana's trauma system and EMS shortages are impacting Hoosiers' health outcomes

EMS Run Volume, Ambulances and Personnel, 2018-2021

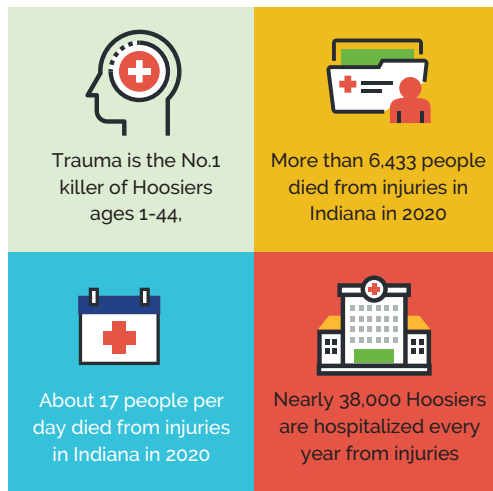


EMS runs are increasing while emergency ambulances and personnel are declining. In 2021:

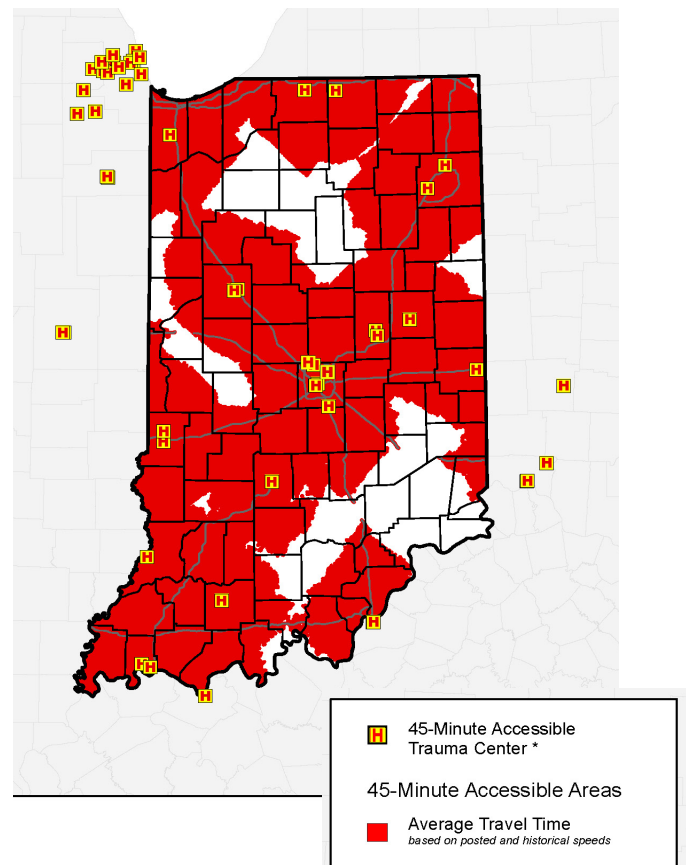
1,789 emergency ambulances in the state, down from over 2,022 in 2018

Total EMS personnel have declined from 24,145 in 2018 to 23,070 in 2021

The case for trauma access:



Indiana Trauma Center 45-minute Access Map



- In 2021, less than half of critical trauma patients who arrived at non-trauma center hospitals were transferred to a trauma center within two hours
- Non-trauma hospitals, mostly in rural areas, experienced 91% of the transfer delays
- EMS issues, including personnel shortages, accounted for the majority of delays



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Benefits of Investing in Emergency Preparedness

- + Fewer traumatic injuries
- + Lower healthcare spending
- + Improved response time for critical care including heart attack, stroke
- + Significant decline in preventable deaths, chronic disabilities due to trauma
- + Increased trauma capabilities around the state of Indiana
- + Enhanced collaboration across district and county lines
- + More robust, skilled workforce
- + Bring together responders at all levels for training and exercising to prepare for emergency responses and improve outcomes



Next steps:

- ☒ Increase use of resource management system among hospitals, local health departments, first responders, healthcare facilities and government agencies to improve emergency preparedness and response
- ☒ Ensure local health departments optimize available funding to enhance their community's emergency preparedness.
- ☒ Enhance state emergency services and supplies capacity through vendor contracts, state strategic stockpile for personal protective equipment and medical countermeasures
- ☒ Increase coordination of cross-agency training exercises for public health emergencies
- ☒ Identify strategies to expand and sustain EMS workforce, including needs assessment, funding, and cost-sharing
- ☒ Promote expansion of community paramedicine programs
- ☒ Improve regional coordination efforts to ensure a seamless emergency response

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