Spinal Cord Injuries in the US

2023 Facts and Statistics



New Injuries Per Year

Approximately 18,000 new spinal cord injuries occur each year in the United States (54 incidents per 1 million). This does not include those who die from their injury at the scene.

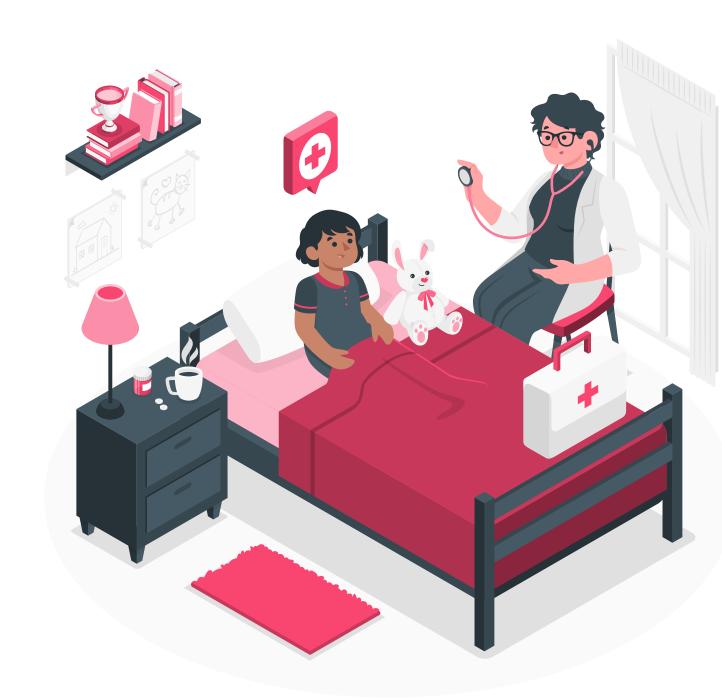
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Total Injured Population

It's estimated that there are 302,000 people with SCI living in the United States. Estimates range between 255,000-383,000.

~302,000 People

with spinal cord injuries in the US

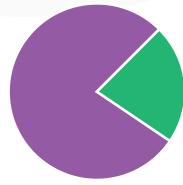




Who's Getting Injured?

79% of people with SCI are male. The average age at time of injury is 43 years old. Nearly half (47%) of injuries occur between ages 16 and 30. The most frequent age at the time of injury is 19.

79% *Male*



21% Female



47% Between - Ages 16-30



Average Hospital Stay

When admitted, patients stay in ICU/acute care for 11 days on average. Afterwards, the average length in rehabilitation is 31 days.

11 Days

31 Days

ICU/Acute Care Rehabilitation

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