




BRAIN INJURY ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

#NotAloneinBrainInjury
www.biausa.org

BRAIN INJURY FACTS AND STATISTICS

- More than 3.5 million children and adults sustain an acquired brain injury (ABI) each year, but the total incidence is unknown.
- An ABI is any injury to the brain that is not hereditary, congenital, degenerative, or induced by birth trauma.
- Typical causes of ABI include:
 - Electric Shock
 - Infectious Disease
 - Lightning Strike
 - Near Drowning
 - Oxygen Deprivation (Hypoxia/Anoxia)
 - Seizure Disorders
 - Stroke
 - Substance Abuse
 - Toxic Exposure
 - Trauma
 - Tumor

More than 12 million Americans live with the impact of ABI.

- Traumatic brain injury (TBI) is a subset of ABI and is caused by trauma to the brain from an external force.
- At least 2.5 million children and adults sustain TBIs in the U.S. each year:
 - 2.2 million are treated in emergency departments for TBI each year.
 - 280,000 are hospitalized for TBI each year.
 - 50,000 die because of TBI each year.
- The number of people who sustain TBIs and do not seek treatment is unknown.
- Every 13 seconds, someone in the U.S. sustains a TBI.
- One of every 60 people in the U.S. lives with a TBI-related disability.

- Every day, 137 people in the U.S. die because of a TBI-related injury.
- There are many causes of TBI:
 - Falls – 40.5%
 - Struck by/against – 15.5%
 - Motor vehicle – 14.3%
 - Assaults – 10.7%
 - Unknown – 19%
- At least 5.3 million Americans live with TBI-related disabilities.
- When someone sustains a brain injury, many people are affected:
 - Survivors and their parents, spouses, siblings, extended families, and friends
 - Healthcare providers, including surgeons, physicians, counselors, rehab therapists, social workers, and personal care attendants
 - Insurance companies that issue auto accident, individual, and group health, disability, life and re-insurance policies
 - Attorneys of all types, including those who handle personal injury, insurance and disability claims, civil rights/discrimination, domestic actions, wills, estates, and trusts
 - Educators at every level, but especially special education teachers and those who prepare America’s future healthcare workforce
 - Government agencies that administer health and social programs such as Medicare, Medicaid, State Children’s Health Insurance Program (SCHIP), Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP), vocational rehab
 - Employers of all types