

Motor Vehicle Deaths

- Motor vehicle traffic crashes were the leading cause of injury deaths in Connecticut, accounting for close to one quarter (26.7%) of all injury deaths in the state
- During the five-year period 2000-2004 there were 1,518 fatalities, for an average of 304 deaths each year. Notably, there were more deaths recorded among motor-cyclists (212) than among motor vehicle occupants (203); however, in over 60% of traffic fatalities, the victim's mode of transport was not specified
- The cities and towns with the highest number of residents dying in motor vehicle crashes were Hartford (60), Waterbury (60), Bridgeport (59), New Haven (56), Stamford (47), East Hartford (38), Danbury (32), and New Britain (30)
- Close to 40% of all motor vehicle traffic deaths occurred to individuals between the ages of 15-29, with the 20-24 year olds exhibiting the highest age-specific death rate of any age group (23.1 deaths per 100,000 population)
- The 75 and older population, also, demonstrated higher than average death rates, ranging from 14.8 to 17.3 deaths per 100,000 population
- From 5 years of age on, males consistently had a higher rate of motor vehicle deaths than females. In fact, the rate for the males was 3.7 times higher than for the females among 25-29 and 85+ year olds, and it is 4 times higher for males than for females in the 40-44 year old age group
- For the population overall, the motor vehicle traffic death rate was over 2.5 times higher among males (12.9 death rate per 100,000 population) versus for females (4.9 death rate per 100,000)
- Motor vehicle crash death rates varied very little between the Hispanic and the Non-Hispanic White and Black populations, while Non-Hispanics of other races had a rate roughly 2.5 times lower than the rate for the other three racial/ethnic groups
- Windham County experienced the highest motor vehicle traffic death rate (18.3 per 100,000 population) during this period, followed by Litchfield (11.5 per 100,000 population) County and New London (10.7 per 100,000 population) County. Fairfield County had the lowest rate at 7.0 deaths per 100,000 population
- According to death certificate data, 17% of motor vehicle traffic death victims were pronounced dead on arrival at the hospital, while an additional 19% expired in hospital emergency departments

Figure 7
Unintentional Motor Vehicle Traffic* Deaths by Person Injured
Connecticut Residents, 2000 - 2004

(n = 1,518; average = 304/year)

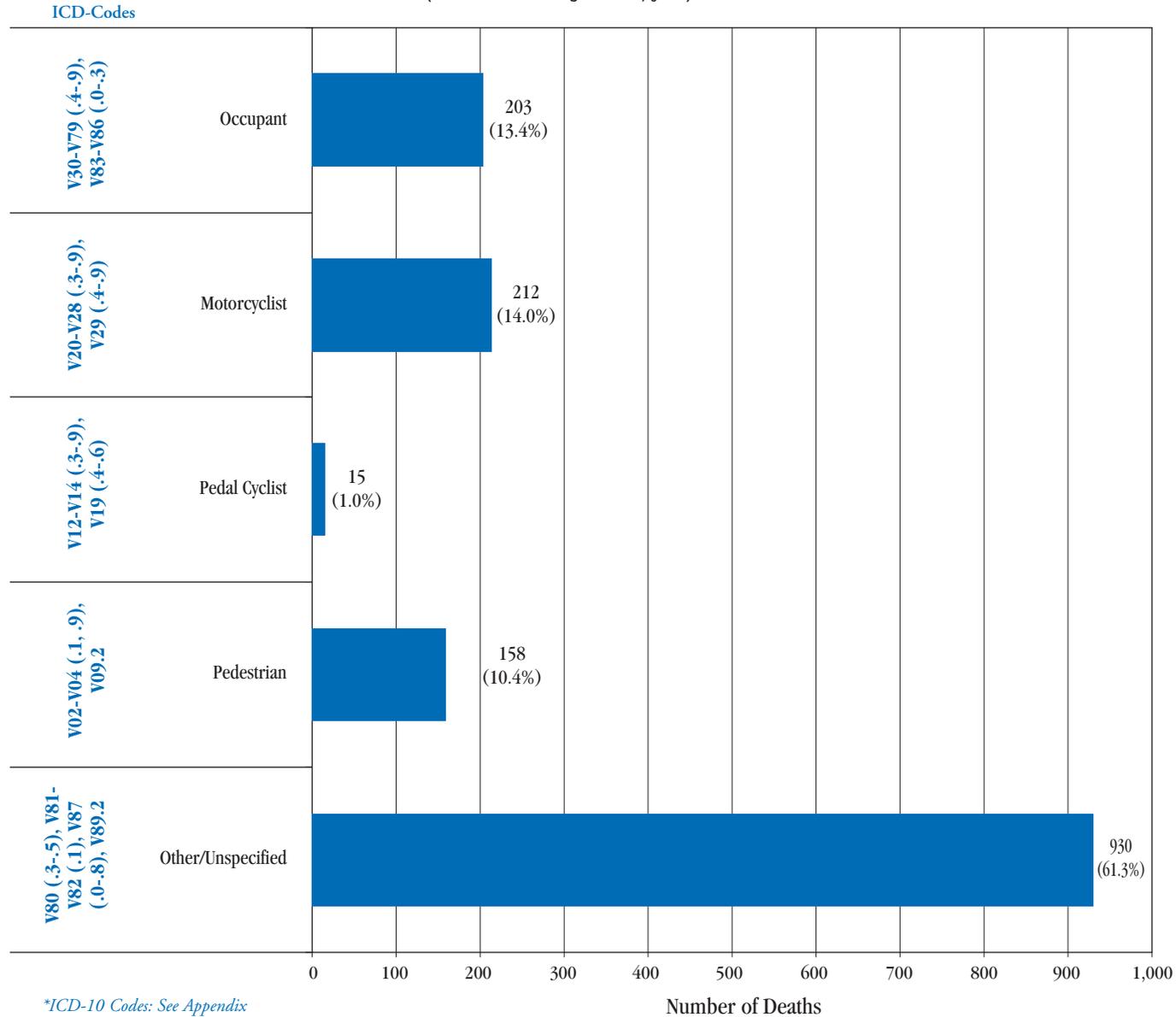


Figure 8
Motor Vehicle Traffic Death Rates by Person Injured & Age
Connecticut Residents, 2000 - 2004
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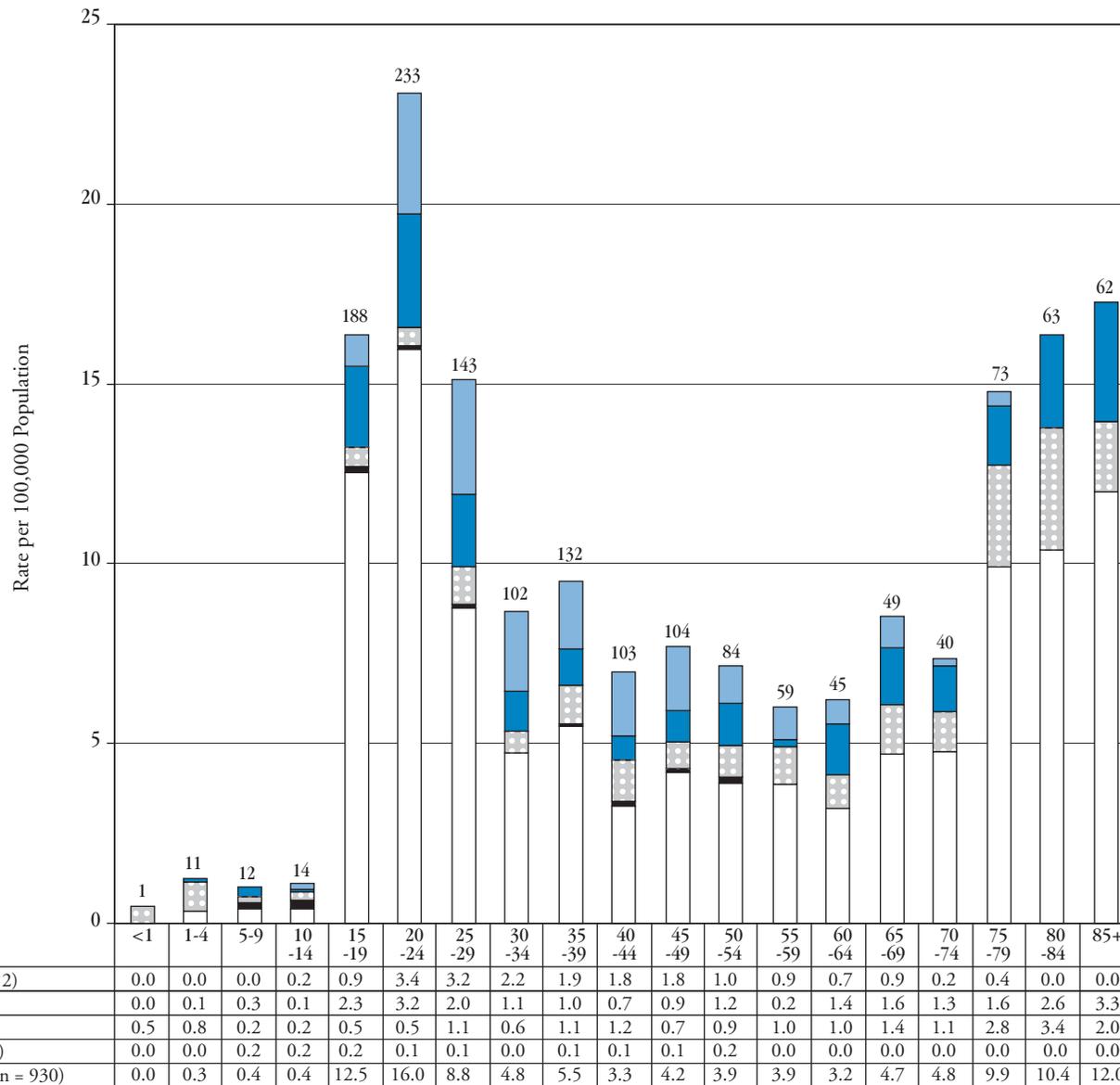


Figure 9
Motor Vehicle Traffic Death Rates By Age & Sex
Connecticut Residents, 2000 - 2004
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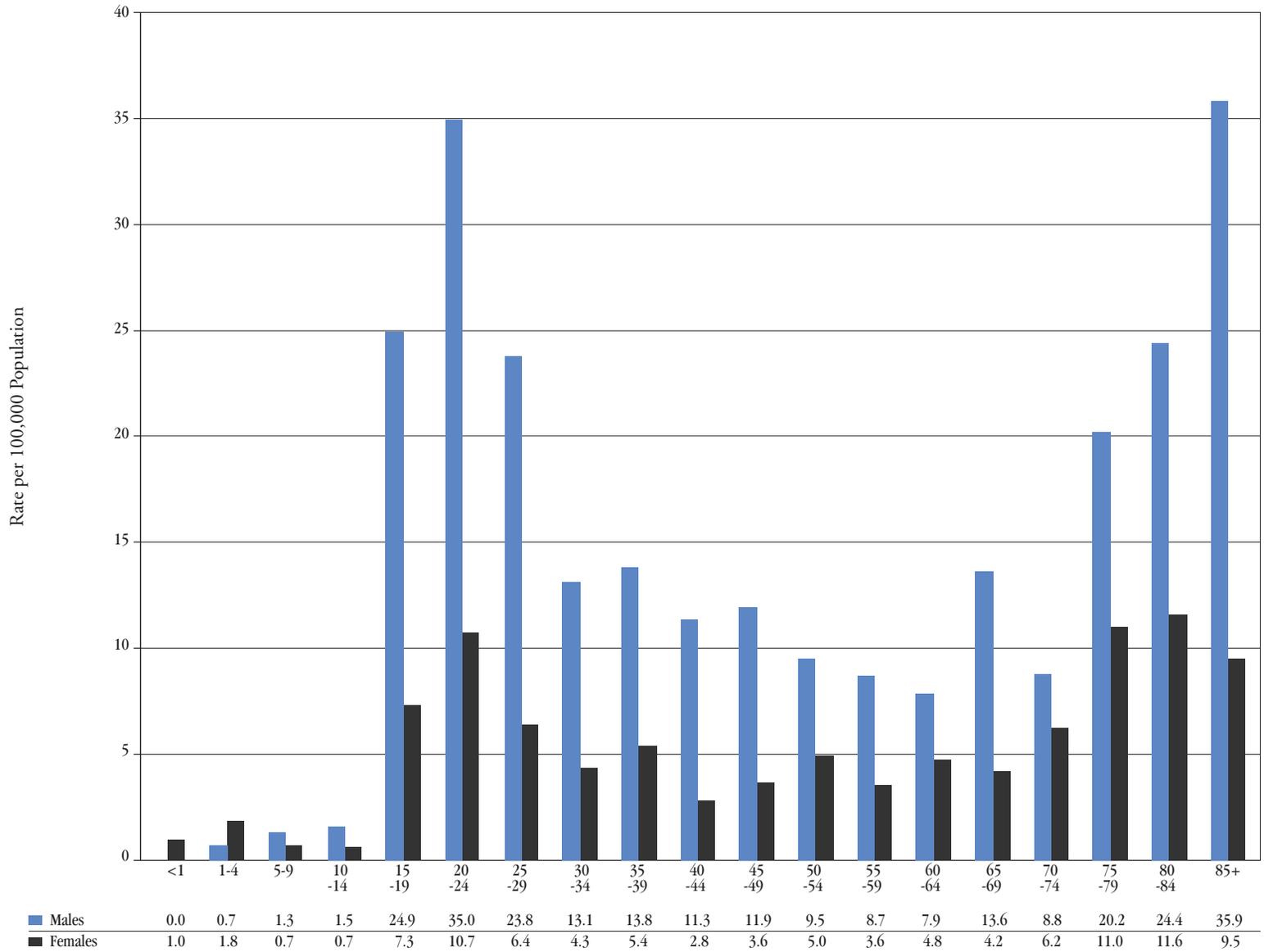


Figure 10
Motor Vehicle Traffic Death Rates per 100,000 Population
by Sex, Race/Ethnicity & County of Residence
Connecticut Residents, 2000 - 2004

