



# GOVERNOR'S PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION

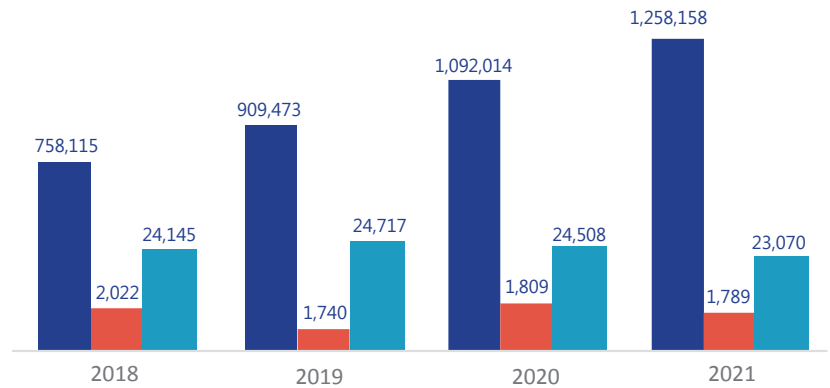
## Emergency Preparedness



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- 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**

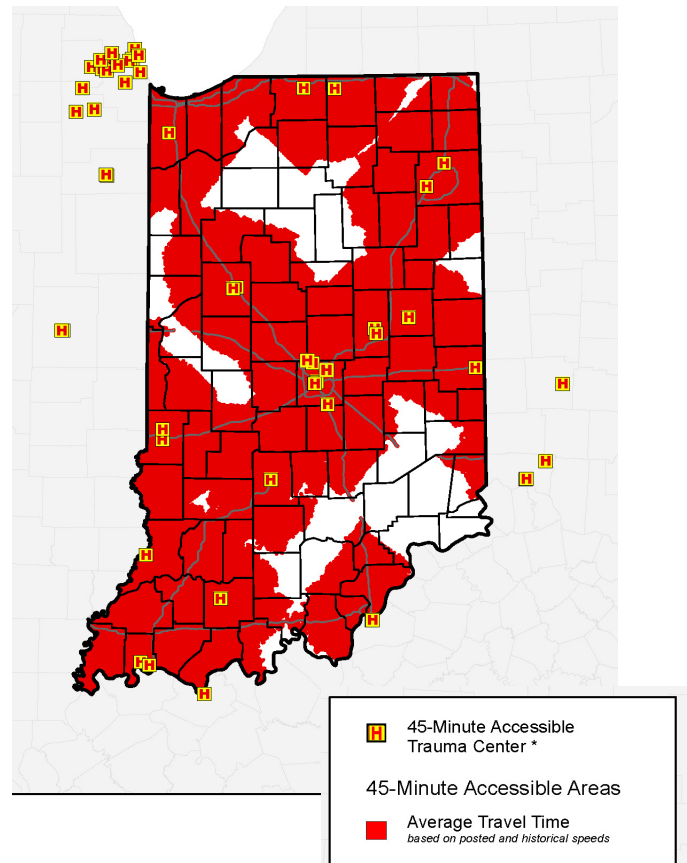


**EMS runs are increasing while emergency ambulances and personnel are declining. In 2021:**  
**1,789 emergency ambulances in the state, down from over 2,022 in 2018**  
**Total EMS personnel have declined from 24,145 in 2018 to 23,070 in 2021**

### The case for trauma access:

 <p>Trauma is the No.1 killer of Hoosiers ages 1-44.</p>	 <p>More than 6,433 people died from injuries in Indiana in 2020</p>
 <p>About 17 people per day died from injuries in Indiana in 2020</p>	 <p>Nearly 38,000 Hoosiers are hospitalized every year from injuries</p>

### 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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