



Sports-Related Eye Injuries by Age – 2021

Activity	Estimated Injuries*	Ages 0-14	Ages 15+
Non-Powder Guns, Darts, Arrows, Slingshots	4,153	1,865	2,288
Pools & Water Sports	3,548	2,085	1,462
Basketball	2,730	479	2,251
Exercise, Weight-Lifting	2,696	58	2,638
Bicycles & Accessories	1,972	585	1,387
Soccer	1,481	422	1,059
Baseball/Softball	1,400	786	614
Other Sports & Recreational Activities	1,131	485	646
Football	1,103	563	540
Playground Equipment	1,101	1,085	16
Golf	819	78	741
All-Terrain Vehicles (4 Wheels)	763	222	541
Boxing, Martial Arts, Wrestling	755	164	591
Racquet Sports	707	134	573
Fishing	629	99	530
Trampolines	562	430	131
Volleyball	426	74	352
Ball Sports, Unspecified/Other	302	110	192
Sports & Recreational Activities N.E.C.	296	78	218
Misc. Ball Games	231	117	114
Winter Sports	122	21	101
Total*	26,925	9,941	16,985

^{*}Totals may not equal because the injuries are not mutually exclusive.

Table source: Prevent Blindness.

Based on statistics provided by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, Directorate for Epidemiology; National Injury Information Clearinghouse; National Electronic Injury Surveillance System (NEISS). Product Summary Report—Eye Injuries Only—Calendar Year 2021.

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