

Good trends

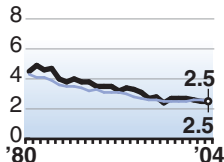
Mortality rate among U.S. children has dropped significantly over the past 25 years.

— Ages 1-4 years — Ages 5-14 years

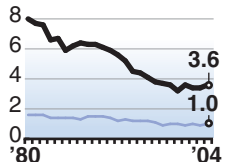
Leading causes of death

Rate per 100,000 children

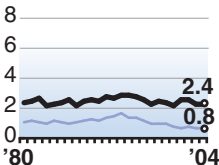
Cancer



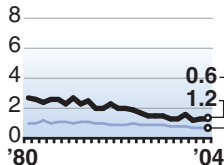
Birth defects



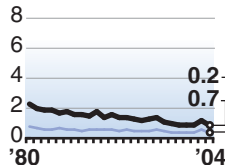
Homicide



Heart disease



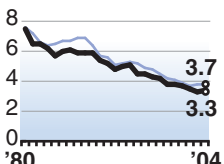
Pneumonia/flu



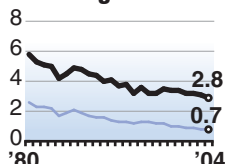
Injury-related deaths

Rate per 100,000 children

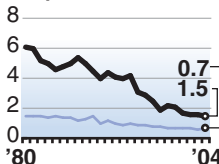
Auto accidents



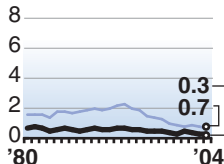
Drowning



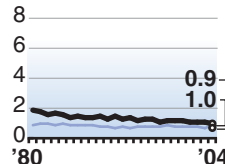
Fire/burns



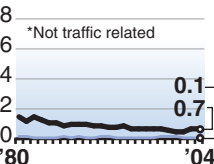
Firearms



Suffocation

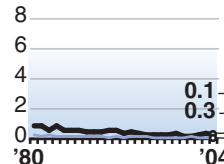


Pedestrian*



*Not traffic related

Falls



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