

Looking At The Data

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Introductions

- **Staff in Nashville**
- **Why is DSI so important**
 - **State Team, Local Team and Internal Child Death Committee DCS**
 - **You are our eyes and ears**
 - **You are the first person there**
 - **You can make a difference**

Comparing the Data

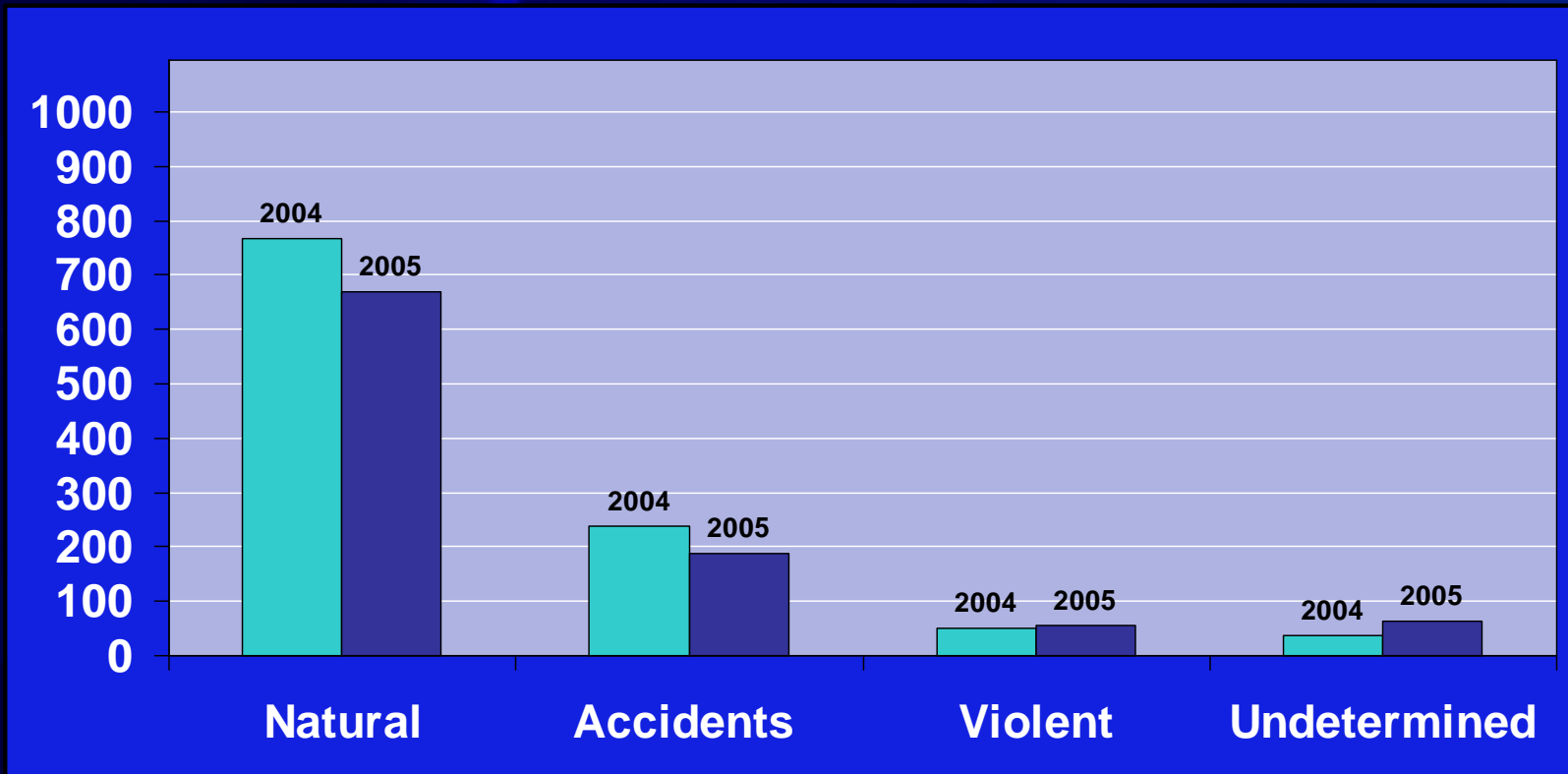
| | 2004 | 2005 | Change |
|----------------------|------|------|--------|
| Total | 1042 | 1069 | *27 |
| Child Fatalities < 1 | 659 | 707 | +48 |
| Natural Deaths | 716 | 670 | -46 |
| Children 15-17 | 155 | 134 | -21 |

Manner of Death

| Manner of Death 2005 | Number | Percent | Rate |
|-----------------------------|---------------|----------------|--------------|
| Natural | 670 | 62.68% | 48.18 |
| Accident | 187 | 17.47% | 13.45 |
| Homicide | 42 | 3.93% | 3.02 |
| Suicide | 14 | 1.31% | 1.01 |
| Pending | 1 | 0.09% | 0.07 |
| Undetermined | 63 | 5.89% | 4.53 |
| Unknown | 92 | 8.61% | 6.62 |
| Total² | 1,069 | 100.0% | 76.88 |

Rate based on TN population per 100,000 less than 18 years of age

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Fatality Rates

- **Natural was the highest category of death for all races (670 or 62.68%).**
- **The total number of natural fatalities for White children was (406 or 37.98%)**
- **African-American children (248 or 23.20%)**

Fatality Rates (cont.)

- **Asian children (13 or 1.22%)**
- **None attributed to Other**
- **Three natural deaths (0.28%)
were categorized as Unknown**

Recommendations Local CFRT's

- **Require mandatory standardized driver education:**
 - **Include advanced driving-skills program for teens**
 - **Increase the time frame required to hold the Learner's Permit**
 - **Increase the age that one can receive the permit to age 16**

Recommendations Local CFRT's

- **Develop statewide initiative surrounding safe-sleep practices for infants.**
 - **Include an educational component on keeping cribs free of objects**
 - **Unsafe sleeping habits, i.e., co-sleeping**

Recommendations Local CFRT's

- Provide information to child-care providers regarding safe sleep practices**
- Health education - following delivery prior to discharge from hospital**

Wrapping it up

- **Child Fatalities in Tennessee 2005 online soon**
- **Previous (2004-1997) Child Fatalities Reports online at: health.state.tn.us/MCH/CFR.htm**