



# WESTMORELAND WHEELHOUSE STATS

1. The higher in the spinal column an injury occurs, the more function a person will lose.
2. Levels of SCIs
  - a. Cervical C1-C8
  - b. Thoracic T1-T12
  - c. Lumbar L1-L5
  - d. Sacral S1-S5
3. Complete SCIs have no sensory or motor function below level of injury.
4. Incomplete SCIs have some messages that travel below the level of injury.
5. Average age at injury increased from 29 years in the 1970s to 43 since 2015.
6. 79% of new SCIs since 2015 are male.
7. 302,000 people with SCIs living in the US
8. The three leading causes for SCIs are 1) Vehicular injuries, 2) Falls, 3) Violence
9. 18,000 estimated new SCIs each year in the United States
10. Average caregiver pay through Medicaid is \$11-\$14/hour. Average out of pocket pay for a care give ris \$25-\$30/hour.
- 11.0 Family care homes in Iredell County or North Carolina
12. Average yearly expenses
  - a. C1-C4: \$228,450
  - b. C5-C8: \$140,144
  - c. Paraplegia: \$84,934
13. 40% of adults with SCIs make less than \$25,000 a year

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