



Horse Safety

2020 Results

About the survey

In September of 2020 the Dude Ranchers' Association administered a survey to the member ranches, of which 46 ranches answered questions regarding the type, number and seriousness of injuries sustained to their guests during the 2020 season.

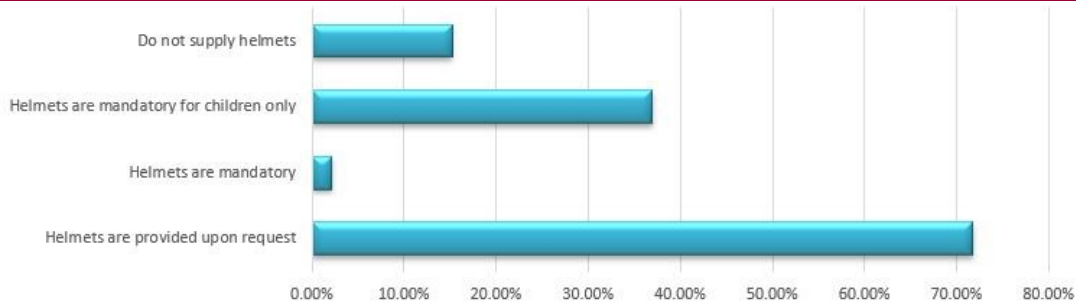
The results show a 'good report card' for the dude ranch industry. There was a total of 277,342 hours in the saddle for the ranches who answered the survey.

38 injuries required medical attention from a total of 31,346 guests. That is a rate of injury much less than half of 1 percent of the number of all guests reported at 0.12%.

The below charts represent more information on data gathered in this survey.

Helmet Policies

Two year comparison for helmet policies		
Answer Options	2019 Number of Ranches	2020 Number of Ranches
Helmets are provided upon request	46	33
Helmets are mandatory	1	1
Helmets are mandatory for children only	23	17
Helmets are mandatory for children of a certain age	-	15
Do not supply helmets	12	7
Answered Question	66	46



Helmet use during the season

Answer Options	Less than 10%	11 to 25%	26 to 50%	75% or More
What percentage requested helmets?	25	16	3	1
What percentage brought helmets?	39	6	1	0

Spontaneous Dismounts

Survey Question	Response Total
How many "spontaneous dismounts" did your guests have that did NOT require medical attention?	226

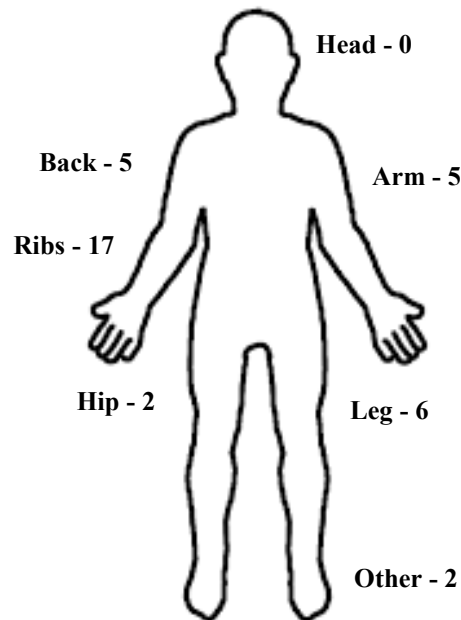


Body Parts Injured

Where was the location of the injury on the body?

Location of Injury	Head	Arm	Leg	Hip	Ribs	Back	Other*
Total	0	5	6	2	17	5	2

*Other locations injured on the body - ankle, shoulder.



Injuries Requiring Medical Attention

Occurred During	
Activity	Number of Injuries
Lope Ride	15
Walk Ride	13
Other Activities*	2
Mounting Up	1
Lessons	5
Dismounting	2
Team Penning	0
Wagon Rides	0

Caused By	
Cause of Injury	Number of Injuries
Other Causes*	8
Shying	13
Stumbling	5
Biting/Kicking	0
Rearing	0
Bolting	6
Falling to knees	0
Bucking	2
Loose Cinches	1
Rolling	3

*Other Activities - Cattle round up/cattle drive.

*Other Causes - Ground wasps, loss of rider balance, loss of control by rider, intentional dismount at a lope.

Thank you for your participation!

