Every 9 seconds, someone in the United States sustains a brain injury.

An acquired brain injury (ABI) is any injury to the brain that is not hereditary, congenital, degenerative, or induced by birth trauma.

More than 3.5 million children and adults sustain an ABI each year, but the total incidence is unknown.

Typical causes of ABI include:
- Electric Shock
- Infectious Disease
- Lightning Strike
- Near Drowning
- Oxygen Deprivation (Hypoxia/Anoxia)
- Stroke
- Seizure Disorder
- Substance Abuse/Overdose
- Toxic Exposure
- Tumor

Traumatic brain injury (TBI) is type of ABI. A TBI is caused by trauma to the brain from an external force.

The number of people who sustain TBIs and do not seek treatment is unknown.

One of every 60 people in the U.S. lives with a TBI-related disability. The annual impact of TBI in the U.S. is significant:
- At least 2.5 million people sustain a TBI
- 2.2 million are treated for TBI in Emergency Departments and Trauma Centers
- 280,000 are hospitalized
- 50,000 die

Every day, 137 people die in the United States because of a TBI-related injury.

At least 5.3 million Americans live with a TBI-related disability.

When someone sustains a brain injury, many people are affected:
- Survivors and their parents, spouses, siblings, extended families, and friends
- Healthcare providers
- Insurance companies
- Attorneys
- Educators
- Government agencies
- Employers of all types