

Suicide Facts & Figures:

Michigan 2018*



On average, one person dies by suicide every seven hours in the state.

More than twice as many people die by suicide in Michigan annually than by homicide.

The total deaths to suicide reflect a total of 27,778 years of potential life lost (YPLL) before age 65.



Suicide cost Michigan a total of **\$1,501,780,000** of combined lifetime medical and work loss cost in 2010, or an average of **\$1,189,058 per suicide death.**

*Based on most recent 2016 data from CDC. Learn more at afsp.org/statistics.



10th leading cause of death in Michigan

2nd leading

cause of death for ages 15-34

4th leading

cause of death for ages 35-54

8th leading

cause of death for ages 55-64

19th leading

cause of death for ages 65 & older

Suicide Death Rates

	Number of Deaths by Suicide	Rate per 100,000 Population	State Rank
Michigan	1,364	13.27	34
Nationally	44,965	13.42	

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Suicide Prevention Programs and Initiatives

- The Michigan Department of Community Health, through a federal Garrett Lee Smith grant, continues to operate the Transforming Youth Suicide Prevention in Michigan-2 (TYSP-Mi2) Program. The TYSP-Mi2 Program is designed to impact rates of youth/young adult suicide by state level and local systems changes that embed suicide prevention as a core priority for health and human services agencies. See <https://www.sprc.org/grantees/michigan-dept-community-health-2>.
- The nonprofit Michigan Association for Suicide Prevention works in close partnership with the Michigan Department of Community Health to facilitate training in suicide awareness, prevention, intervention and postvention; provide resources for local community coalitions (see <http://masponweb.org/coalition.htm>); and raise awareness of resources for suicide loss survivors.
- The Suicide Prevention Plan for Michigan was released in 2005 (https://www.sprc.org/sites/default/files/Michigan_Suicide_Prevention_Plan_2005_135849_7.pdf). An evaluation was completed from Sept. 2011–May 2012 to assess progress made over the life of the plan, see <http://masponweb.org/docs/State%20Suicide%20Prevention%20Plan%20Evaluation.pdf>.
- Michigan law (MCL § 380.1171 – Chase Edwards Law, adopted 2006) encourages school boards to provide age-appropriate instruction for pupils and professional development for school personnel concerning the warning signs for suicide and depression and the protective factors that help prevent suicide.

Get Involved

The **AFSP Michigan Chapter** brings together people of all backgrounds in communities throughout the state to fight suicide. We help fund research, offer educational programs, advocate for public policy and support those affected by suicide.

For more information or to volunteer, please contact:

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Become an Advocate

AFSP's Michigan advocacy volunteers build relationships with public officials and advocate on behalf of sound suicide prevention policy.

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