Suicide Facts & Figures: United States 2019

Basic Facts

On average, **129 Americans** died by suicide each day. *

**1.4 million** Americans attempted suicide. *

90% of those who died by suicide had a diagnosable mental health condition at the time of their death.

Firearms accounted for more than half (51%) of all suicide deaths. *

Demographics

Men died by suicide **3.5x** more often than women. Women were **1.4x** more likely to attempt suicide. *

**47,173** Americans died by suicide. Suicide was the **10th leading cause of death** in the United States. *

- **2nd** leading cause of death for ages 15-34 *
- **4th** leading cause of death for ages 35-54 *
- **1.6x** higher rate among American Indian/Alaska Native adolescents and young adults *

In 2016, the suicide rate was **1.5x higher** for veterans than for non-veteran adults.

Cost

**950,000+ years**
The number of years of potential life that were lost to suicide before age 65. *

**$69 billion**
The combined medical and work loss costs in the United States in 2015. *

Suicide can be prevented, yet it continues to be a public health problem and a leading cause of death in the United States. More investment in suicide prevention education and research will reduce the number of untimely deaths of Americans each year.

*Data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2017. Find additional citation information at afsp.org/statistics.*
States with a suicide rate above the rate of 23.00 per 100,000 *

States with a suicide rate between the national rate of 14.00 per 100,000 and the rate of 23.00 per 100,000 *

States with a suicide rate below the national rate of 14.00 per 100,000 *

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