

# Suicide Facts & Figures:

## Missouri 2019\*



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

**Over four times as many people die by suicide in Missouri in 2017 than in alcohol related motor vehicle accidents.**

The total deaths to suicide reflect a total of 24,161 years of potential life lost (YPLL) before age 65.



Suicide cost Missouri a total of **\$1,016,985,000** combined lifetime medical and work loss cost in 2010, or an average of **\$1,188,066 per suicide death.**

\*Based on most recent 2017 data from CDC. Learn more at [afsp.org/statistics](http://afsp.org/statistics).



## 10th leading cause of death in Missouri

### 2nd leading

cause of death for ages 15-24

### 3rd leading

cause of death for ages 25-34

### 4th leading

cause of death for ages 35-54

### 8th leading

cause of death for ages 55-64

### 17th leading

cause of death for ages 65 & older

## Suicide Death Rates

	Number of Deaths by Suicide	Rate per 100,000 Population	State Rank
<b>Missouri</b>	<b>1,151</b>	<b>18.49</b>	<b>18</b>
Nationally	47,173	14.00	

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## Suicide Prevention Programs and Initiatives

- Suicide prevention activities are housed within the Department of Mental Health, Division of Behavioral Health (<https://bit.ly/2V17Hrg>). Federal Youth Suicide Prevention and Zero Suicide grants fund several DMH/DBH initiatives: (1) the Missouri Suicide Prevention Project, a joint project with the Missouri Institute of Mental Health that sponsors training, support groups, and statewide conferences (<https://bit.ly/2wkB3Zr>); (2) collaboration with Partners in Prevention on suicide prevention efforts on college campuses (<https://bit.ly/2A2C343>); (3) creation of the Missouri Suicide Prevention Network in partnership with the Missouri Coalition for Community Behavioral Healthcare to lead statewide suicide prevention efforts; and (4) a website developed with grant partners to promote youth suicide prevention efforts (<http://encouragehopeandhelp.com>).
- Missouri's state plan, Missouri Suicide Prevention Plan: A Collaborative Effort was revised in 2012 in accordance with state statute by a working group of state agencies, community members, and other stakeholders; see <https://dmh.mo.gov/docs/mentalillness/suicideplan.pdf>.
- Missouri law (§§ 170.047-048) allows licensed educators to annually complete up to 2 hours of training in youth suicide awareness and prevention as part of certification requirements; requires the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to develop training guidelines and materials; requires each school district to adopt a suicide prevention, intervention, and postvention policy, including plans for training; and requires the Department to develop a model policy that school districts may adopt.
- Missouri law (§ 173.1200) requires public institutions of higher education to develop, implement, and post online a policy to advise students and staff of suicide prevention programs on and off campus. Institutions must also establish and maintain methods of anonymous reporting of, potentially harmful, dangerous, violent, or criminal activities.

## Get Involved

The **AFSP Missouri Chapters** bring 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 Missouri advocacy volunteers build relationships with public officials and advocate on behalf of sound suicide prevention policy.

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