



OHIO-SPECIFIC SUICIDE FACTS, 2004

Incidence

- Ohio is ranked 29th out of 51 states, with 1 being the highest suicide rate
- Ohio Statewide suicide is the 11th ranking cause of death of all ages
- 1,319 Ohio residents died by suicide
- Average of three suicides per day
- For every one homicide in Ohio there are two suicides

Gender

- Males account for 79% of Ohio suicides, rate 18.58 per 100,000,
- Suicide is the 8th ranking cause of death for men
- Females account for 21% of suicides, rate 4.82 per 100,000,
- Suicide is the 16th ranking cause of death for females
- Male suicide rates are 4 times greater than the female rate

Race/Ethnicity

- White: 91% of suicides, rate 12.27 per 100,000
- Black: 8% of suicides, rate 7.22 per 100,000
- Other: 1% of suicides, rate 5.38 per 100,000

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Youth Facts (CDC)¹

- 2nd leading cause of death for 15-24 year olds
- Youth suicides, age 1-24, have increased 18% since 2001
- Female youth suicides have been increasing annually, and increased 36% since 2001
- Male youth suicides have increased by 9% since 2001
- Youth suicides account for, (on average) 14% of Ohio Suicides in years 2001-2004

2005 Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS)²

- o 27% of Ohio teens reported feeling depressed
- o 18% of Ohio teens reported seriously considering suicide
- o 9% of Ohio teens reported attempting suicide during the past year

Middle-Age Facts

- Suicide is the 4th leading cause of death for 45-54 year olds
- 45-54 year olds have the highest percentage of suicides in Ohio, this age group accounts for 22% of suicides
- People age 35-54 account for 41% of the deaths by suicide in Ohio

Elderly Population Facts (AAS)³

- Elderly white men were at the highest risk with a rate of approximately 31 suicides per 100,000 each year.
- 84.6% of elderly suicides were male; the rate of male suicides in late life was 7.7 times greater than for female suicides.
- The act of completing suicide is rarely preceded by only one cause or one reason. In the elderly population, common risk factors include:
 - o The recent death of a loved one
 - o Physical illness, uncontrollable pain or the fear of a prolonged illness
 - o Perceived poor health
 - o Social isolation and loneliness
- In Ohio, 13% of suicides are persons 65 years or older.

Sources

¹Center for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (NCIPC)
<http://www.cdc.gov/ncipc/wisqars/default.htm>

²2005 Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) Executive Summary, Ohio Department of Health
www.odh.ohio.gov

³American Association of Suicidology (AAS)
www.suicidology.org

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