Suicide Facts & Figures: United States 2020

Suicide is a preventable public health problem and a leading cause of death in the United States. More investment in suicide prevention, education and research will prevent the untimely deaths of thousands of Americans each year.

Suicide was the

10th leading cause
of death in the
United States.



On average, **132 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.

Men died by suicide **3.6x** more often than women. Women were **1.4x** more likely to attempt suicide.

48,344 Americans died by suicide.

- 2nd leading cause of death for ages 10-34
- 4th leading cause of death for ages 35-54

In 2017, the suicide rate was **1.5x higher** for Veterans than for non-Veteran adults over the age of 18.





Firearms accounted for slightly more than half (**50.54%**) of all suicide deaths.



Suicide deaths and attempts cost **\$69 billion** in combined work-loss and medical cost in 2015.

10.3% of Americans have thought about suicide

54% of Americans have been affected by suicide

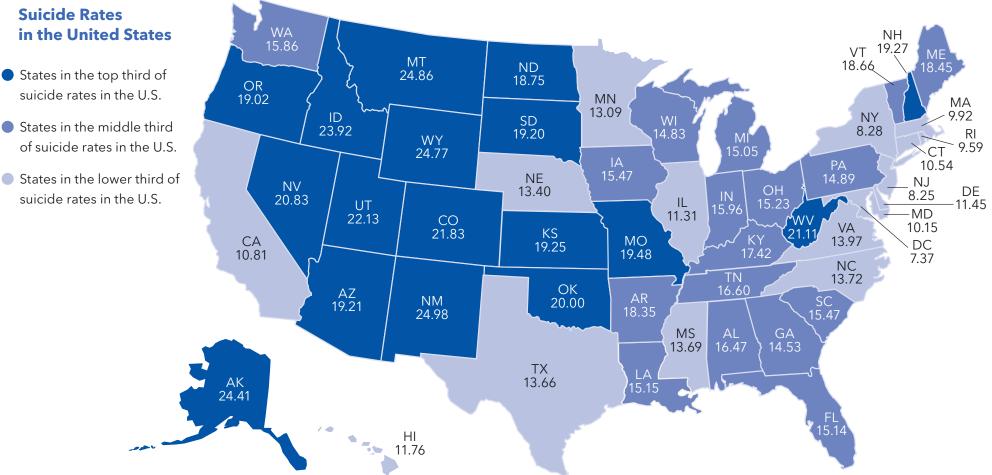
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