

U.S.A. SUICIDE: 2000 OFFICIAL FINAL DATA

	Number	Per Day	Rate	% of Deaths	Group (Number of Sui.)	Rate
Nation.....	29,350.....	80.2.....	10.7.....	1.2	White Male (21,293).....	19.1
Males.....	23,618.....	64.5.....	17.5.....	2.0	White Female (5,182).....	4.5
Females.....	5,732.....	15.7.....	4.1.....	0.5	Nonwhite Male (2,325).....	9.9
Whites.....	26,475.....	72.3.....	11.7.....	1.3	Nonwhite Female (550).....	2.1
Nonwhites.....	2,875.....	7.9.....	5.9.....	0.9	Black Male (1,636).....	9.8
Blacks.....	1,962.....	5.4.....	5.6.....	0.7	Black Female (326).....	1.8
Elderly (65+ yrs.).....	5,306.....	14.5.....	15.3.....	0.3	Native American (297).....	12.2
Young (15-24 yrs.).....	3,994.....	10.9.....	10.4.....	12.8	Asian/Pacific Islander (616).....	5.5

Completions:

suicide rate was unchanged in 2000 after declines for six consecutive years

- Average of 1 person every 18 minutes killed themselves.
- Average of 1 old person every 1 hour 39.3 minutes killed themselves.
- Average of 1 young person every 2 hours 12 minutes killed themselves. (If the 307 suicides below age 15 are included, 1 young person every 2 hours 2.5 minutes)

	Cause	Number	Rate
• 11th ranking cause of death in U.S.— 3rd for young -----	All Causes	31,307	81.6
• 4.1 male deaths by suicide for each female death by suicide.	1-Accidents	14,113	36.8
• Suicide ranks 11th as a cause of death; Homicide ranks 14th	2-Homicide	4,939	12.9

Attempts (figures are estimates; no official U.S. national data are compiled):

- 734,000 annual attempts in U.S.
- 25 attempts for every death by suicide for nation. 100-200:1 for young; 4:1 for elderly.
- 5 million living Americans (estimate) have attempted to kill themselves.
- 3 female attempts for each male attempt.

3-Suicide	3,994	10.4
10-14 yrs	300	1.5
15-19 yrs	1,621	8.2
20-24 yrs	2,373	12.8

Survivors (i.e., family members and friends of a loved one who died by suicide):

- Each suicide intimately affects at least 6 other people. (estimate)
- Based on the over 738,000 suicides from 1976 through 2000, estimated that the number of survivors of suicides in the U.S. is 4.4 million (1 of every 62 Americans in 2000); number grew by over 176,000 in 2000.
- If there is a suicide every 18 minutes, then there are 6 new survivors every 18 minutes as well.

<u>Suicide by Firearms:</u>	Number	Rate	Percent of Total		Number	Rate	Percent of Total
Firearm suicides USA	16,586	6.0	56.5%	All Other USA	12,764	4.6	43.5%
Firearm suicides Young	2,267	5.9	56.8%	All Other Young	1,727	4.5	43.2%
Firearm suicides Old	3,869	11.1	72.9%	All Other Old	1,437	4.1	27.1%
Firearm suicides Male	14,454	10.7	61.2%	All Other Male	9,164	6.8	38.8%
Firearm suicides Female	2,132	1.5	37.2%	All Other Female	3,600	2.6	62.8%

U.S.A. Suicide Rates 1990-2000											15 Leading Causes of Death in the U.S.A., 2000			
Group/ Age	(Rates per 100,000 population)										(total of 2,403,351 deaths; 873.1 rate)			
	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	Rank & Cause of Death	Rate	Deaths
5-14	0.8	0.7	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.6	0.8	1 Diseases of heart	258.2	710,760
15-24	13.2	13.1	13.0	13.5	13.8	13.3	12.0	11.4	11.1	10.3	10.4	2 Malignant neoplasms	200.9	553,092
25-34	15.2	15.2	14.5	15.1	15.4	15.4	14.5	14.3	13.8	13.5	12.8	3 Cerebrovascular diseases	60.9	167,661
35-44	15.3	14.7	15.1	15.1	15.3	15.2	15.5	15.3	15.4	14.4	14.6	4 Chronic lower respiratory diseases	44.3	122,009
45-54	14.8	15.5	14.7	14.5	14.4	14.6	14.9	14.7	14.8	14.2	14.6	5 Accidents (unintentional injuries)	35.6	97,902
55-64	16.0	15.4	14.8	14.6	13.4	13.3	13.7	13.5	13.1	12.4	12.3	6 Diabetes mellitus	25.2	69,301
65-74	17.9	16.9	16.5	16.3	15.3	15.8	15.0	14.4	14.1	13.6	12.6	7 Influenza & pneumonia	23.7	65,313
75-84	24.9	23.5	22.8	22.3	21.3	20.7	20.0	19.3	19.7	18.3	17.7	8 Alzheimer's disease	18.0	49,558
85+	22.2	24.0	21.9	22.8	23.0	21.6	20.2	20.8	21.0	19.2	19.4	9 Nephritis, nephrosis	13.5	37,251
65+	20.5	19.7	19.1	19.0	18.1	18.1	17.3	16.8	16.9	15.9	15.3	10 Septicemia	11.3	31,224
Total	12.4	12.2	12.0	12.1	12.0	11.9	11.6	11.4	11.3	10.7	10.7	11 Suicide [Intentional Self-Harm]	10.7	29,350
Men	20.4	20.1	19.6	19.9	19.8	19.8	19.3	18.7	18.6	17.6	17.5	12 Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis	9.6	26,552
Women	4.8	4.7	4.6	4.6	4.5	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.1	4.1	13 Essential hypertension and renal disease	6.6	18,073
White	13.5	13.3	13.0	13.1	12.9	12.9	12.7	12.4	12.4	11.7	11.7	14 Homicide [Assault]	6.1	16,765
Nonwh	7.0	6.8	6.8	7.1	7.2	6.9	6.7	6.5	6.2	6.0	5.9	15 Pneumonitis due to solids and liquids	6.0	16,636
Black	6.9	6.7	6.8	7.0	7.0	6.7	6.5	6.2	5.7	5.6	5.6	- All other causes (Residual)	142.4	391,904

Old made up 12.6% of 2000 population but represented 18.1% of the suicides.

Young were 13.9% of 2000 population and comprised 13.6% of the suicides.

Official data source: Miniño, A.M., Arias, E., Kochanek, K.D., Murphy, S.L., & Smith, B.L. (2002). Deaths: Final data for 2000. *National Vital Statistics Reports*, 50(15). Hyattsville, MD: National Center for Health Statistics. DHHS Publication No. (PHS) 2002-1120. [Data to be published in the CD-ROM annual volume entitled *Vital Statistics of the United States, Mortality, 2000*.] [Some figures from vol. 50(16), Deaths: Leading causes for 2000]

Population figures source: Table 1, p. 113, of the National Center for Health Statistics (Miniño et al., 2002) publication above.

$$\text{suicide rate} = \frac{\text{number of suicides by group}}{\text{population of group}} \times 100,000$$

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