

# SUICIDE PREVENTION IN OLDER ADULTS

## Statistics

1. 54.1 million - 65 yo and above (2019) 60.0 million plus. - 65 yo (2023)  
18% of US population is 59,810,076 (2022)
2. 18.4 percent of the US population, 60,000,000 people, use Medicare for their medical insurance. They represent the highest rate of suicide attempts/completions of all age groups.
3. 100% Medicare AWW (Annual Wellness Visit) screening of all 65 yo and above, our goal would be 30-50 percent reductions in suicide attempts/completions by 2033.
4. For those 85 and above, 21% of all suicides, largest group, with ages 75-85, the next largest group, above 20%.
5. Males of age 85 also use guns to commit suicide, 9/10 times.
6. Women of age 85 make up 25% of all who commit suicide, and almost always use medication.
7. Of all who attempt suicide, 53% use a gun.
8. Depression is present in over 90% of those who attempt suicide, but psychosis, drug use, or abuse of medications may be present adding to the desire to attempt suicide.
9. 93% of adults believe that suicide is treatable, and will try to help a depressed friend or family member to get help.