



National Center for Health Statistics

Suicide and Self-Inflicted Injury

Data are for the U.S.

Emergency department visits

- Number of emergency department visits for self-inflicted injury: 273,000

Source: National Hospital Ambulatory Medical Care Survey: 2016 Emergency Department Summary Tables, table 16  [PDF – 738 KB]

Mortality

All suicides

- Number of deaths: 47,173
- Deaths per 100,000 population: 14.5
- Cause of death rank: 10

Firearm suicides

- Number of deaths: 23,854
- Deaths per 100,000 population: 7.3

Suffocation suicides

- Number of deaths: 13,075
- Deaths per 100,000 population: 4.0

Poisoning suicides

- Number of deaths: 6,554
- Deaths per 100,000 population: 2.0


Source: Deaths: Final Data for 2017, tables 8, 9  [PDF – 2 MB]

Related FastStats

- [All Injuries](#)
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More data: reports and tables

- [Trends in Suicide from Health, United States](#)
- [Deaths: Leading Causes for 2017](#)  [PDF – 2 MB]
- [Suicide Rates for Females and Males by Race and Ethnicity: United States: 1999 and 2017](#)
- [Suicide Mortality in the United States, 1999–2017](#)
- [Suicide Rates in the United States Continue to Increase](#)

- [Recent Increases in Injury Mortality Among Children and Adolescents Aged 10–19 Years in the United States: 1999–2016](#)  [PDF – 413 KB]
- [Mental Health-related Physician Office Visits by Adults Aged 18 and Over: United States, 2012–2014](#)
- [Racial and Gender Disparities in Suicide Among Young Adults Aged 18–24: United States, 2009–2013](#)

More data: query tools

- [CDC WONDER – Multiple Cause-of-Death Data](#)
- [CDC WONDER – Underlying Cause of Death](#)
- [Web-based Injury Statistics Query and Reporting System \(WISQARS\)](#)
- [NCHS Data Visualization on Injury Mortality 1999-2016](#)

Related Links

- [Ambulatory Health Care Data](#)
- [Mortality data](#)
- [National Center for Health Statistics: Injury Data and Resources](#)
- [Injury Definitions and Methods](#)  [PDF – 2.5 MB]
- [National Center for Injury Prevention and Control](#)

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