

SUICIDE: SOUTH CAROLINA 2015 FACTS & FIGURES

Suicide Death Rates

	Number of Deaths by Suicide	Rate per 100,000 Population	State Rank
South Carolina	696	13.98	27
Nationally	41,149	12.57	



On average, one person dies by suicide **every 12 hours** in the state.



Suicide cost South Carolina a total of **\$748,610,000** of combined lifetime medical and work loss cost in 2010, or an average of **\$1,175,213** per suicide death.

IN SOUTH CAROLINA, SUICIDE IS THE...

2nd leading cause of death for ages 15-34

4th leading cause of death for ages 10-14

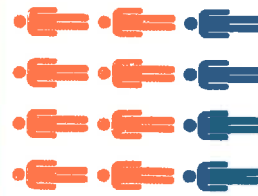
4th leading cause of death for ages 35-44

6th leading cause of death for ages 45-54

8th leading cause of death for ages 54-64

16th leading cause of death for ages 65 & older

Almost twice as many people die by suicide in South Carolina annually than by homicide; the total deaths to suicide reflect a total of **13,218** years of potential life lost (YPLL) before age 65.



Based on most recent 2013 data from CDC

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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 – BASIC FACTS

An American dies by suicide every **12.95 minutes!**



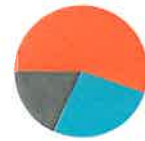
Americans attempt suicide an estimated

1 MILLION times annuallyⁱⁱⁱ

90% of those who die by suicide had a diagnosable psychiatric disorder at the time of their deathⁱⁱ



In 2012, firearms were the most common method of death by suicide, accounting for **50.9%** of all suicide deaths, followed by suffocation (including hangings) at **24.8%** and poisoning at **16.7%**



SUICIDE – THE COST

\$44 BILLION

The combined medical and work loss costs in the United States each yearⁱ

More than

1.5 MILLION

years of life are lost annually to suicideⁱ



For every **woman** who dies by suicide, four **men** die by suicide, but women are **3x** more likely to attempt suicideⁱ

Over **40,000** Americans die by suicide every year.ⁱ Suicide is the **10th leading cause of deathⁱ** in the United States

- **2nd** leading cause of death for ages 10-24
- **5th** leading cause of death for ages 45-59
- The suicide rate among American Indian/Alaska Native adolescents and young adults ages 15-24 is **1.8 times** the national average



Veterans comprise **22.2%** of suicides^{iv}

ⁱ Data obtained from CDC's Web Based Injury Statistics Query and Reporting System (WISQARS)
ⁱⁱ National Center for Health Statistics for the year 2006
ⁱⁱⁱ Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Suicide – Facts at a Glance
^{iv} Department of Veterans Affairs 2012 Suicide Data Report