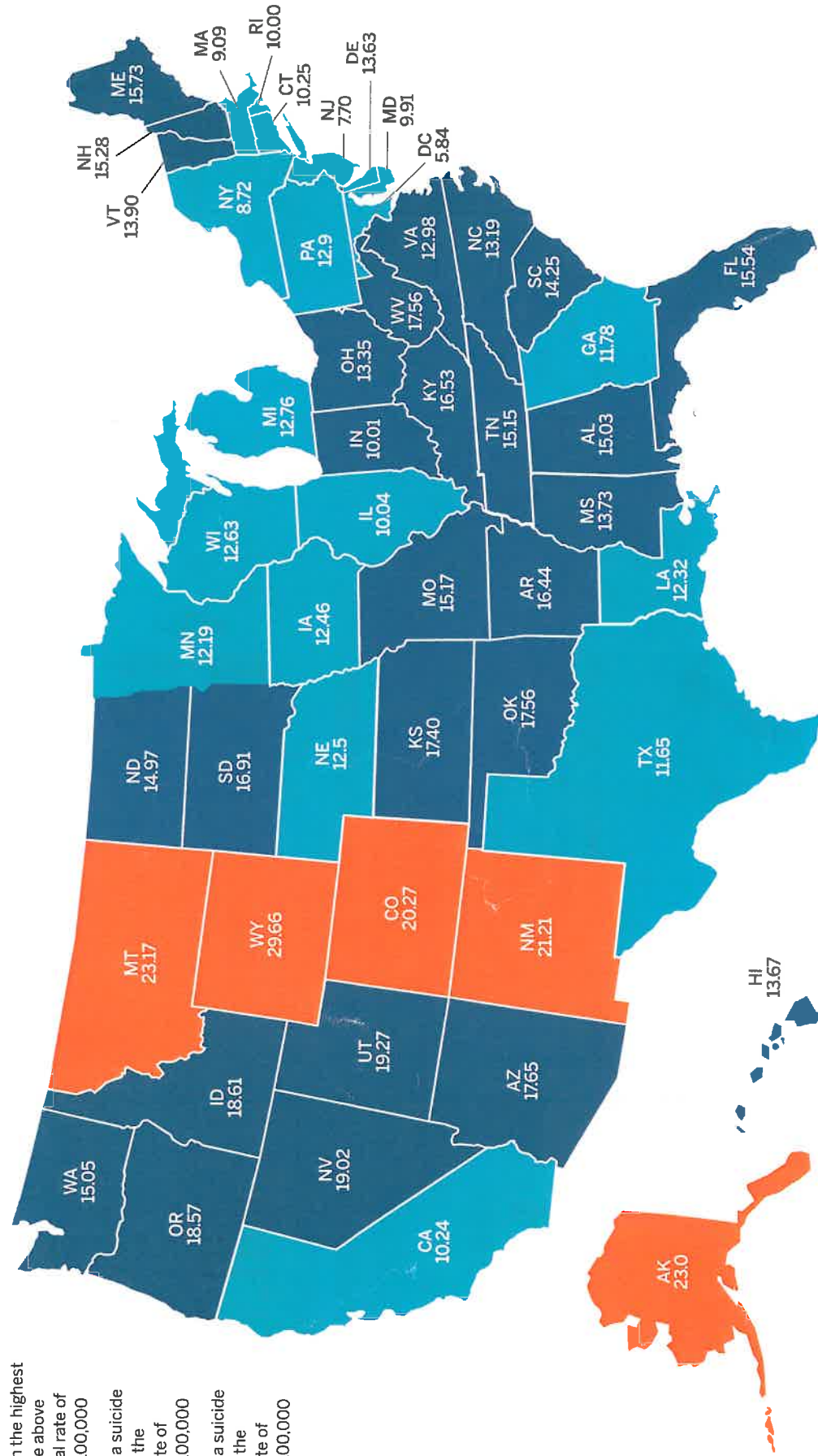


## SUICIDE DEATH RATES

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## SUICIDE PREVENTION PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES

- South Carolina's state plan, *The South Carolina Suicide Prevention Plan* was released in 2004 and revised in 2010 through the SC Department of Health and Environment Control (SC-DHEC). In follow-up, a Suicide Prevention Coalition was formed to implement the plan; the Coalition has not been officially active since 2013 when funding was lost for the Coalition's coordinator position.
- American Foundation for Suicide Prevention-SC, Mental Health America-SC, and other stakeholders continue to work collaboratively to grow suicide prevention efforts in the state, despite no dedicated state funding.
- South Carolina law (§59-26-110) requires 2 hours of training in youth suicide awareness and prevention for the renewal of credentials for middle and high school personnel. This was achieved through the adoption of the *Jason Flatt Act* (H. 4690, signed by the Governor 5/14/2012).

## GET INVOLVED

The AFSP South Carolina Chapter brings together people of all backgrounds in communities throughout the state to fight suicide. For more information or to volunteer, please contact:

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## BECOME AN ADVOCATE IN SOUTH CAROLINA

AFSP's South Carolina advocacy volunteers build relationships with public officials and advocate on behalf of sound suicide prevention policy.

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## LEADING THE FIGHT AGAINST SUICIDE

The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention is the leader in the fight against suicide. We fund research, offer educational programs, advocate for public policy, and support those affected by suicide. Led by CEO Robert Gebbia and headquartered in New York, AFSP has 75 local chapters with programs and events nationwide.



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