

Suicide and Suicide Attempts in Oregon



Oregon Injury Prevention and Epidemiology Program Suicide Fact Sheet

Suicides, 2006

BASIC FACTS

- There were 568 suicides in Oregon in 2006.
- Men are more likely to die from suicide than women.
- The rate of suicide tends to increase with age— rates are highest in males 75 years of age and older.
- 2% of suicide attempt hospitalizations were due to firearms; 54% of suicides involved a firearm.
- 25% of suicides (142) in 2006 occurred among veterans— 135 of them were male.

Number and percent of suicide attempt hospitalizations by mechanism, 2006

Mechanism	%	No.
Poisoning	93.4	1882
Cut/pierce	3.2	65
Firearm	1.4	28
Not elsewhere classifiable	0.6	12
Falls	0.4	9
Suffocation	0.4	8
Motor vehicle traffic	0.1	3
Not specified	0.1	3
Other specified	0.1	3
Fire/burn	0.0	1

Rate

- The 2006 adjusted rate of suicide in Oregon was 14.9 per 100,000 persons.
- In 2005, Oregon ranked 14th among all US states in suicide incidence.

Sex

- Among males, the rate of suicide was 23.6 per 100,000 in 2006.
- The rate among females was 7.2 per 100,000 in 2006.
- 61% of suicides among men involved firearms.
- For women, the majority of suicides— 51%— involved poison.

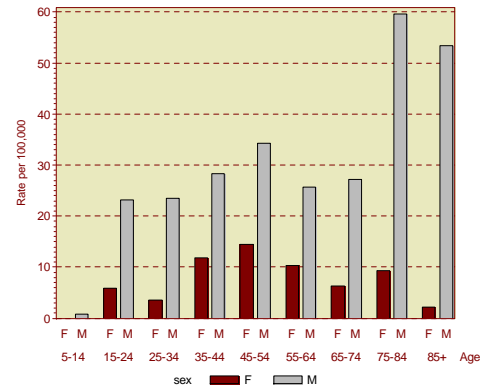
Age

- Men 75-84 year old had the highest suicide rate— 59.6 per 100,000.
- Both men and women experienced a peak in suicide risk between 45 and 54 years of age (although not the highest peak for men).

Race

- Caucasians have the highest suicide rate— 16 per 100,000 in 2006.
- The second highest rate is among American Indians/ Native Alaskans at 10 per 100,000.

Suicide Mortality
Rate by age and sex, 2006



Method

- 54% of suicides in 2006 involved a firearm.

Risks

- More than 50% of people who died by suicide in 2006 were reported to have recently experienced a depressed mood.

Hospitalized Attempts, 2006

Rate

- There were 54.7 suicide hospitalizations (adjusted) per 100,000 persons in 2006.
- The rate of hospitalization for suicide attempt increased significantly between 2000 and 2006.

Sex

- The rate among females was 71.5 per 100,000 compared to 38.5 for men.

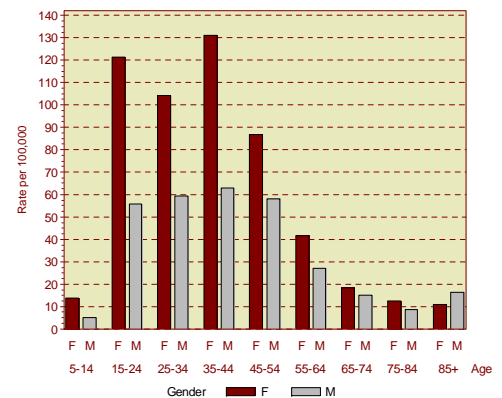
Age

- The highest rates occur among those 35-44 years of age— for both men and women.
- The second highest rates are among females 15-24.

Method

- 93% of suicide attempt

Self-harm/suicide Attempt Hospitalization
Rate by age and sex, 2006



- hospitalizations involved poison.