Prevention and Health Promotion

Suicide

Suicide is one of the leading causes of premature death in Oregon. In 2017, 825 people in Oregon died by suicide (19.0 per 100,000 residents). Rates in Oregon have consistently been higher than the U.S. for the past 30 years. Suicides in Oregon and the U.S. have steadily increased since 2000 (Figure 1).

Suicide deaths by year, Oregon and U.S.

![Graph showing suicide deaths by year, Oregon and U.S.]

Source: Oregon Death Certificates; CDC’s WISQARS & Wonder (U.S.)

Suicide is one of the five leading causes of death for Oregonians aged 10-54 years, and rates are higher among men than women (Figure 2).
Non-Hispanic American Indian/Alaska Natives, Pacific Islanders and whites, especially males aged 65 years and older, have the highest suicide rates in Oregon (Figure 3).
Additional Resources: Injury and Fatality State Plans and Reports

About the Data: Data sources are the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Web-Based Injury Statistics Query and Reporting System. Data include deaths resulting from the intentional use of force against oneself. Deaths relating to the Death with Dignity Act (e.g., physician-assisted suicides) are not classified as suicides. All rates are age-adjusted to the 2000 U.S. population. Population estimates used in calculating rates are from the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS).

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