

TABLE 8-17.
Reasons Given for Suicide Attempts by Age and Sex,
Oregon Minors, 1997

Reasons	Total	Sex		Age		
		Male	Female	<=12	13-14	15-17
Total						
Number	658	132	526	40	184	434
Percent	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Family Discord						
Number	384	75	309	32	119	233
Percent	58.4	56.8	58.7	80.0	64.7	53.7
Argument with Boy/Girlfriend						
Number	160	33	127	4	30	126
Percent	24.3	25.0	24.1	10.0	16.3	29.0
School-Related Problems						
Number	143	38	105	13	50	80
Percent	21.7	28.8	20.0	32.5	27.2	18.4
Substance Abuse						
Number	62	22	40	4	12	46
Percent	9.4	16.7	7.6	10.0	6.5	10.6
Problems with the Law						
Number	61	24	37	3	13	45
Percent	9.3	18.2	7.0	7.5	7.1	10.4
Rape or Sexual Abuse						
Number	37	2	35	-	11	26
Percent	5.6	1.5	6.7	-	6.0	6.0
Move or New School						
Number	35	6	29	4	9	22
Percent	5.3	4.5	5.5	10.0	4.9	5.1
Peer Pressure/Conflict						
Number	35	8	27	3	12	20
Percent	5.3	6.1	5.1	7.5	6.5	4.6
Death of Family Member/Friend						
Number	28	5	23	1	9	18
Percent	4.3	3.8	4.4	2.5	4.9	4.1
Physical Abuse						
Number	23	5	18	7	5	11
Percent	3.5	3.8	3.4	17.5	2.7	2.5
Suicide by Friend/Relative						
Number	16	1	15	-	7	9
Percent	2.4	.8	2.9	-	3.8	2.1
Pregnancy						
Number	10	2	8	-	3	7
Percent	1.5	1.5	1.5	-	1.6	1.6
Other Reasons						
Number	163	33	130	9	42	112
Percent	24.8	25.0	24.7	22.5	22.8	25.8

NOTE: Reports with unknown reasons for suicide attempts (78) are not included in this table.

Percentages do not total 100 because more than one reason may have been given.

The category "suicide by friend/relative" includes suicide attempts.