

**TABLE 8-14. Reasons Given for Suicide Attempts by Age and Sex, Oregon Minors, 2002**

| Reasons                              | Total | Sex   |        | Age   |       |       |
|--------------------------------------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|
|                                      |       | Male  | Female | ≤12   | 13-14 | 15-17 |
| <b>Total</b>                         |       |       |        |       |       |       |
| Number .....                         | 820   | 206   | 614    | 38    | 208   | 574   |
| Percent .....                        | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0  | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| <b>Family Discord</b>                |       |       |        |       |       |       |
| Number .....                         | 460   | 108   | 352    | 17    | 138   | 305   |
| Percent .....                        | 56.1  | 52.4  | 57.3   | 44.7  | 66.3  | 53.1  |
| <b>School-Related Problems</b>       |       |       |        |       |       |       |
| Number .....                         | 196   | 61    | 135    | 11    | 57    | 128   |
| Percent .....                        | 23.9  | 29.6  | 22.0   | 28.9  | 27.4  | 22.3  |
| <b>Argument with Boy/Girlfriend</b>  |       |       |        |       |       |       |
| Number .....                         | 183   | 34    | 149    | 3     | 33    | 147   |
| Percent .....                        | 22.3  | 16.5  | 24.3   | 7.9   | 15.9  | 25.6  |
| <b>Substance Abuse</b>               |       |       |        |       |       |       |
| Number .....                         | 123   | 33    | 90     | –     | 26    | 97    |
| Percent .....                        | 15.0  | 16.0  | 14.7   | –     | 12.5  | 16.9  |
| <b>Rape or Sexual Abuse</b>          |       |       |        |       |       |       |
| Number .....                         | 56    | 6     | 50     | 4     | 20    | 32    |
| Percent .....                        | 6.8   | 2.9   | 8.1    | 10.5  | 9.6   | 5.6   |
| <b>Move or New School</b>            |       |       |        |       |       |       |
| Number .....                         | 44    | 10    | 34     | 2     | 13    | 29    |
| Percent .....                        | 5.4   | 4.9   | 5.5    | 5.3   | 6.2   | 5.1   |
| <b>Death of Family Member/Friend</b> |       |       |        |       |       |       |
| Number .....                         | 42    | 7     | 35     | –     | 13    | 29    |
| Percent .....                        | 5.1   | 3.4   | 5.7    | –     | 6.2   | 5.1   |
| <b>Physical Abuse</b>                |       |       |        |       |       |       |
| Number .....                         | 39    | 12    | 27     | 5     | 9     | 25    |
| Percent .....                        | 4.8   | 5.8   | 4.4    | 13.2  | 4.3   | 4.4   |
| <b>Peer Pressure/Conflict</b>        |       |       |        |       |       |       |
| Number .....                         | 39    | 10    | 29     | 2     | 8     | 29    |
| Percent .....                        | 4.8   | 4.9   | 4.7    | 5.3   | 3.8   | 5.1   |
| <b>Problems with the Law</b>         |       |       |        |       |       |       |
| Number .....                         | 26    | 14    | 12     | –     | 6     | 20    |
| Percent .....                        | 3.2   | 6.8   | 2.0    | –     | 2.9   | 3.5   |
| <b>Suicide by Friend/Relative</b>    |       |       |        |       |       |       |
| Number .....                         | 15    | 4     | 11     | –     | 6     | 9     |
| Percent .....                        | 1.8   | 1.9   | 1.8    | –     | 2.9   | 1.6   |
| <b>Pregnancy</b>                     |       |       |        |       |       |       |
| Number .....                         | 1     | –     | 1      | –     | –     | 1     |
| Percent .....                        | 0.1   | –     | 0.2    | –     | –     | 0.2   |
| <b>Other Reasons</b>                 |       |       |        |       |       |       |
| Number .....                         | 304   | 91    | 213    | 15    | 78    | 211   |
| Percent .....                        | 37.1  | 44.2  | 34.7   | 39.5  | 37.5  | 36.8  |

Note: Reports with unknown reasons for suicide attempts are not included in this table. Percentages do not sum to 100 because more than one reason may have been given. The category "Suicide by Friend/Relative" includes suicide attempts.  
 – Quantity is zero.