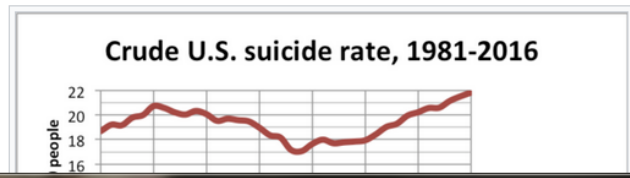
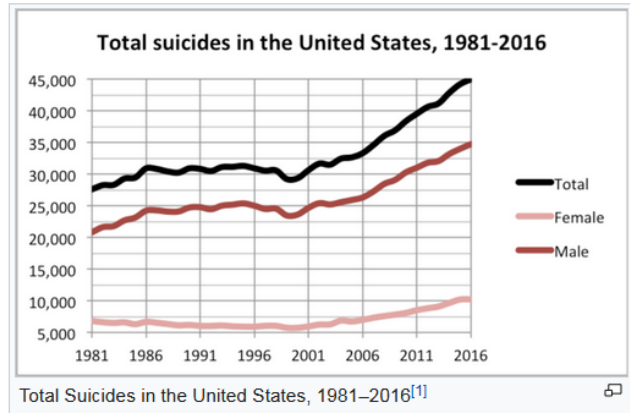


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Suicide in the United States

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Suicide in the United States is a major national public health issue. The country has one of the highest suicide rates among wealthy nations.^[2] In 2018, there were 48,344 recorded suicides,^[3] up from 42,773 in 2014, according to the CDC's National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS).^{[4][5][6]} On average, adjusted for age, the annual U.S. suicide rate increased 24% between 1999 and 2014, from 10.5 to 13.0 suicides per 100,000 people, the highest rate recorded in 28 years.^{[7][8]} Due to the stigma surrounding suicide, it is suspected that suicide generally is **underreported**.^[9] In April 2016, the CDC released data showing that the suicide rate in the United States had hit a 30-year high,^{[10][11]} and later in June 2018, released further data showing that the rate has continued to increase and has increased in every U.S. state except Nevada since 1999.^{[12][13]} Surging death rates from suicide, drug overdoses and alcoholism, what researchers refer to as "**deaths of despair**", are largely responsible for a consecutive three year decline of **life expectancy** in the U.S.^{[14][15][16][17]} This constitutes the first three-year drop in life expectancy in the U.S. since the years 1915–1918.^[16]



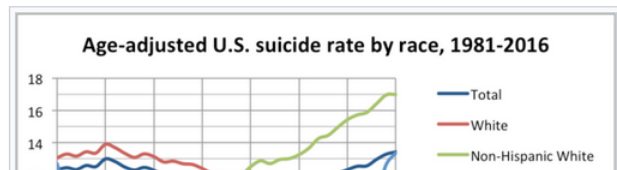
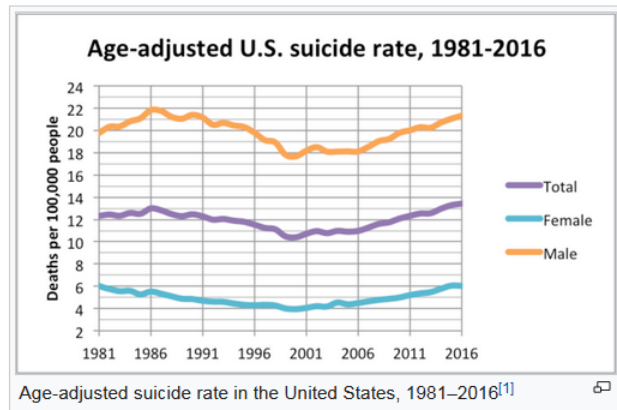
then men in their fifties, with rates rising nearly 50 percent.^[8] In 2008, it was observed that U.S. suicide rates, particularly among middle-aged white women, had increased, although the causes were unclear.^[20] As of 2018, about 1.7 percent of all deaths were suicides.^[3]

The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention reported that in 2016 suicide was the 10th leading cause of death in the U.S., imposing a cost of \$69 billion to the US annually.^{[9][18]} Other statistics reported are:^[9]

1. The annual age-adjusted suicide rate is 13.42 per 100,000 individuals.
2. Men die by suicide 3.53x more often than women.
3. On average, there are 132 suicides per day.
4. White males accounted for 7 of 10 suicides in 2016.
5. A firearm is used in almost 50% of all suicides.
6. The rate of suicide is highest in middle age—among white men in particular.

The U.S. government seeks to prevent suicides through its National Strategy for Suicide Prevention, a collaborative effort of

Crude suicide rate in the United States, 1981–2016



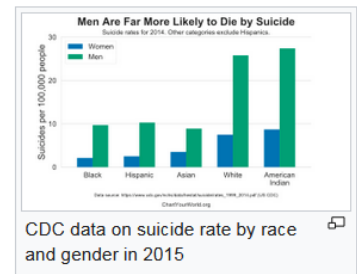
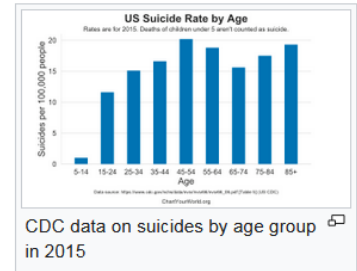
Age and sex [edit]

The National Violent Death Reporting System (NVDRS) keeps data on U.S. suicides.

Number of suicides by age group and sex: USA, 2016.^[37]

Age (years)	10 – 14	15 – 24	25 – 34	35 – 44	45 – 54	55 – 64	65 – 74	75+	Unknown	All
Males	265	4575	5887	5294	6198	5745	3463	3291	2	34727
Females	171	1148	1479	1736	2239	2014	940	510	1	10238
Male/Female Ratio	1.5	4.0	4.0	3.0	2.8	2.9	3.7	6.5	2.0	3.4
Total	436	5723	7366	7030	8437	7759	4403	3801	3	44965

Based on the NVDRS 2016 data, the *New York Times* acknowledged that, among men, those over 65—who make up a **smaller proportion of the population**—are at greatest risk of death by suicide.^[38] The NVDRS 2015 data showed that, among men of all races, men over 65 were the most likely to die of suicides (27.67 suicides per 100,000), closely followed by men 40–64 (27.10 suicides per 100,000). Men 20–39 (23.41 per 100,000) and 15–19 (13.81 per 100,000) were less likely to die of suicides.^[39]



White men

White men are more likely to commit suicide. White men account for nearly 70% of suicides in the United States.^[56]

Race

Native Americans and White Americans have the highest suicide rate in the United States.^{[57][58]}

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