Georgia Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities

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Suicide in Region 5

Counties: Appling, Atkinson, Bacon, Bleckley, Brantley, Bryan, Bulloch, Camden, Candler, Charlton, Chatham, Clinch, Coffee, Dodge, Effingham, Evans, Glynn, Jeff Davis, Johnson, Laurens, Liberty, Long, McIntosh, Montgomery, Pierce, Pulaski, Tattnall, Telfair, Toombs, Treutlen, Ware, Wayne, Wheeler, Wilcox

217 deaths

Region 5 had 217 deaths in 2021, which equates to 6,955 years of potential life lost. Compared to other regions, Region 5 had the highest death rate among white people and people who are not Hispanic. Region 5 had the highest suicide death rate among people 25-64 years old and females. There were fewer than 4 deaths among Asian people and people who are multiracial. There were no deaths among Indigenous people and Pacific Islanders.

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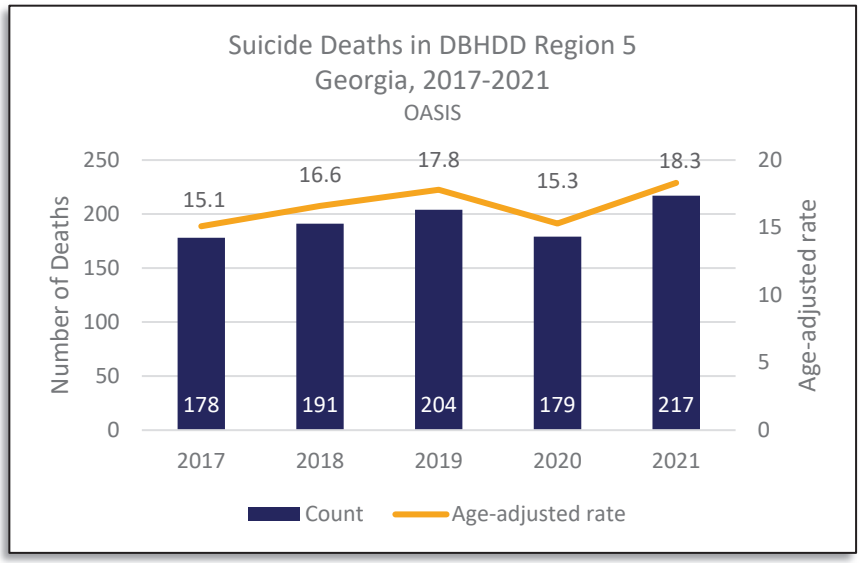
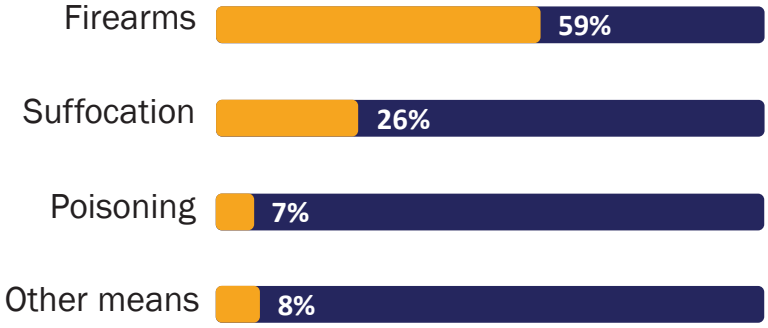


MEANS OF DEATH

Firearms are the most common means of suicide death followed by suffocation, drug poisoning, and other means. Males and females utilize suffocation and other means at similar frequencies, though more females use drug poisoning while more males use firearms (Georgia Violent Death Reporting System, 2019).



DEMOGRAPHICS

AGE

Suicide death rates are highest among people ages 25-44 years old.

SEX

Males account for 80% of deaths while females 20%.

RACE

Suicide deaths are most common among white people followed by black or African American people, Asian people, and those who are multiracial.

ETHNICITY

Suicide deaths are more common among people who aren't Hispanic.

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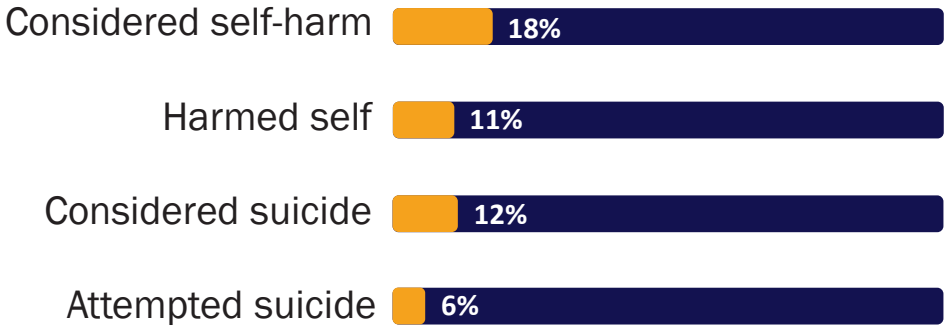
YOUTH IDEATION



Georgia Student Health Survey 2022

SUICIDE ATTEMPTS

906 medically treated attempts in 2021

Emergency department visits and hospital discharges are used to measure the number of medically treated suicide attempts. Emergency department visits indicate a less severe consequence due to the attempt while hospitalizations indicate severe consequences that require extensive medical treatment. This estimate does not consider suicide attempts that were not medically treated. It is estimated that for every suicide death, there are 25 attempts (National Center for Health Statistics, 2020).

Medically treated attempts have *decreased* since 2017.

627 emergency room visits
Rate of 54.9 people per 100,000 persons

Emergency room visits have *decreased* since 2017.

279 hospital discharges
Rate of 24.5 people per 100,000 persons

Hospital discharges have *decreased* since 2017.