Georgia Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities

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Suicide in Region 1

Counties: Banks, Bartow, Catoosa, Chattooga, Cherokee, Cobb, Dade, Dawson, Douglas, Fannin, Floyd, Forsyth, Franklin, Gilmer, Gordon, Habersham, Hall, Haralson, Hart, Lumpkin, Murray, Paulding, Pickens, Polk, Rabun, Stephens, Towns, Union, Walker, White, Whitfield

446 deaths

Region 1 had 446 suicide deaths in 2022. These deaths equate to 12,557 years of potential life lost. While the number of suicide deaths in other regions decreased (or increased very minimally) between 2021 and 2022, the number of suicide deaths increased by 8% in Region 1. Compared to other regions, Region 1 had the lowest suicide death rate among females. There were no deaths among Pacific Islanders or in the 0-9 age group.

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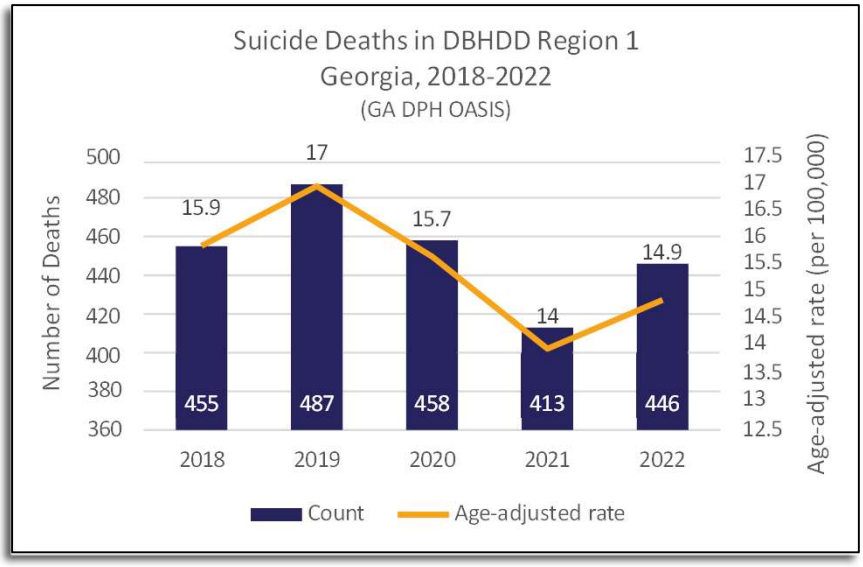
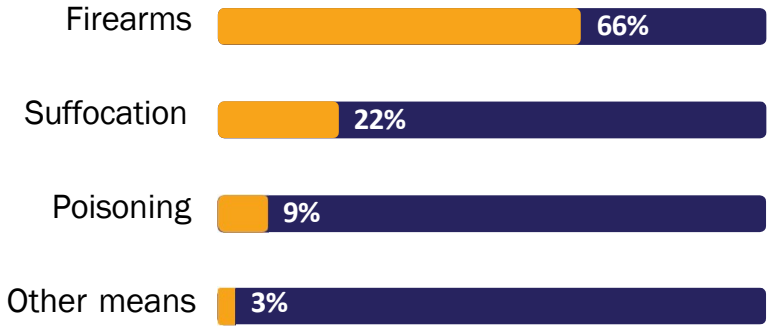


MEANS OF DEATH

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, 2021).



DEMOGRAPHICS

AGE

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

SEX

Males account for 81% of deaths while females account for 19%.

RACE

Suicide deaths are most common among white people followed by Black or African American people and Asian people.

ETHNICITY

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

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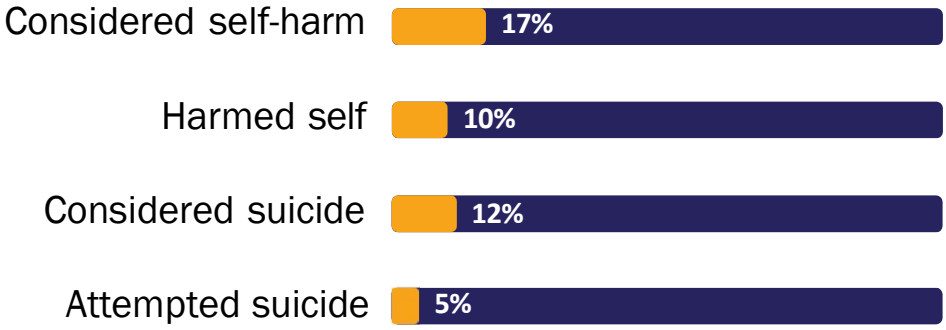
YOUTH IDEATION



Georgia Student Health Survey 2023

SUICIDE ATTEMPTS

2,559 medically treated attempts in 2022

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 2018.

1,836 emergency room visits
Rate of 66.0 people per 100,000 persons

Emergency room visits have *decreased* since 2018.

723 hospital discharges
Rate of 24.9 people per 100,000 persons

Hospital discharges have *decreased* since 2018.