Georgia Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities

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Suicide in Region 2

Counties: Baldwin, Barrow, Bibb, Burke, Clarke, Columbia, Elbert, Emanuel, Glascock, Greene, Hancock, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Jenkins, Jones, Lincoln, Madison, McDuffie, Monroe, Morgan, Oconee, Oglethorpe, Putnam, Richmond, Screven, Taliaferro, Twiggs, Walton, Warren, Washington, Wilkes, Wilkinson

221 deaths

Region 2 had 221 suicide deaths in 2022. These deaths equate to 6,664 years of potential life lost. Compared to other regions, Region 2 had the highest rate of suicide deaths among Hispanic people and the lowest rate among non-Hispanic people. Region 2 had the highest suicide death rate among those 10-17 years old, and the lowest rate among those 18-24 years. Region 2 had no suicide deaths among Indigenous people or in the 0-9 age group.

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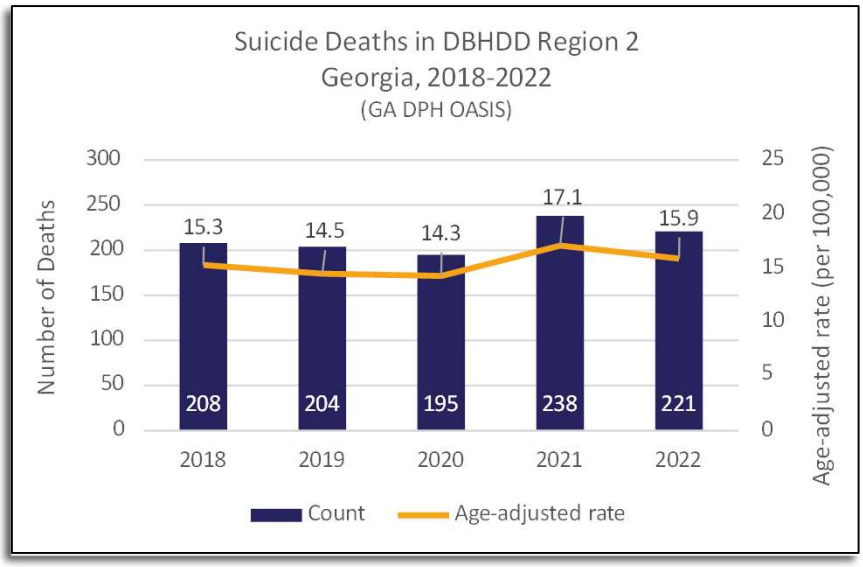
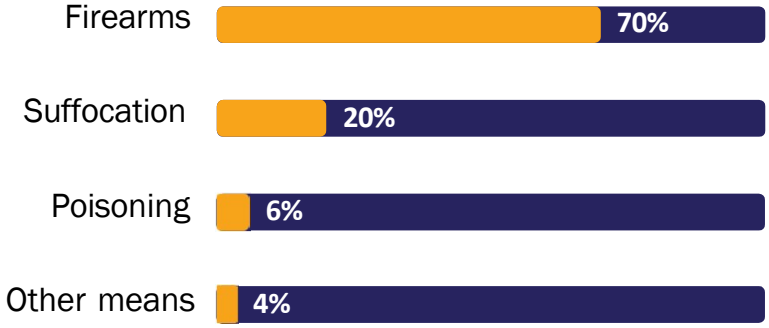


MEANS OF DEATH

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 aged 25-44 years old.

SEX

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

RACE

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

ETHNICITY

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

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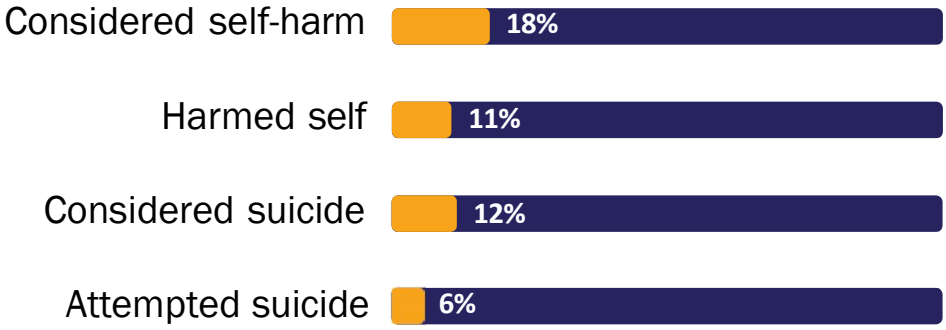
YOUTH IDEATION



Georgia Student Health Survey 2023

SUICIDE ATTEMPTS

1,353 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.

972 emergency room visits
Rate of 71.3 people per 100,000 persons

Emergency room visits have *decreased* since 2018.

381 hospital discharges
Rate of 27.6 people per 100,000 persons

Hospital discharges have *decreased* since 2018.