Georgia Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities

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Suicide in Region 3

Counties: Clayton, DeKalb, Fulton, Gwinnett, Newton, Rockdale

431 deaths

Region 3 had 431 suicide deaths in 2022. This equates to 13,931 years of potential life lost. Compared to other regions, Region 3 had the lowest death rate among white people and the highest death rate among Black or African American people as well as Asian people. Region 3 had the highest death rate among those aged 18-24 years, and the lowest death rate among those 25-44 and 45-64 years of age. Region 3 also had the lowest death rates for males and people who aren't Hispanic.

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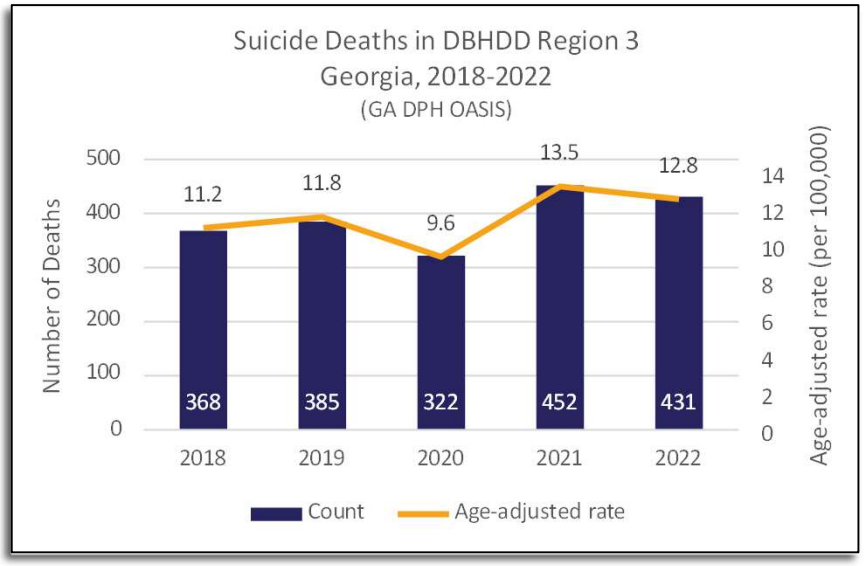
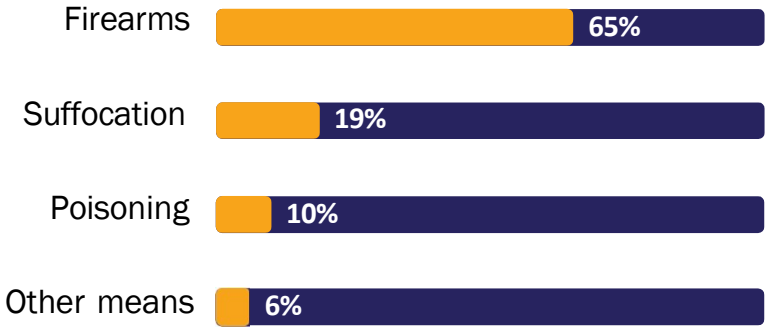


MEANS OF DEATH

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 18-24 years old.

SEX

Males account for 78% of deaths while females account for 22%.

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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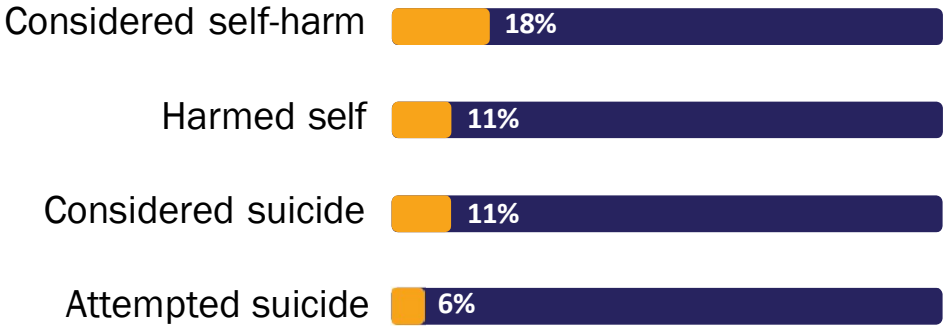
YOUTH IDEATION



Georgia Student Health Survey 2023

SUICIDE ATTEMPTS

2,561 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 suicide attempts have *decreased* since 2018.

1,722 emergency room visits
Rate of 52.0 people per 100,000 persons

Emergency room visits have *decreased* since 2018.

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

Hospital discharges have *increased* since 2018.