Georgia Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities

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Suicide in Region 4

Counties: Baker, Ben Hill, Berrien, Brooks, Calhoun, Colquitt, Cook, Decatur, Dougherty, Early, Echols, Grady, Irwin, Lanier, Lee, Lowndes, Miller, Mitchell, Seminole, Terrell, Thomas, Tift, Turner, Worth

101 deaths

Region 4 had 101 suicide deaths in 2022. This equates to 3,033 years of potential life lost. Compared to other regions, Region 4 had the highest suicide death rate among white people and non-Hispanic people, and the lowest death rate among black or African American people. Region 4 had the highest suicide death rate among people aged 25-44 and 45-64 years, and the lowest among those 65 and older. The suicide rate among both males and females was higher in Region 4 than in other regions.

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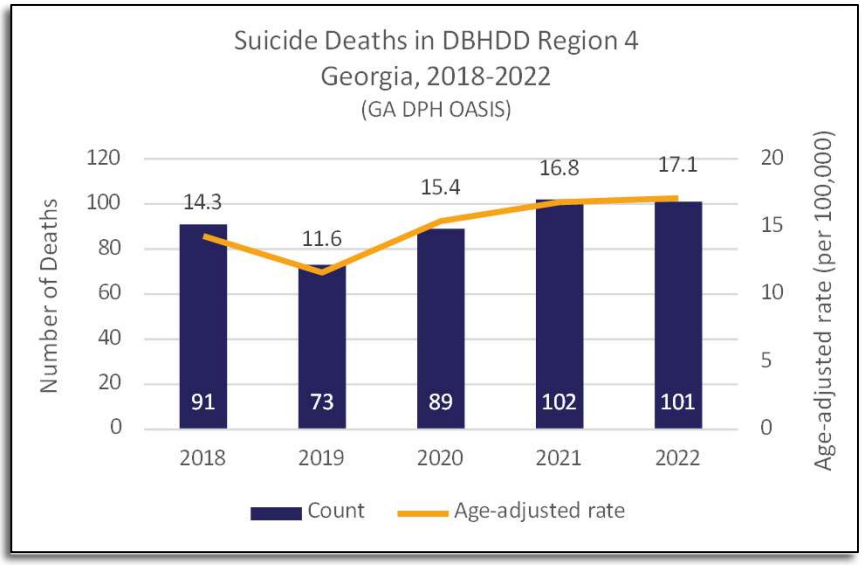
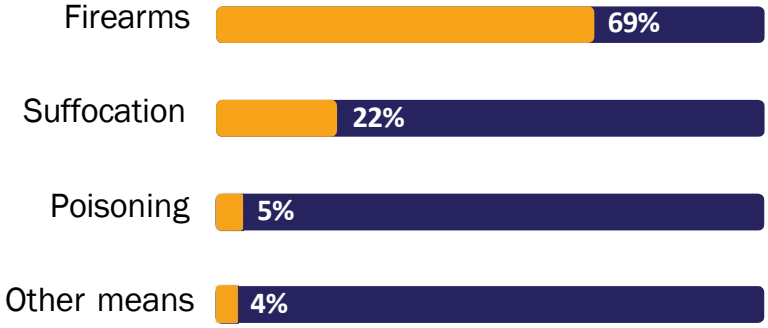


MEANS OF DEATH

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 80% of deaths while females account for 20%.

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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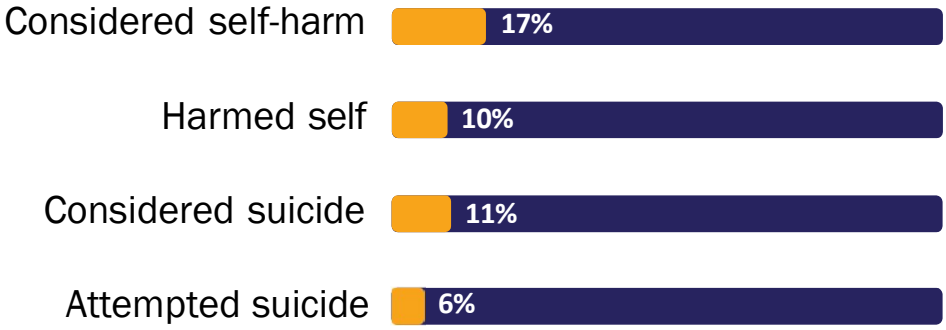
YOUTH IDEATION



Georgia Student Health Survey 2023

SUICIDE ATTEMPTS

563 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.

413 emergency room visits
Rate of 70.9 people per 100,000 persons

Emergency room visits have *decreased* since 2018.

150 hospital discharges
Rate of 24.6 people per 100,000 persons

Hospital discharges have *decreased* since 2018.