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

238 deaths

Region 2 had 238 suicide deaths in 2021. These deaths equate to 7,341 years of potential life lost. Compared to other regions, Region 2 had the highest rate of suicide deaths among Asian people. Region 2 had the highest suicide death rate among those 45-64 years old. Region 2 had no suicide deaths among Indigenous people or Pacific Islanders. There were fewer than 4 deaths among multiracial people.

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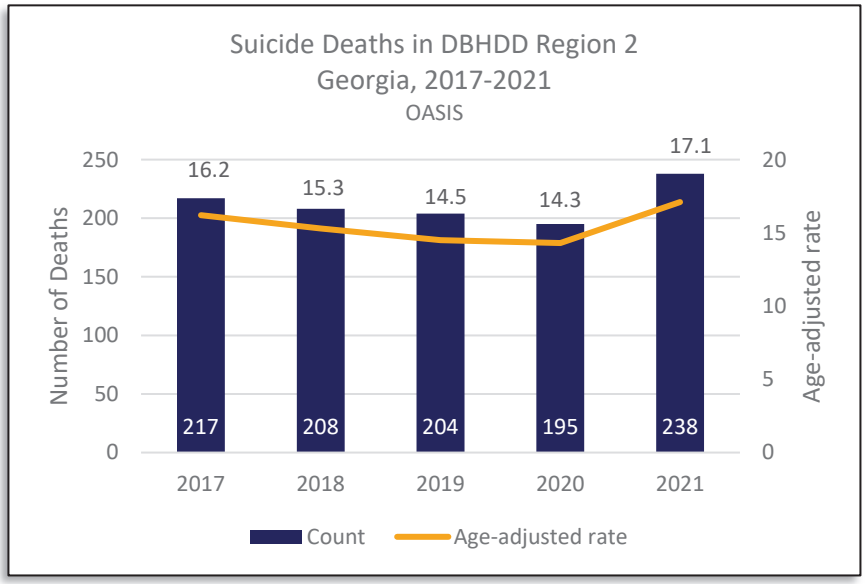
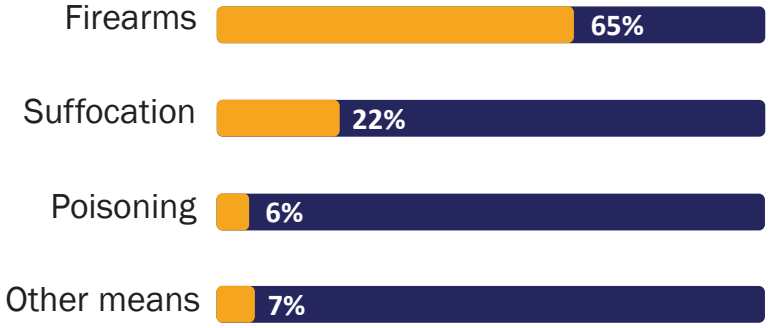


MEANS OF DEATH

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, 2020).



DEMOGRAPHICS

AGE

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

SEX

Males account for 82% of deaths while females account for 18%.

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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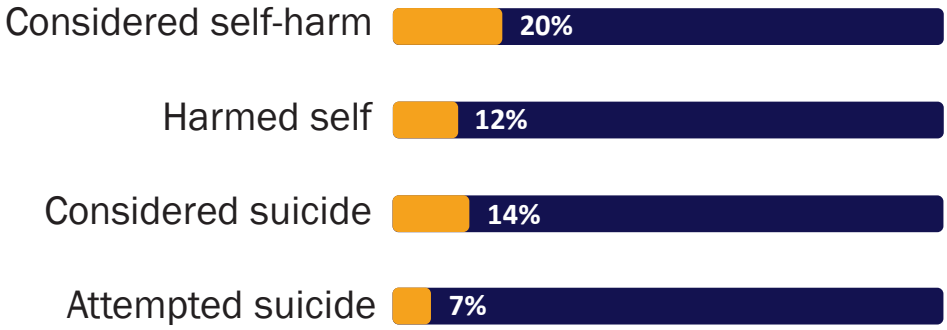
YOUTH IDEATION



Georgia Student Health Survey 2022

SUICIDE ATTEMPTS

1,341 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.

901 emergency room visits
Rate of 65.1 people per 100,000 persons

Emergency room visits have *decreased* since 2017.

440 hospital discharges
Rate of 32 people per 100,000 persons

Hospital discharges have *decreased* since 2017.