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

91 deaths

Region 4 had 91 reported suicide deaths in 2023. This equates to 2,667 years of potential life lost. Compared to other regions, Region 4 had the lowest suicide death rate among persons aged 18-24 years and 65+ years. There were no suicide deaths reported among Pacific Islanders or those who are multiracial.

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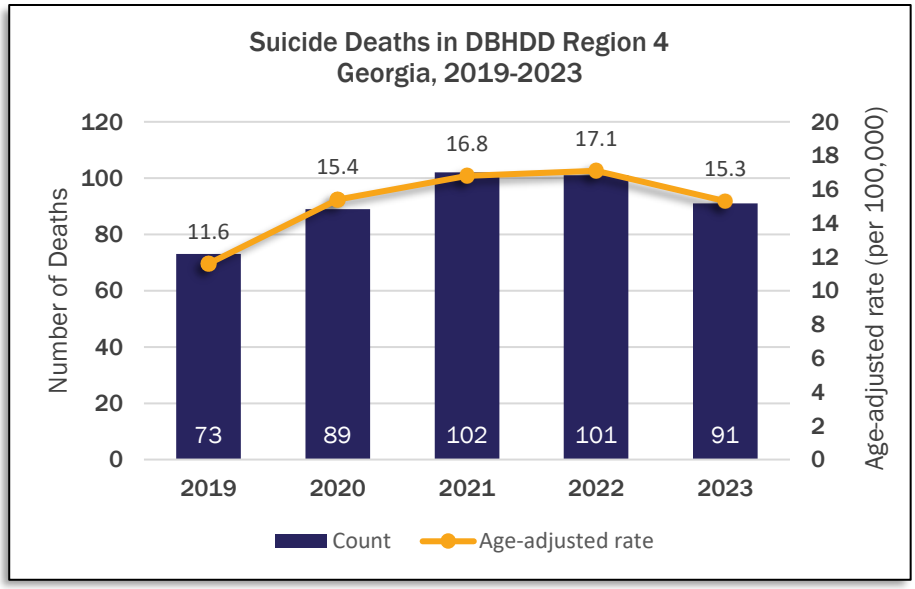
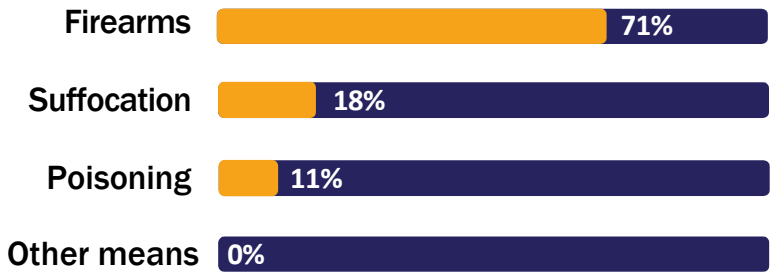


Georgia DPH OASIS

MEANS OF DEATH

Firearms are the most common means of suicide death followed by suffocation, drug poisoning, and other means. Overall, 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, 2022). In Region 4, females use both suffocation and poisoning more often while more males use firearms.



Notes: Data limited to deaths that occurred in the state of Georgia. Weapon types are not mutually exclusive; more than one weapon type can be involved in one incident

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.

ETHNICITY

Suicide deaths are more common among people who are not Hispanic.

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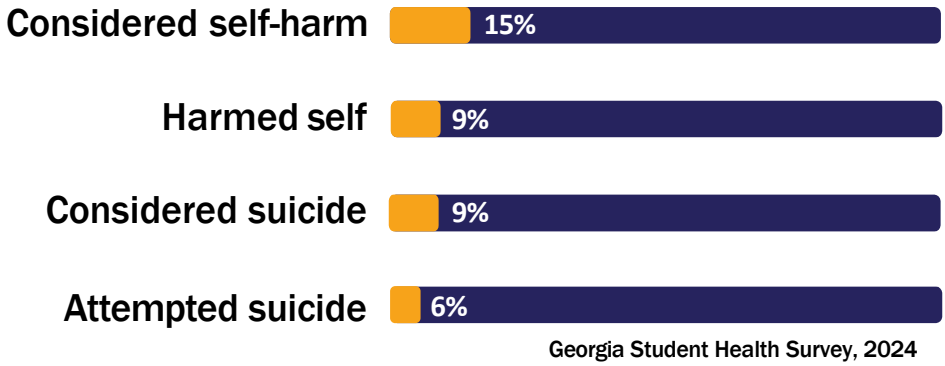
YOUTH IDEATION



Georgia Student Health Survey, 2024

SUICIDE ATTEMPTS

546 medically treated attempts in 2023

Emergency department visit and hospital discharge data is used to measure 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). Data source: GA DPH OASIS

Medically treated attempts have *decreased* since 2019.

386 emergency room visits
Rate of 67.6 people per 100,000 persons

Emergency room visits have *decreased* since 2019.

160 hospital discharges
Rate of 27 people per 100,000 persons

Hospital discharges have *decreased* since 2019.

988 SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE

Call or text **988** or visit **988lifeline.org** for immediate crisis support or access to services. Help is available 24/7.

For more information and resources on suicide prevention, visit **preventsuicidega.org/**