Georgia Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities

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# Suicide in Region 6

Counties: Butts, Carroll, Chattahoochee, Clay, Coweta, Crawford, Crisp, Dooly, Fayette, Harris, Heard, Henry, Houston, Lamar, Macon, Marion, Meriwether, Muscogee, Peach, Pike, Quitman, Randolph, Schley, Spalding, Stewart, Sumter, Talbot, Taylor, Troup, Upson, Webster

**242 deaths**

Region 6 had 242 suicide deaths in 2023, which equates to 7,157 years of potential life lost. Compared to other regions, Region 6 had the highest suicide death rate among white people and Asian people. Region 6 also had the highest suicide rate among those 25-44 years of age. There were no deaths recorded among Pacific Islanders.

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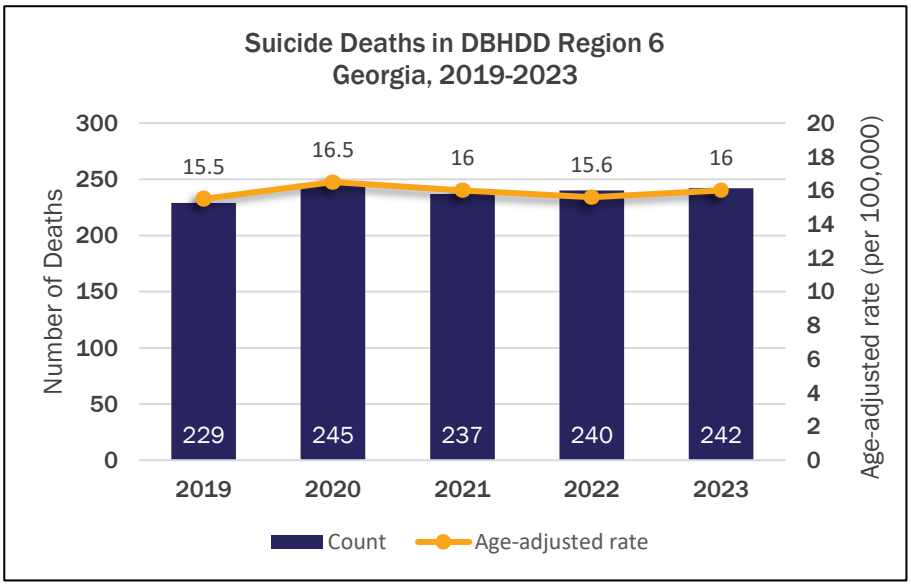
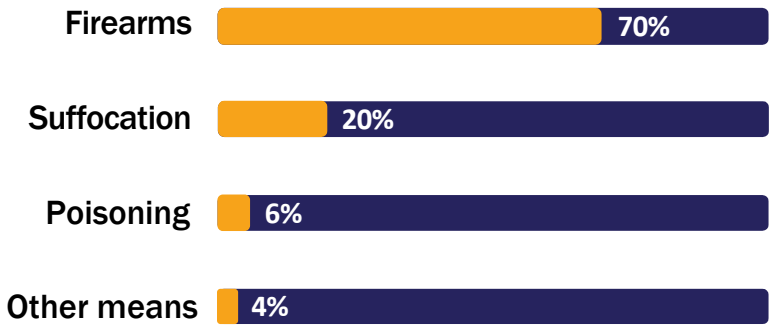



*Georgia DPH OASIS*

## MEANS OF DEATH

Firearms are the most common means of suicide death followed by suffocation, drug poisoning, and other means. 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).




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

**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 are not Hispanic.

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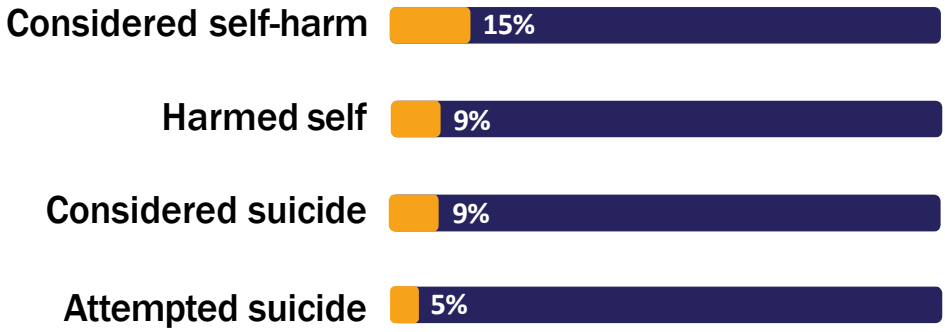
## YOUTH IDEATION




Georgia Student Health Survey, 2024

## SUICIDE ATTEMPTS

**1,353 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.

939 emergency room visits
Rate of 64.7 people per 100,000 persons

Emergency room visits have *decreased* since 2019.

414 hospital discharges
Rate of 28 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/**