

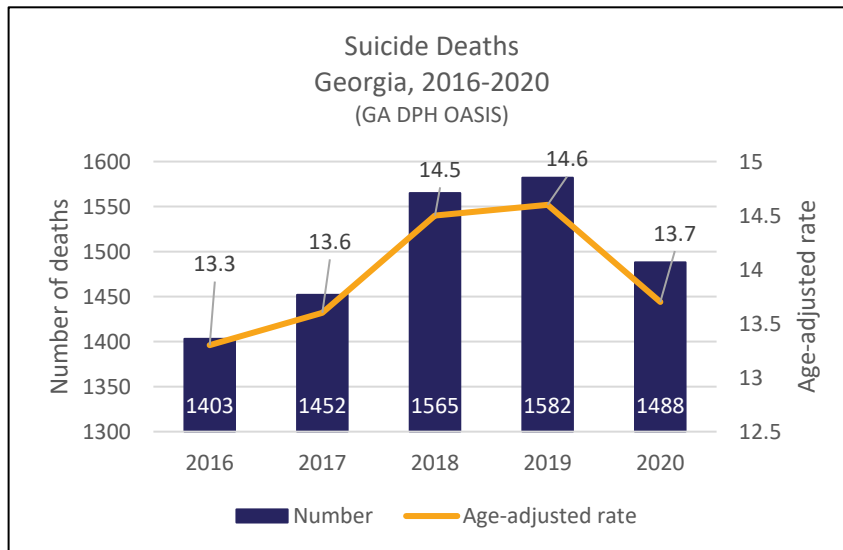


Suicide in Georgia

**1,488
deaths**

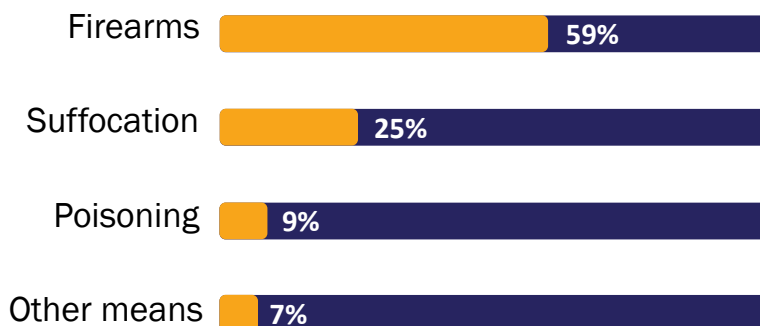
GA ranked 32nd in suicide deaths in the US 2019. The age-adjusted rate of suicide deaths in Georgia is higher than the rate for rest of the South and the United States rate. In 2020, 1,488 lives were lost in Georgia due to suicide. The 1,488 deaths equate to 45,191 years of potential life lost. There were no recorded suicide deaths among children ages 0-10 years old or Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander people.

CDC WISQARS & Georgia Dept of Public Health



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, 2019).



DEMOGRAPHICS

AGE

Suicide death rates are highest among people older than 22 although suicide is the second leading cause of death for youth (ages 11-17).

SEX

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

RACE

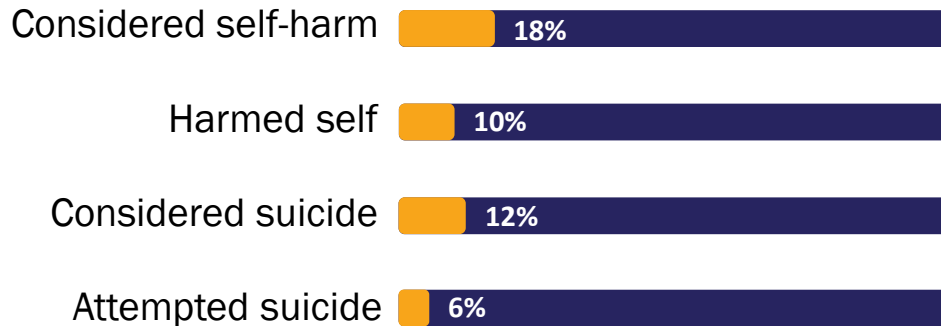
Suicide deaths are most common among white people followed by Black or African American people, Asian people, and those who are multi-racial.

ETHNICITY

Suicide deaths are more common among people who aren't Hispanic.

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YOUTH IDEATION



Student Wellness Survey 2021

SUICIDE ATTEMPTS

9,360 attempts in 2020

Emergency department visits and hospital discharges are used as proxies for estimating the number and rate of suicide attempts. Emergency department visits indicate a less severe consequence due to the attempt while hospitalizations indicate severe consequences that require extensive medical treatment.



6,609 emergency room visits
Rate of 63.8 people per 100,000 persons

While emergency room visits have *decreased* since 2016, it's important to note that people may have not visited the emergency room due to the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020.



2,751 hospital discharges
Rate of 25.9 people per 100,000 persons

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