

Suicide in Georgia



GA ranked 28th in suicide deaths in the US 2021. The age-adjusted rate of suicide deaths in Georgia is higher than the rate for rest of the South and higher than the national rate for the United States. In 2022, 1,626 lives were lost in Georgia due to suicide. The 1,626 deaths equate to 48,741 years of potential life lost. There were no recorded suicide deaths among children ages 0-8 years old.

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DEMOGRAPHICS

Suicide death rates are

highest among people

older than 22. However,

suicide is the leading

cause of death for youth

Males account for 79% of

females account for 21%.

Suicide deaths are most

common among white

people followed by black

African

people, Asian

deaths

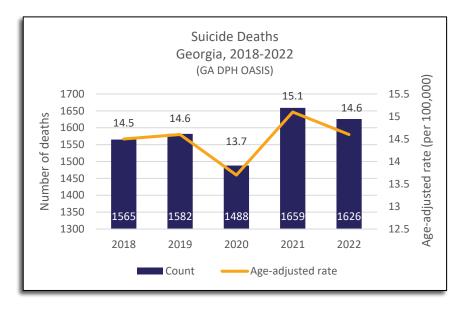
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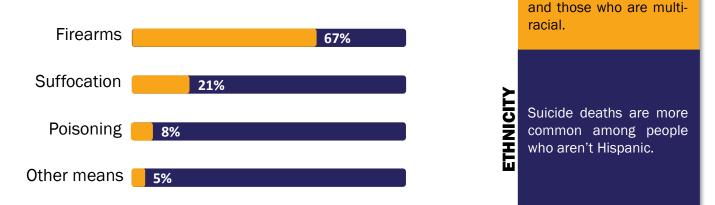
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suicide

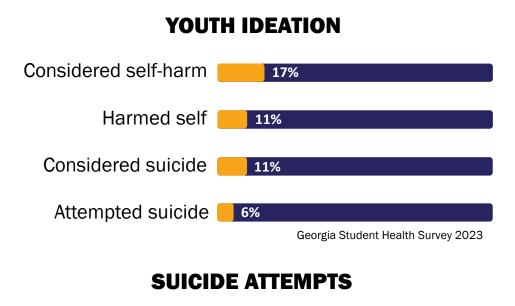


MEANS OF DEATH

Firearms are the most common means of suicide death followed by suffocation, drug poisoning, and other means. Males and females utilize suffocation at similar frequencies. Females use drug poisoning and other means more than males, and males use firearms more than females (Georgia Violent Death Reporting System, 2021).



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9,391 medically treated attempts in 2022

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Medically treated attempts have decreased since 2018.



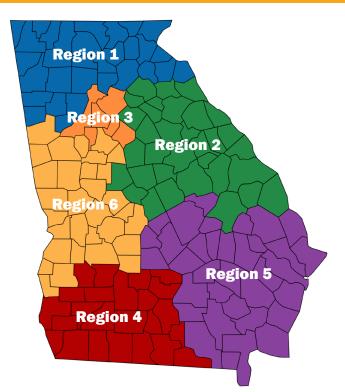
6,613 emergency room visits Rate of 62.1 people per 100,000 persons

Emergency room visits have *decreased* since 2018.



2,778 hospital discharges Rate of 25.5 people per 100,000 persons

Georgia DBHDD Region Map



Region 1	Region 2	Region 3
Banks BartowForsyth FranklinPaulding PickensCatoosa ChattoogaFranklin GilmerPickens PolkChattooga CherokeeGordon HabershamRabunCobbHabersham HallStephens TownsDade Dawson DouglasHaralson LumpkinUnion White WhiteFannin FloydMurrayWhitfield	BaldwinJacksonOglethorpeBarrowJasperPutnamBibbJeffersonRichmondBurkeJenkinsScrevenClarkeJonesTaliaferroColumbiaLincolnTwiggsElbertMadisonWaltonEmanuelMcDuffieWarrenGlascockMonroeWashingtonGreeneMorganWilkesHancockOconeeWilkinson	Clayton DeKalb Fulton Gwinnett Newton Rockdale

Region 4	Region 5	Region 6
BakerIrwinBen HillLanierBerrienLeeBrooksLowndesCalhounMillerColquittMitchellCookSeminoleDecaturTerrellDoughertyThomasEarlyTiftEcholsTurnerGradyWorth	Appling AtkinsonCoffee DodgeMontgomery PierceBacon BleckleyEffingham EvansPulaski PulaskiBrantley BrantleyEvans GlynnTattnall TelfairBryan Bulloch CamdenJeff Davis JohnsonToombs TreutlenCandler Charlton ChathamLiberty MolnoshWare Wayne Wheeler McIntosh	ButtsHeardQuitmanCarrollHenryRandolphChattahoocheeHoustonSchleyClayLamarStewartCowetaMaconSumterCrawfordMarionTalbotCrispMeriwetherTaylorDoolyMuscogeeTroupFayettePeachUpsonHarrisPikeWebster

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Suicide in Region 1

Counties: Banks, Bartow, Catoosa, Chattooga, Cherokee, Cobb, Dade, Dawson, Douglas, Fannin, Floyd, Forsyth, Franklin, Gilmer, Gordon, Habersham, Hall, Haralson, Hart, Lumpkin, Murray, Paulding, Pickens, Polk, Rabun, Stephens, Towns, Union, Walker, White, Whitfield



Region 1 had 446 suicide deaths in 2022. These deaths equate to 12,557 years of potential life lost. While the number of suicide deaths in other regions decreased (or increased very minimally) between 2021 and 2022, the number of suicide deaths increased by 8% in Region 1. Compared to other regions, Region 1 had the lowest suicide death rate among females. There were no deaths among Pacific Islanders or in the 0-9 age group.

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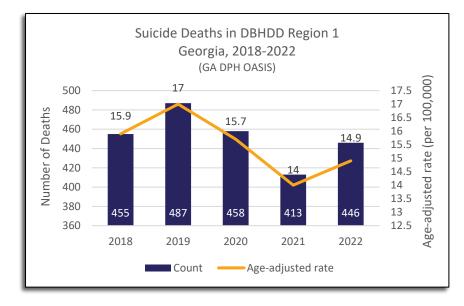
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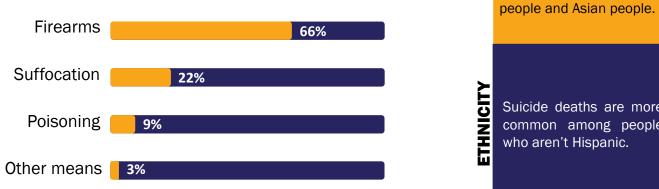
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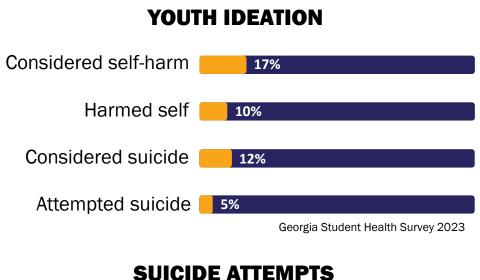


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Suicide deaths are more common among people who aren't Hispanic.



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2,559 medically treated attempts in 2022

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Medically treated attempts have decreased since 2018.



1,836 emergency room visits Rate of 66.0 people per 100,000 persons

Emergency room visits have *decreased* since 2018.



723 hospital discharges Rate of 24.9 people per 100,000 persons



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



Region 2 had 221 suicide deaths in 2022. These deaths equate to 6,664 years of potential life lost. Compared to other regions, Region 2 had the highest rate of suicide deaths among Hispanic people and the lowest rate among non-Hispanic people. Region 2 had the highest suicide death rate among those 10-17 years old, and the lowest rate among those 18-24 years. Region 2 had no suicide deaths among Indigenous people or in the 0-9 age group.

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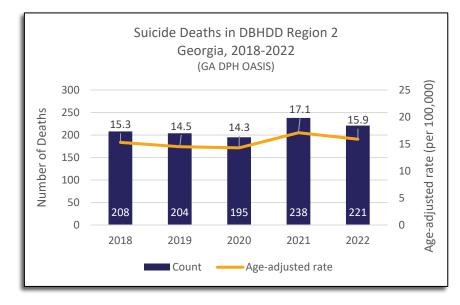
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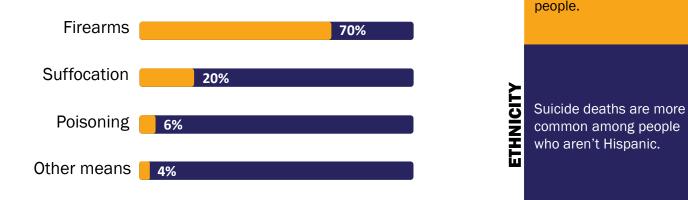
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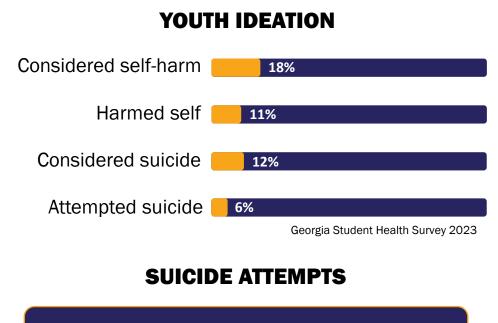
account for 20%.



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1,353 medically treated attempts in 2022

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Medically treated attempts have *decreased* since 2018.



972 emergency room visits Rate of 71.3 people per 100,000 persons

Emergency room visits have decreased since 2018.



381 hospital discharges Rate of 27.6 people per 100,000 persons



Suicide in Region 3

Counties: Clayton, DeKalb, Fulton, Gwinnett, Newton, Rockdale



Region 3 had 431 suicide deaths in 2022. This equates to 13,931 years of potential life lost. Compared to other regions, Region 3 had the lowest death rate among white people and the highest death rate among Black or African American people as well as Asian people. Region 3 had the highest death rate among those aged 18-24 years, and the lowest death rate among those 25-44 and 45-64 years of age. Region 3 also had the lowest death rates for males and people who aren't Hispanic.

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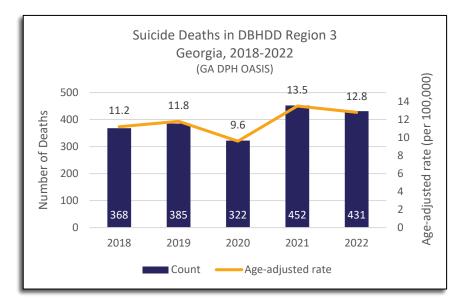
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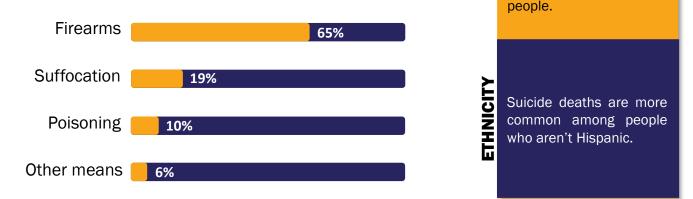
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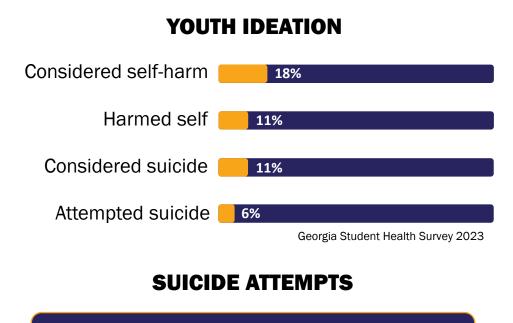
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Medically treated suicide attempts have decreased since 2018.



1,722 emergency room visits Rate of 52.0 people per 100,000 persons

Emergency room visits have decreased since 2018.



839 hospital discharges Rate of 24.9 people per 100,000 persons



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



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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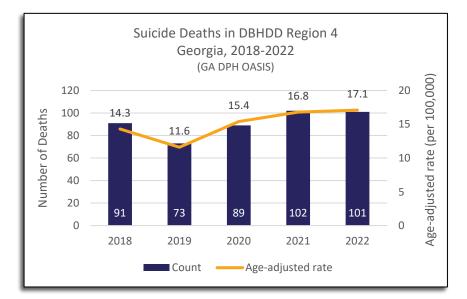
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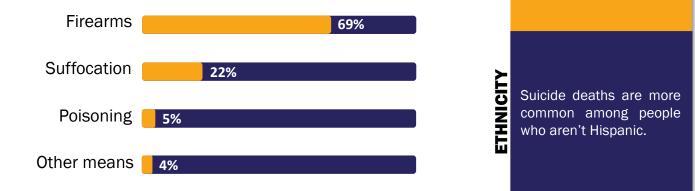
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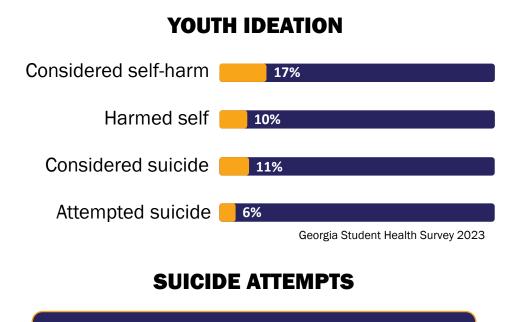
people and Asian people.

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563 medically treated attempts in 2022

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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



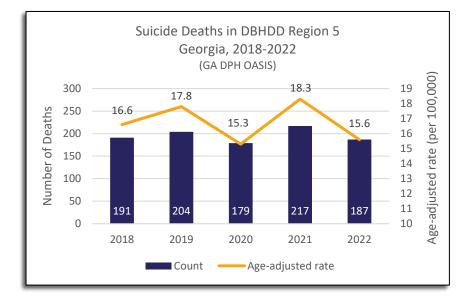
Suicide in Region 5

Counties: Appling, Atkinson, Bacon, Bleckley, Brantley, Bryan, Bulloch, Camden, Candler, Charlton, Chatham, Clinch, Coffee, Dodge, Effingham, Evans, Glynn, Jeff Davis, Johnson, Laurens, Liberty, Long, McIntosh, Montgomery, Pierce, Pulaski, Tattnall, Telfair, Toombs, Treutlen, Ware, Wayne, Wheeler, Wilcox



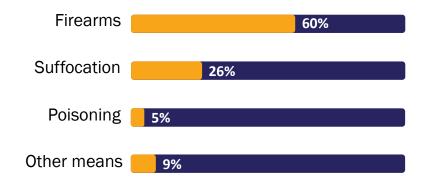
Region 5 had 187 suicide deaths in 2022. This equates to 5,696 years of potential life lost. Between 2021 and 2022, the suicide death rate in Region 5 had a more significant decline compared to other regions. Region 5 had no deaths among Asian people or those who are multiracial. There were no recorded suicide deaths in those aged 0-9 years in Region 5.

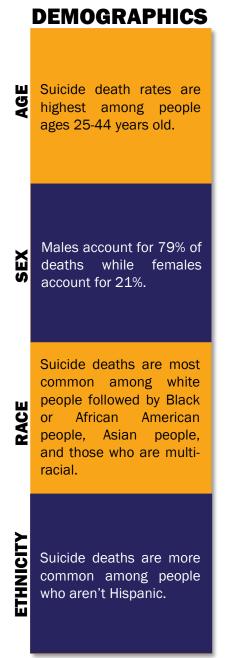
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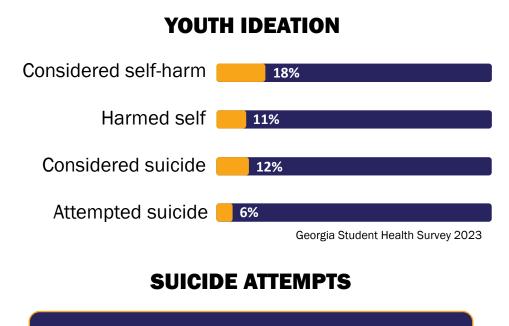


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941 medically treated attempts in 2022

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Medically treated suicide attempts have *decreased* since 2018.



648 emergency room visits Rate of 56.6 people per 100,000 persons

Emergency room visits have decreased since 2018.



293 hospital discharges Rate of 25.3 people per 100,000 persons



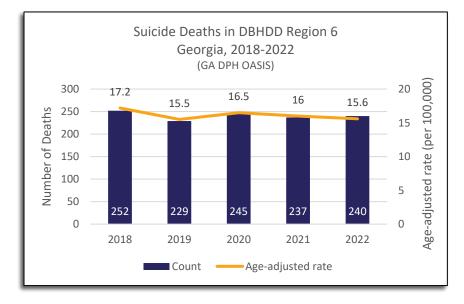
Suicide in Region 6

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

240 deaths

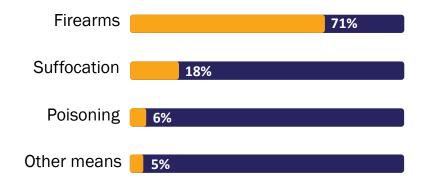
Region 6 had 240 suicide deaths in 2022, which equates to 6,861 years of potential life lost. Compared to other regions, Region 6 had the highest suicide death rate among people 65 years and older. There were no suicide deaths among Indigenous people or Pacific Islanders. There were also no suicide deaths in those 0-9 years old.

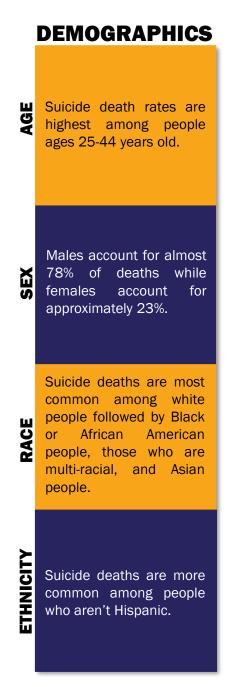
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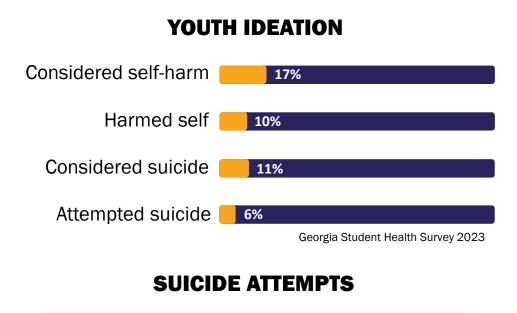


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1,414 medically treated attempts in 2022

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Medically treated attempts have decreased since 2018.



1,022 emergency room visits Rate of 71.5 people per 100,000 persons

Emergency room visits have decreased since 2018.



392 hospital discharges Rate of 26.3 people per 100,000 persons