



Suicide in Georgia

1,635 deaths

GA ranked 31st in suicide deaths in the US in 2023. The age-adjusted suicide rate observed in Georgia is similar to the rate observed in the Southern states and slightly higher than the national rate. In 2024, 1,635 suicide deaths were reported via Georgia's vital records. These deaths equate to 49,163 years of potential life lost. No suicide deaths were reported in individuals younger than 10 years old or Pacific Islanders. Suicide is the 11th leading cause of death overall in Georgia.

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DEMOGRAPHICS

AGE
Suicide death rates are highest among persons 25 - 44 years old. Suicide is the 2nd leading cause of death among those 10-14 years and 25-34 years of age.

AGE

SEX
Males account for 82% of suicide deaths while females account for 18%. Females are medically treated for intentional self-harm (incl. suicide attempts) more often than males.

SEX

RACE
Suicide deaths are most common among White persons followed by Black or African American, Asian, and multiracial persons.

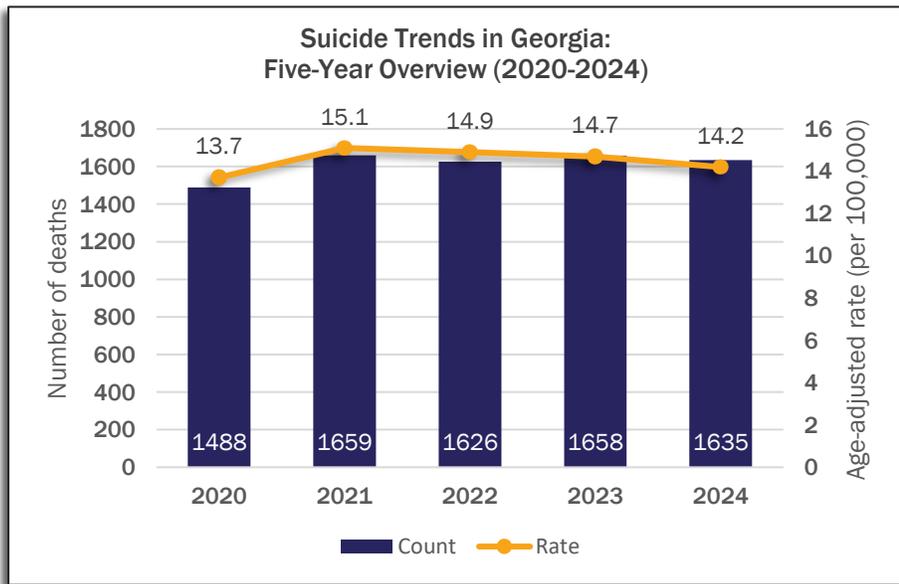
RACE

ETHNICITY
Suicide deaths are more common among persons not of Hispanic origin.

ETHNICITY

URBAN-RURAL
The suicide rate in Georgia's rural counties is higher than the rate in urban counties.

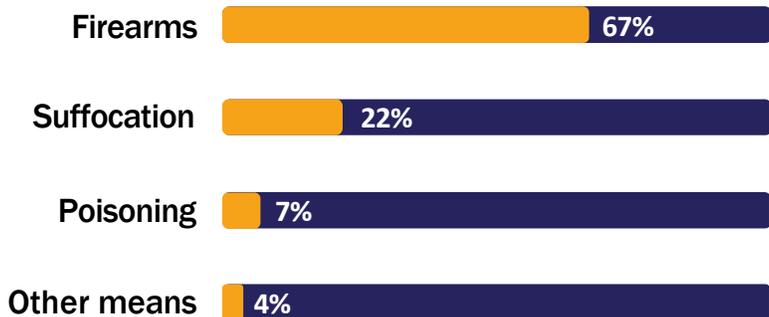
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MEANS OF DEATH

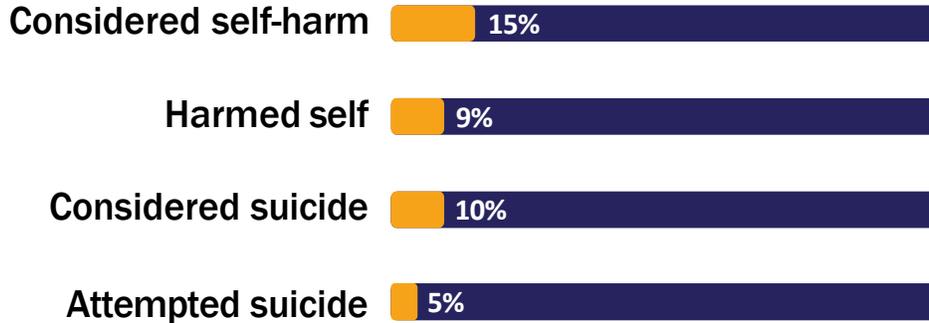
Firearms are the most common means of suicide death followed by suffocation, drug poisoning, and other means. Males and females utilize suffocation and other means at similar frequencies. Females use drug poisoning more often than males, and males use firearms more than females (Georgia Violent Death Reporting System, 2023).



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

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SUICIDE ATTEMPTS

9,414 medically treated attempts in 2024

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 approximately 25 suicide attempts occur for each suicide death (National Center for Health Statistics, 2020).

Data source: GA DPH OASIS

Overall, medically treated attempts have *increased* since 2020. Emergency department and hospital utilization may have been lower in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



6,704 emergency room visits
Rate of 61.8 per 100,000 persons

Emergency room visits have *increased* since 2020.



2,710 hospital discharges
Rate of 24.2 per 100,000 persons

Hospital discharges have *decreased* since 2020.



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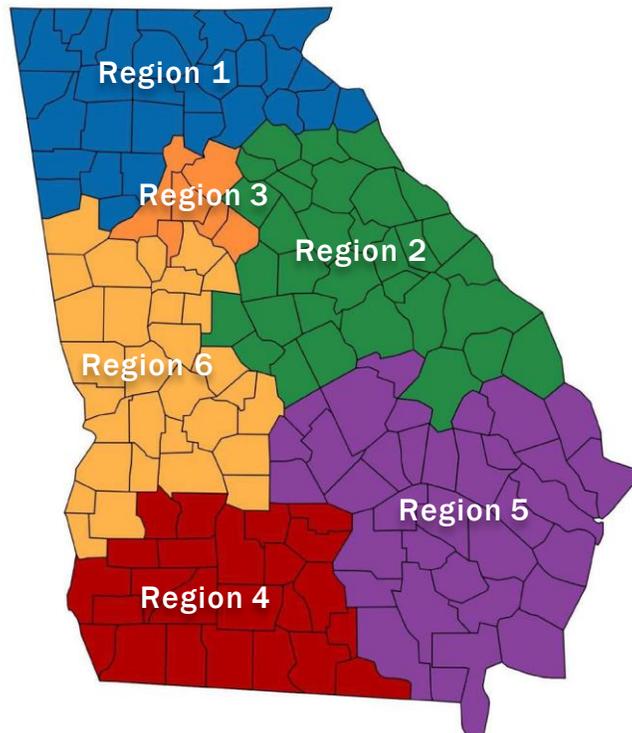
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Georgia DBHDD Region Map



Region 1

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

Region 2

Baldwin	Jackson	Oglethorpe
Barrow	Jasper	Putnam
Bibb	Jefferson	Richmond
Burke	Jenkins	Screven
Clarke	Jones	Taliaferro
Columbia	Lincoln	Twiggs
Elbert	Madison	Walton
Emanuel	McDuffie	Warren
Glascocok	Monroe	Washington
Greene	Morgan	Wilkes
Hancock	Oconee	Wilkinson

Region 3

Clayton
DeKalb
Fulton
Gwinnett
Newton
Rockdale

Region 4

Baker	Irwin
Ben Hill	Lanier
Berrien	Lee
Brooks	Lowndes
Calhoun	Miller
Colquitt	Mitchell
Cook	Seminole
Decatur	Terrell
Dougherty	Thomas
Early	Tift
Echols	Turner
Grady	Worth

Region 5

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

Region 6

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



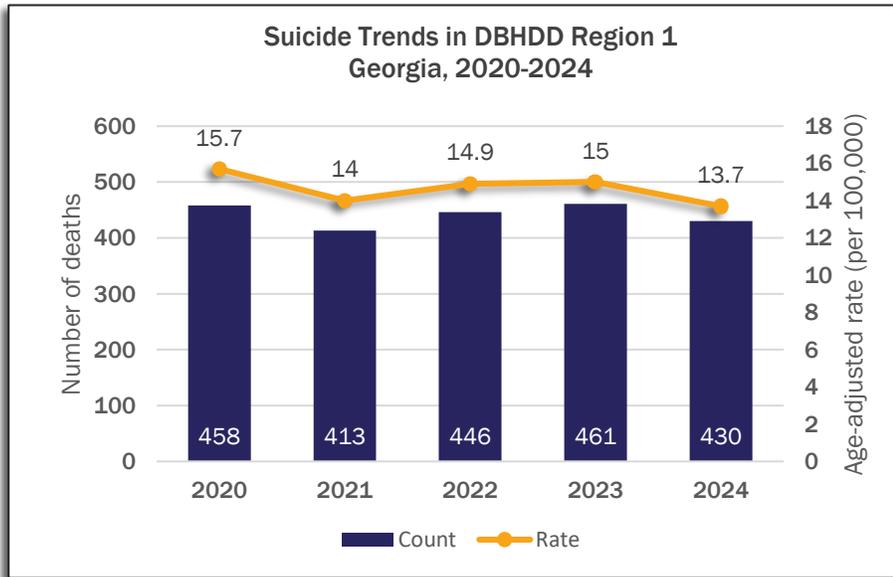
Suicide in Region 1

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

430 deaths

Region 1 had 430 reported suicide deaths in 2024. These deaths equate to 12,509 years of potential life lost. Compared to other regions, Region 1 had the lowest reportable suicide death rate among persons aged 10-17 years and Asian persons. There were no suicide deaths reported among Pacific Islanders or Indigenous persons.

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DEMOGRAPHICS

AGE

Suicide death rates are highest among persons 18-24 years of age.

SEX

Males account for 83% of deaths while females account for 17%.

RACE

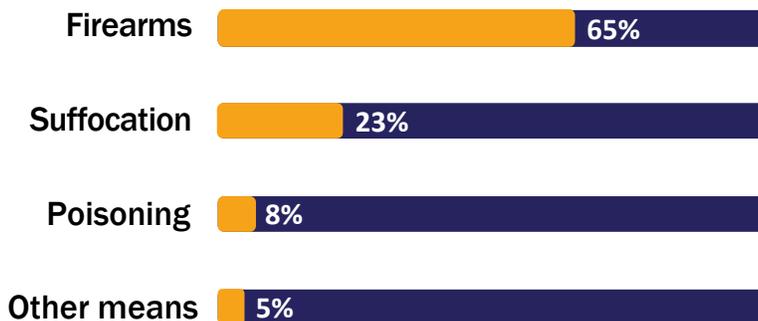
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ETHNICITY

Suicide deaths are more common among persons not of Hispanic origin.

MEANS OF DEATH

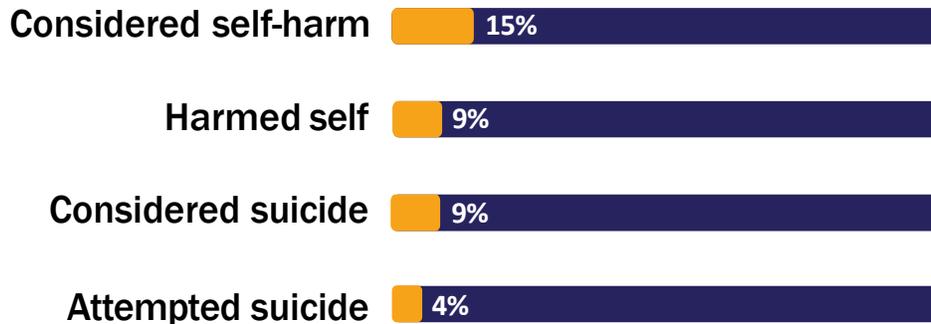
Firearms are the most common means of suicide death followed by suffocation, drug poisoning, and other means. Males and females utilize suffocation at similar frequencies, though more females use drug poisoning and other means while more males use firearms (Georgia Violent Death Reporting System, 2023).



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

Suicide in Region 1

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SUICIDE ATTEMPTS

2,454 medically treated attempts in 2024

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 approximately 25 suicide attempts occur for each suicide death (National Center for Health Statistics, 2020).

Data source: GA DPH OASIS

Overall, medically treated attempts have *decreased* since 2020. Emergency department and hospital utilization may have been lower in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



1,762 emergency room visits
Rate of 62 per 100,000 persons

Emergency room visits have *decreased* since 2020.



692 hospital discharges
Rate of 23.1 per 100,000 persons

Hospital discharges have *decreased* since 2020.



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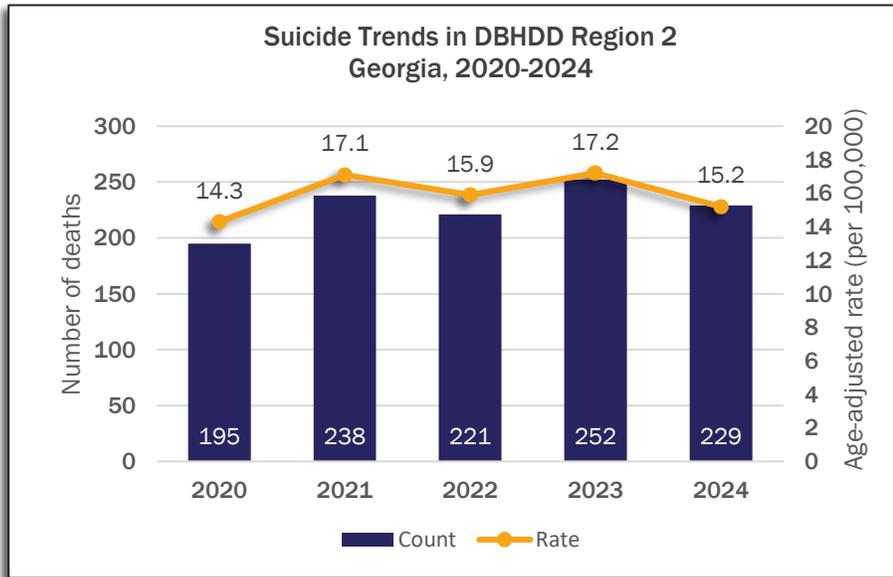
Suicide in Region 2

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

229 deaths

Region 2 had 229 reported suicide deaths in 2024. These deaths equate to 6,319 years of potential life lost. Compared to other regions, Region 2 had the lowest reportable suicide death rate among persons of Hispanic origin, but a high suicide rate among persons 65 years and older. There were no suicide deaths reported among Pacific Islanders or Indigenous persons.

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DEMOGRAPHICS

AGE

Suicide death rates are highest among persons 45 - 64 years of age.

SEX

Males account for 83% of deaths while females account for 17%.

RACE

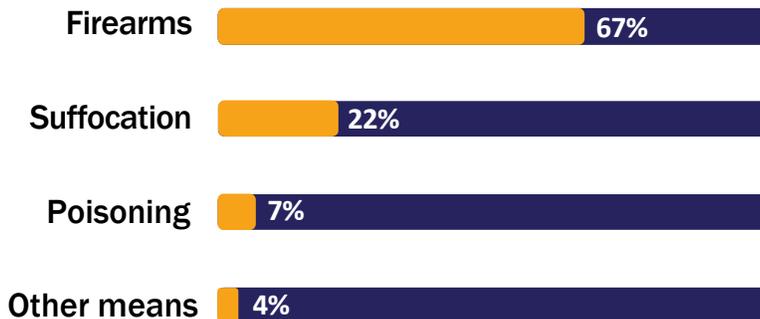
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ETHNICITY

Suicide deaths are more common among persons not of Hispanic origin.

MEANS OF DEATH

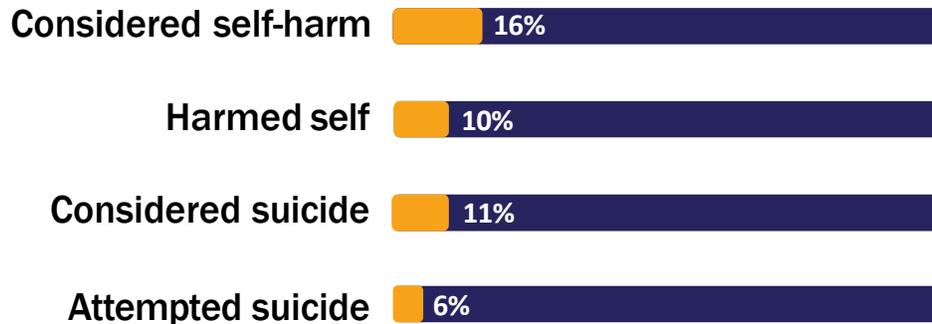
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Suicide in Region 2

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SUICIDE ATTEMPTS

1,358 medically treated attempts in 2024

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Data source: GA DPH OASIS

Overall, medically treated attempts have *increased* since 2020. Emergency department and hospital utilization may have been lower in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



970 emergency room visits
Rate of 68.7 per 100,000 persons

Emergency room visits have *increased* since 2020.



388 hospital discharges
Rate of 26.9 per 100,000 persons

Hospital discharges have *decreased* since 2020.



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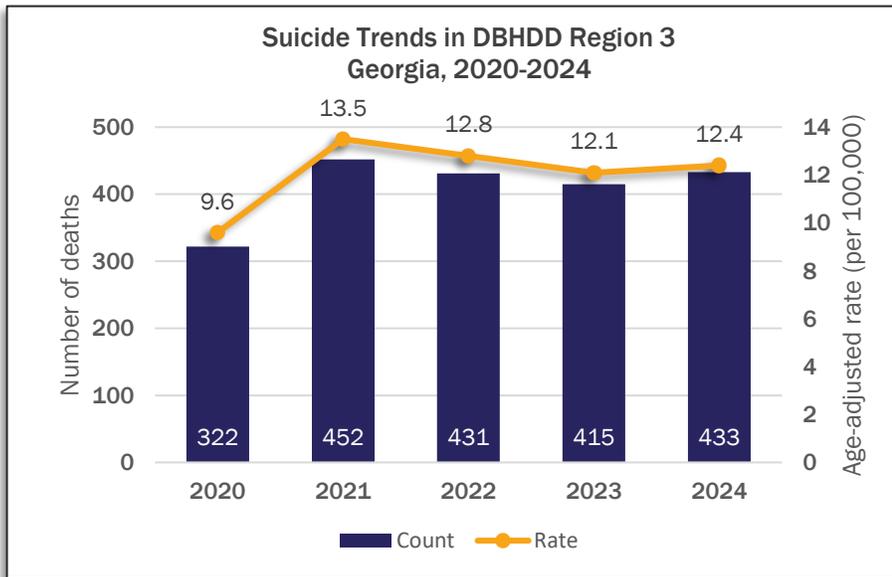
Suicide in Region 3

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

433 deaths

Region 3 had 433 reported suicide deaths in 2024. This equates to 14,477 years of potential life lost. Compared to other regions, Region 3 had the lowest overall suicide death rate. Region 3 had the lowest suicide rates among Non-Hispanic persons, White persons, persons aged 25-44 & 45-64 years, and males. This region had the highest death rate among Black or African American persons and persons aged 18-24 years. There were no suicide deaths reported among Pacific Islanders.

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DEMOGRAPHICS

AGE

Suicide death rates are highest among persons 18 - 24 years of age.

SEX

Males account for 80% of deaths while females account for 20%.

RACE

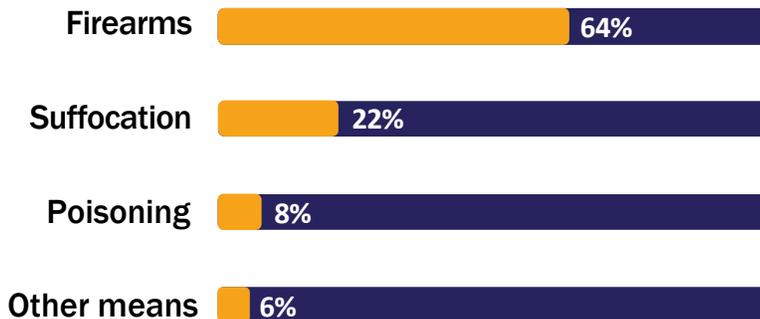
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ETHNICITY

Suicide deaths are more common among persons not of Hispanic origin.

MEANS OF DEATH

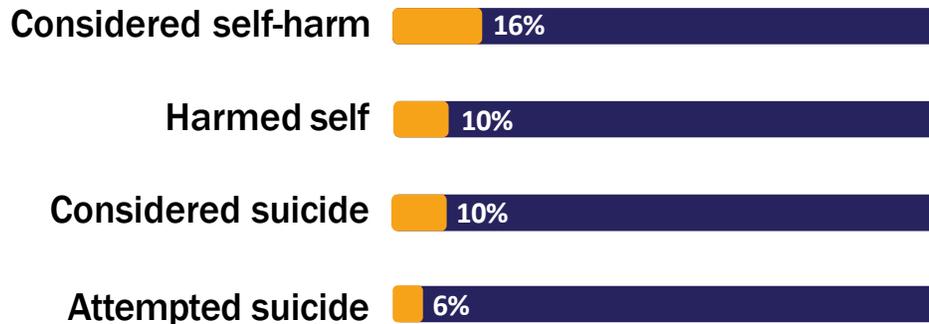
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Suicide in Region 3

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SUICIDE ATTEMPTS

2,575 medically treated attempts in 2024

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Data source: GA DPH OASIS

Overall, medically treated attempts have *increased* since 2020. Emergency department and hospital utilization may have been lower in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



1,769 emergency room visits
Rate of 52.6 per 100,000 persons

Emergency room visits have *increased* since 2020.



806 hospital discharges
Rate of 23.5 per 100,000 persons

Hospital discharges have *increased* since 2020.



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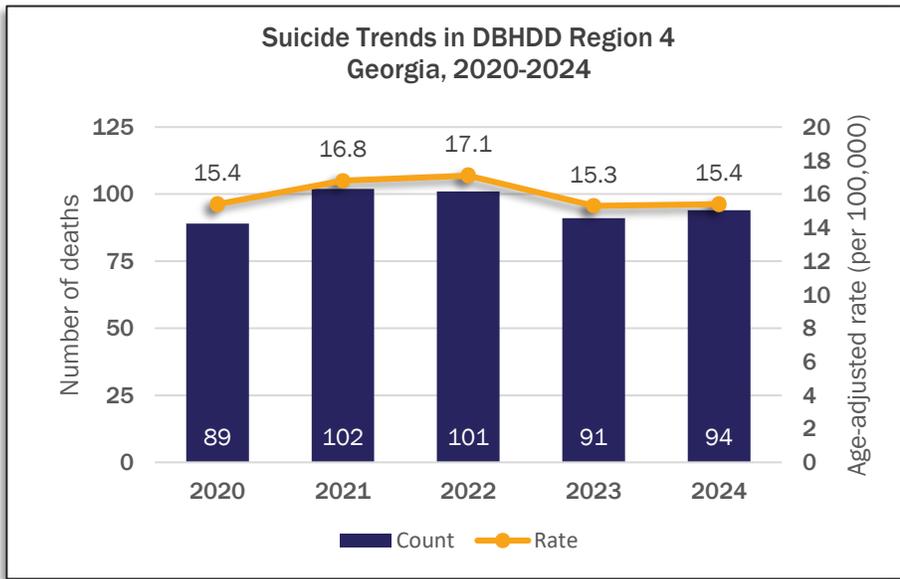
Suicide in Region 4

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

94 deaths

Region 4 had 94 reported suicide deaths in 2024. These deaths equate to 2,960 years of potential life lost. Compared to other regions, Region 4 had the lowest suicide death rates among persons aged 18-24 years, persons aged 65+ years, and females. However, this region had the highest suicide death rate among persons aged 10-17 and 45-64 years. There were no suicide deaths reported among Indigenous persons, Pacific Islanders, Asian persons, or multiracial persons.

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DEMOGRAPHICS

AGE
Suicide death rates are highest among persons 45-64 years of age.

SEX
Males account for 86% of deaths while females account for 14%.

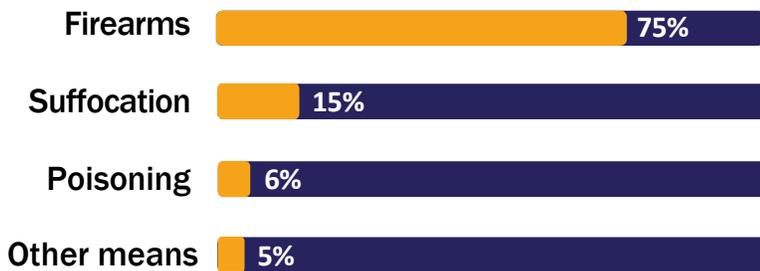
RACE
Suicide deaths are most common among White persons followed by Black or African American persons.

ETHNICITY
Suicide deaths are more common among persons not of Hispanic origin.

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 at similar frequencies, though more females use drug poisoning and other means while more males use firearms (Georgia Violent Death Reporting System, 2023).

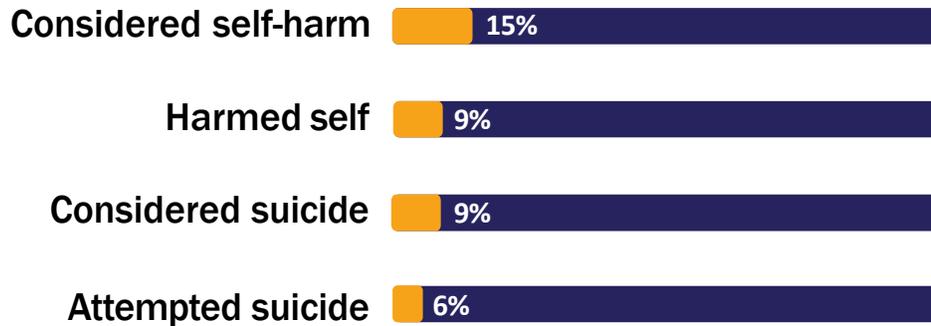
Region 4 is characterized by a higher proportion of suicide deaths involving firearms compared to other regions.



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Suicide in Region 4

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SUICIDE ATTEMPTS

517 medically treated attempts in 2024

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Data source: GA DPH OASIS

Overall, medically treated attempts have *decreased* since 2020. Emergency department and hospital utilization may have been lower in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



343 emergency room visits
Rate of 58 per 100,000 persons

Emergency room visits have *decreased* since 2020.



174 hospital discharges
Rate of 29.3 per 100,000 persons

Hospital discharges have *increased* since 2020.



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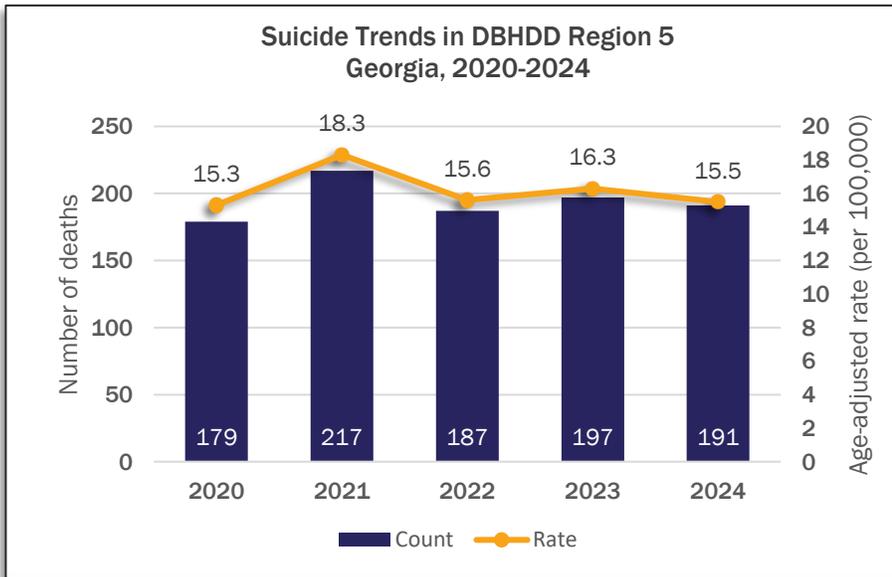
Suicide in Region 5

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, Tattall, Telfair, Toombs, Treutlen, Ware, Wayne, Wheeler, Wilcox

191 deaths

Region 5 had 191 reported suicide deaths in 2024. These deaths equate to 5,469 years of potential life lost. Compared to other regions, Region 5 had the highest suicide death rate among persons of Hispanic origin and females. This region had the lowest suicide rate among Black or African American persons. There were no suicide deaths reported among Pacific Islanders, Indigenous persons, or multiracial persons.

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DEMOGRAPHICS

AGE

Suicide death rates are highest among persons 45 - 64 years old.

SEX

Males account for 80% of deaths while females account for 20%.

RACE

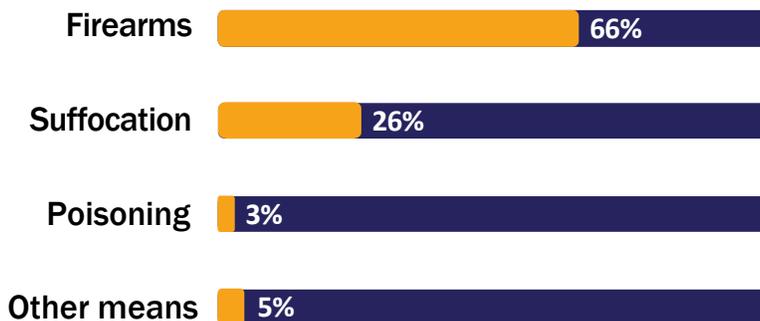
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ETHNICITY

Suicide deaths are more common among persons not of Hispanic origin.

MEANS OF DEATH

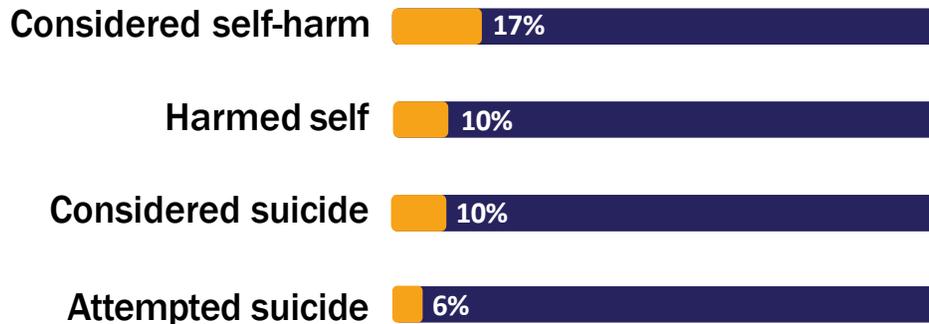
Firearms are the most common means of suicide death followed by suffocation, other means, and drug poisoning. Males and females utilize suffocation and other means at similar frequencies, though more females use drug poisoning while more males use firearms (Georgia Violent Death Reporting System, 2023).



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Suicide in Region 5

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SUICIDE ATTEMPTS

1,004 medically treated attempts in 2024

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Overall, medically treated attempts have *increased* since 2020. Emergency department and hospital utilization may have been lower in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



746 emergency room visits
Rate of 63.6 per 100,000 persons

Emergency room visits have *increased* since 2020.



258 hospital discharges
Rate of 22 per 100,000 persons

Hospital discharges have *decreased* since 2020.



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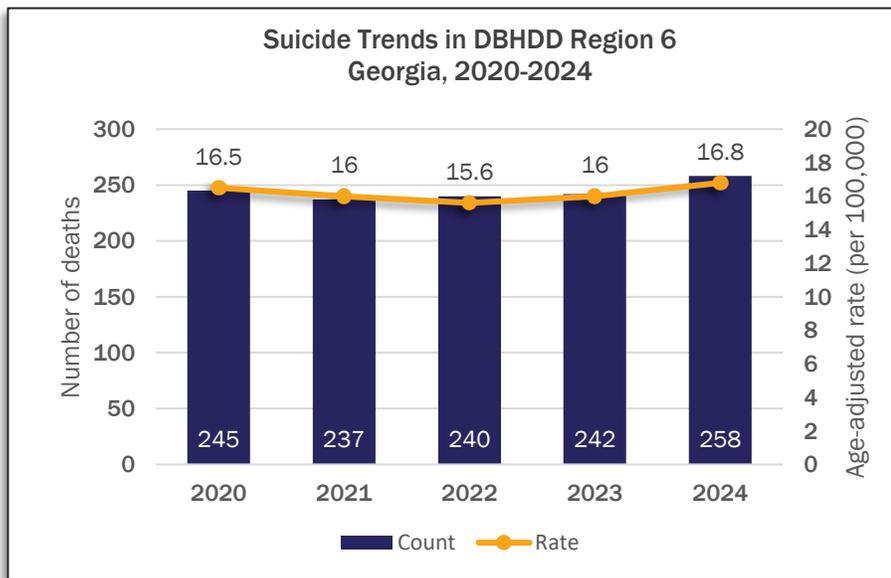
Suicide in Region 6

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

258 deaths

Region 6 had 258 reported suicide deaths in 2024. These deaths equate to 7,431 years of potential life lost. Compared to other regions, Region 6 had the highest suicide death rate overall. Region 6 had the highest suicide rates among White, Asian, and Non-Hispanic persons. This region also had the highest suicide rate among persons aged 25-44 years, persons aged 65+ years, and males. There were no deaths recorded among Pacific Islanders, Indigenous persons, or multiracial persons.

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DEMOGRAPHICS

AGE
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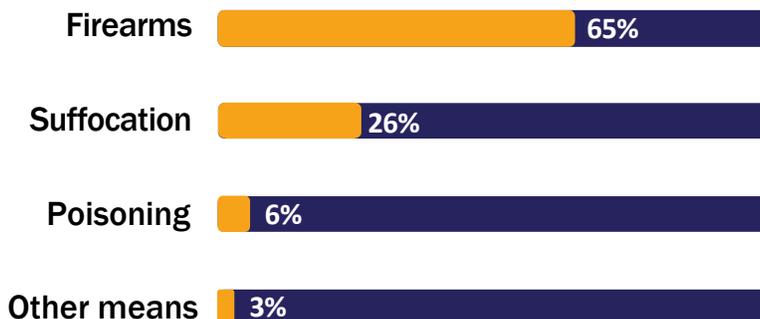
SEX
Males account for 84% of deaths while females account for 16%.

RACE
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ETHNICITY
Suicide deaths are more common among persons not of Hispanic origin.

MEANS OF DEATH

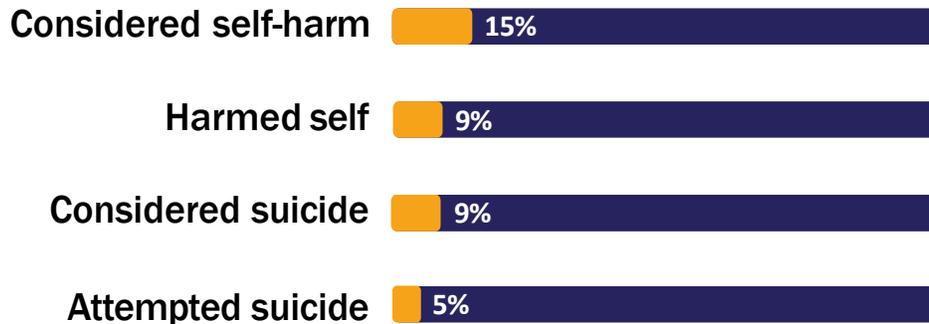
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Suicide in Region 6

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SUICIDE ATTEMPTS

1,506 medically treated attempts in 2024

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Data source: GA DPH OASIS

Overall, medically treated attempts have *increased* since 2020. Emergency department and hospital utilization may have been lower in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



1,114 emergency room visits
Rate of 77 per 100,000 persons

Emergency room visits have *increased* since 2020.



392 hospital discharges
Rate of 25.7 per 100,000 persons

Hospital discharges have *decreased* since 2020.



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