

SUICIDE: 2015 FACTS & FIGURES

Suicide is a preventable public health problem and a leading cause of death in the United States. More investment in suicide prevention, education and research will prevent the untimely deaths of thousands of Americans each year.

SUICIDE – BASIC FACTS

An American dies by suicide every **12.95 minutes**ⁱ



Americans attempt suicide an estimated

1 MILLION

times annuallyⁱⁱⁱ

30% of those who die by suicide had a diagnosable psychiatric disorder at the time of their deathⁱⁱ



In 2012, firearms were the most common method of death by suicide, accounting for **50.9%** of all suicide deaths, followed by suffocation (including hangings) at **24.8%** and poisoning at **16.7%**



For every **woman** who dies by suicide, four **men** die by suicide, but women are 3x more likely to attempt suicideⁱ

Over **40,000** Americans die by suicide every year.ⁱ Suicide is the **10th leading cause of death**ⁱ in the United States

- **2nd** leading cause of death for ages 10-24
- **5th** leading cause of death for ages 45-59
- The suicide rate among American Indian/Alaska Native adolescents and young adults ages 15-24 is **1.8 times** the national average



Veterans comprise **22.2%** of suicides^{iv}

SUICIDE – THE COST

\$44 BILLION

The combined medical and work loss costs in the United States each yearⁱ

More than

1.5 MILLION

years of life are lost annually to suicideⁱ

Data obtained from CDC's Web Based Injury Statistics Query and Reporting System (WISQARS) National Center for Health Statistics for the year 2006
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Suicide – Facts at a Glance
Department of Veterans Affairs 2012 Suicide Data Report



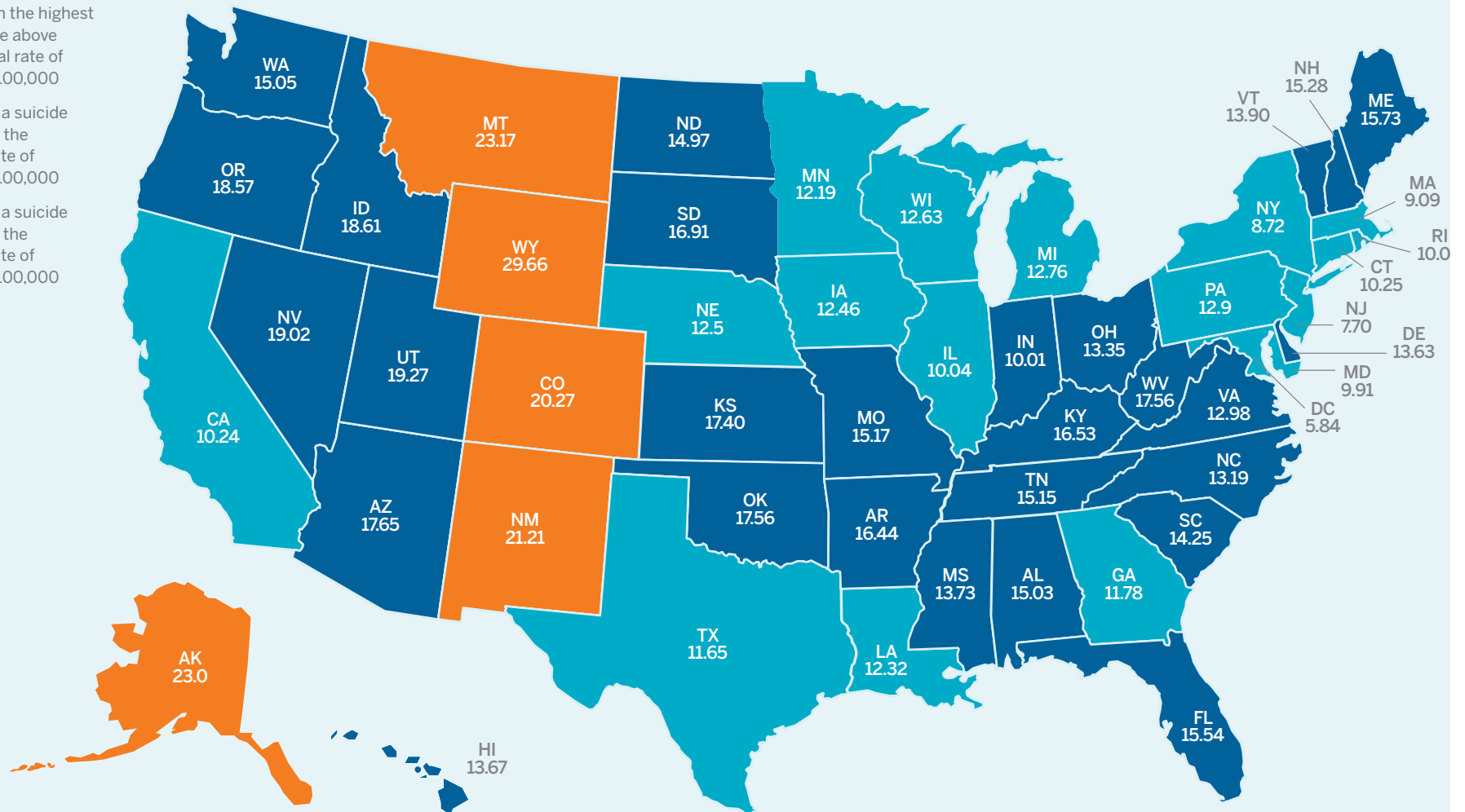
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SUICIDE DEATH RATES

- States with the highest suicide rate above the national rate of 12.94 per 100,000
- State with a suicide rate above the national rate of 12.94 per 100,000
- State with a suicide rate below the national rate of 12.94 per 100,000



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