

SUICIDE: 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 **11.89 minutes**ⁱ



Americans attempt suicide an estimated

1.1 MILLION
times annuallyⁱⁱⁱ

90% of those who die by suicide had a diagnosable psychiatric disorder at the time of their deathⁱⁱ



In 2015, firearms were the most common method of death by suicide, accounting for nearly half (**49.8%**) of all suicide deaths.



For every **woman** who dies by suicide, more than three **men** die by suicide. Women are 3x more likely to attempt suicideⁱ

More than **44,000** 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 1-44
- **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 **1.5 times** the national average



Veterans comprise **18%** of suicides^{iv}

SUICIDE – THE COST

\$51
BILLION

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

More than

1.6
MILLION

years of life are lost annually to suicideⁱ

ⁱ 2015 data, released December 2016, CDC Web Based Injury Statistics Query and Reporting System (WISQARS)

ⁱⁱ National Center for Health Statistics for the year 2006

ⁱⁱⁱ Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Suicide – Facts at a Glance

^{iv} Department of Veterans Affairs 2016 Facts about Veteran Suicide

30 YEARS STRONG

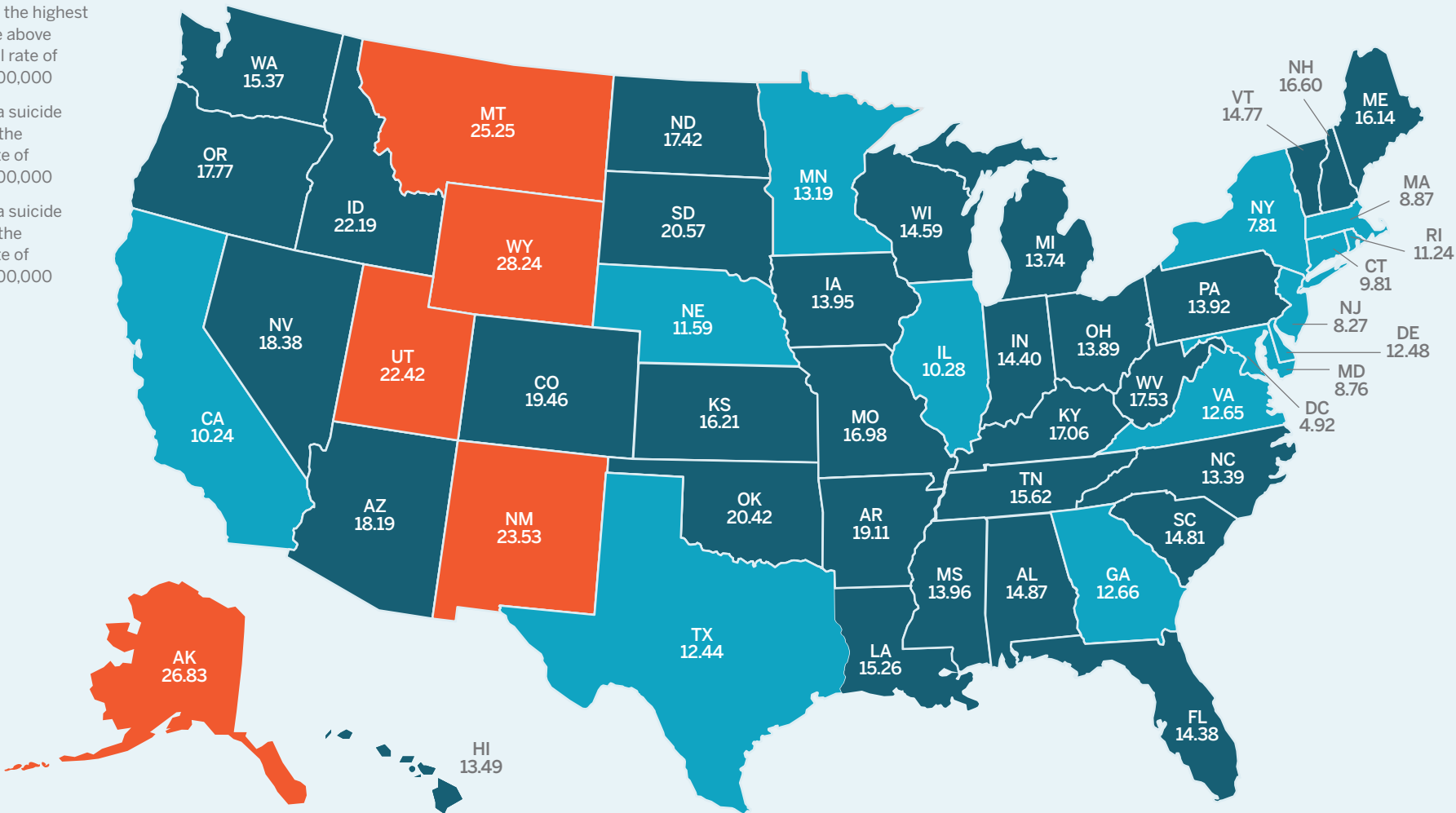


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SUICIDE DEATH RATES

- States with the highest suicide rate above the national rate of 13.26 per 100,000
- State with a suicide rate above the national rate of 13.26 per 100,000
- State with a suicide rate below the national rate of 13.26 per 100,000



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