

# SUICIDE RATE OVERVIEW

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DATA 603

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# ABOUT THE DATA

- Globally, the availability and quality of data on suicide and suicide attempts is poor. Only some 80 Member States have good-quality vital registration data that can be used directly to estimate suicide rates. This problem of poor-quality mortality data is not unique to suicide, but given the sensitivity of suicide – and the illegality of suicidal behavior in some countries – it is likely that under-reporting and misclassification are greater problems for suicide than for most other causes of death.
- The data set is compiled dataset pulled from four other datasets linked by time and place, and was built to find signals correlated to increased suicide rates among different cohorts globally, across the socio-economic spectrum from the year 1985-2016.
- The data set contains 27820 data points and 12 features such as sex, age-group, year, gross domestic product, population etc.
- Data Set Source – Kaggle

# WHAT ARE WE TRYING TO DO HERE?

- Perform Exploratory Data Analysis to pre-process the data and gathering insights from it using PySpark.
- Building Machine Learning model to predict the rate of Suicide globally using PySpark Machine Learning libraries
- Finally, using Tableau, Matplotlib and Seaborn for creating Visualization



# PYSPARK DATAFRAME

country	year	sex	age	suicides_no	population	suicides/100k pop	country-year	HDI for year	gdp_for_year (\$)	gdp_per_capita (\$)	generation
Albania	1987	male	15-24 years	21	312900	6.71	Albania1987	null	2,156,624,900	796	Generation X
Albania	1987	male	35-54 years	16	308000	5.19	Albania1987	null	2,156,624,900	796	Silent
Albania	1987	female	15-24 years	14	289700	4.83	Albania1987	null	2,156,624,900	796	Generation X
Albania	1987	male	75+ years	1	21800	4.59	Albania1987	null	2,156,624,900	796	G.I. Generation
Albania	1987	male	25-34 years	9	274300	3.28	Albania1987	null	2,156,624,900	796	Boomers
Albania	1987	female	75+ years	1	35600	2.81	Albania1987	null	2,156,624,900	796	G.I. Generation
Albania	1987	female	35-54 years	6	278800	2.15	Albania1987	null	2,156,624,900	796	Silent
Albania	1987	female	25-34 years	4	257200	1.56	Albania1987	null	2,156,624,900	796	Boomers
Albania	1987	male	55-74 years	1	137500	0.73	Albania1987	null	2,156,624,900	796	G.I. Generation
Albania	1987	female	5-14 years	0	311000	0.0	Albania1987	null	2,156,624,900	796	Generation X
Albania	1987	female	55-74 years	0	144600	0.0	Albania1987	null	2,156,624,900	796	G.I. Generation
Albania	1987	male	5-14 years	0	338200	0.0	Albania1987	null	2,156,624,900	796	Generation X
Albania	1988	female	75+ years	2	36400	5.49	Albania1988	null	2,126,000,000	769	G.I. Generation
Albania	1988	male	15-24 years	17	319200	5.33	Albania1988	null	2,126,000,000	769	Generation X
Albania	1988	male	75+ years	1	22300	4.48	Albania1988	null	2,126,000,000	769	G.I. Generation
Albania	1988	male	35-54 years	14	314100	4.46	Albania1988	null	2,126,000,000	769	Silent
Albania	1988	male	55-74 years	4	140200	2.85	Albania1988	null	2,126,000,000	769	G.I. Generation
Albania	1988	female	15-24 years	8	295600	2.71	Albania1988	null	2,126,000,000	769	Generation X
Albania	1988	female	55-74 years	3	147500	2.03	Albania1988	null	2,126,000,000	769	G.I. Generation
Albania	1988	female	25-34 years	5	262400	1.91	Albania1988	null	2,126,000,000	769	Boomers
Albania	1988	male	25-34 years	5	279900	1.79	Albania1988	null	2,126,000,000	769	Boomers
Albania	1988	female	35-54 years	4	284500	1.41	Albania1988	null	2,126,000,000	769	Silent
Albania	1988	female	5-14 years	0	317200	0.0	Albania1988	null	2,126,000,000	769	Generation X
Albania	1988	male	5-14 years	0	345000	0.0	Albania1988	null	2,126,000,000	769	Generation X
Albania	1989	male	75+ years	2	22500	8.89	Albania1989	null	2,335,124,988	833	G.I. Generation
Albania	1989	male	25-34 years	18	283600	6.35	Albania1989	null	2,335,124,988	833	Boomers
Albania	1989	male	35-54 years	15	318400	4.71	Albania1989	null	2,335,124,988	833	Silent
Albania	1989	male	55-74 years	6	142100	4.22	Albania1989	null	2,335,124,988	833	G.I. Generation
Albania	1989	male	15-24 years	12	323500	3.71	Albania1989	null	2,335,124,988	833	Generation X
Albania	1989	female	35-54 years	7	288600	2.43	Albania1989	null	2,335,124,988	833	Silent

only showing top 30 rows

# COUNT OF CATEGORY COLUMNS

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▶ data_clean.groupBy("age").count().show()
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   |      age|count|
   +-----+-----+
   |55-74 years| 4642|
   |25-34 years| 4642|
   | 5-14 years| 4610|
   | 75+ years| 4642|
   |15-24 years| 4642|
   |35-54 years| 4642|
   +-----+-----+
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[20] data_clean.groupBy("sex").count().show()
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|  sex|count|
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|female|13910|
|  male|13910|
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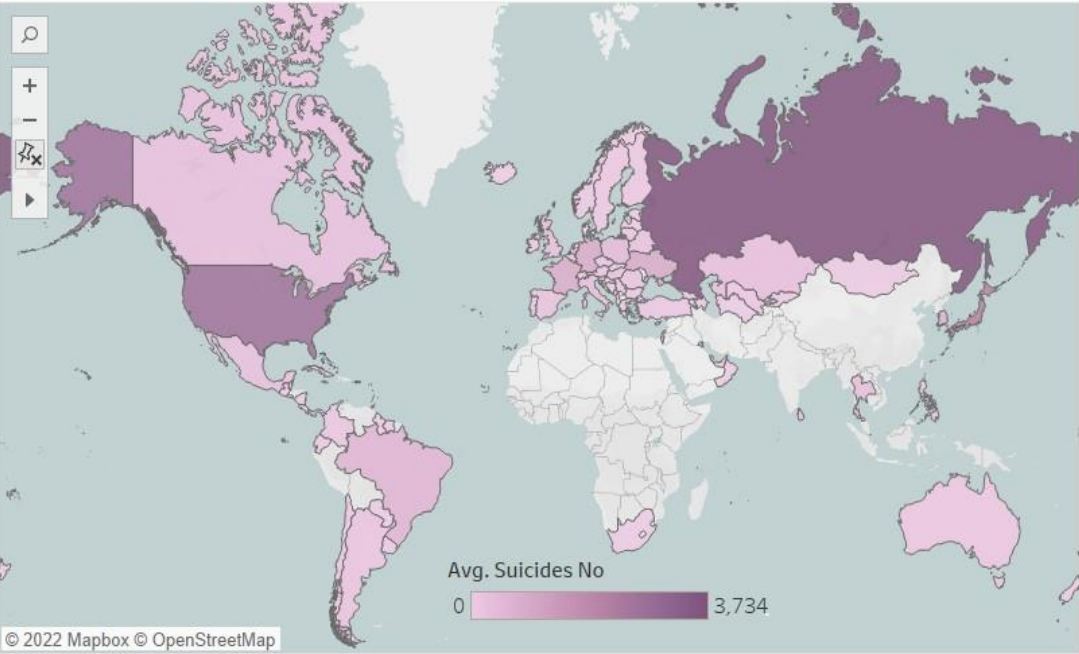
## RESEARCH QUESTIONS

- Research Question 1: How did the Rate of Suicide changed over time?
- Research Question 2: What is the relationship between the gender and the number of suicides?
- Research Question 3: Countries with highest rate of Suicides
- Research Question 4: How different generation have affected Suicides?
- Research Question 5: Are certain age groups more inclined to suicide?

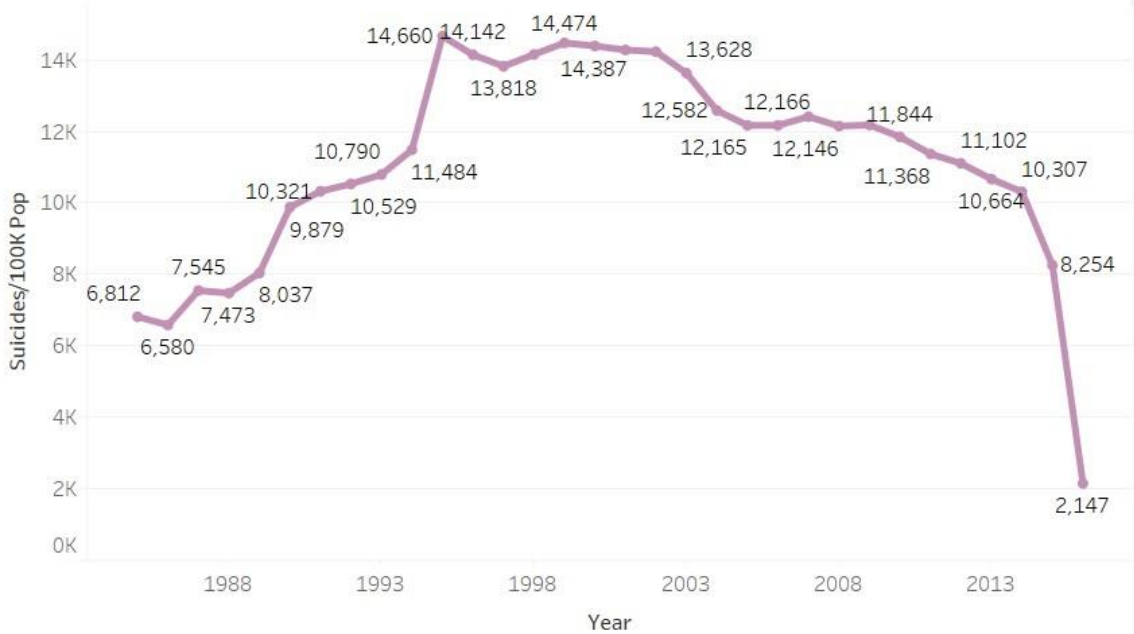
Suicide is a hugely sensitive, complex issue with a tangled multitude of causes – and the very nature of a death by suicide means we can never fully know the reasons behind it.

Total Number of Suicide by Country from 1985 - 2016

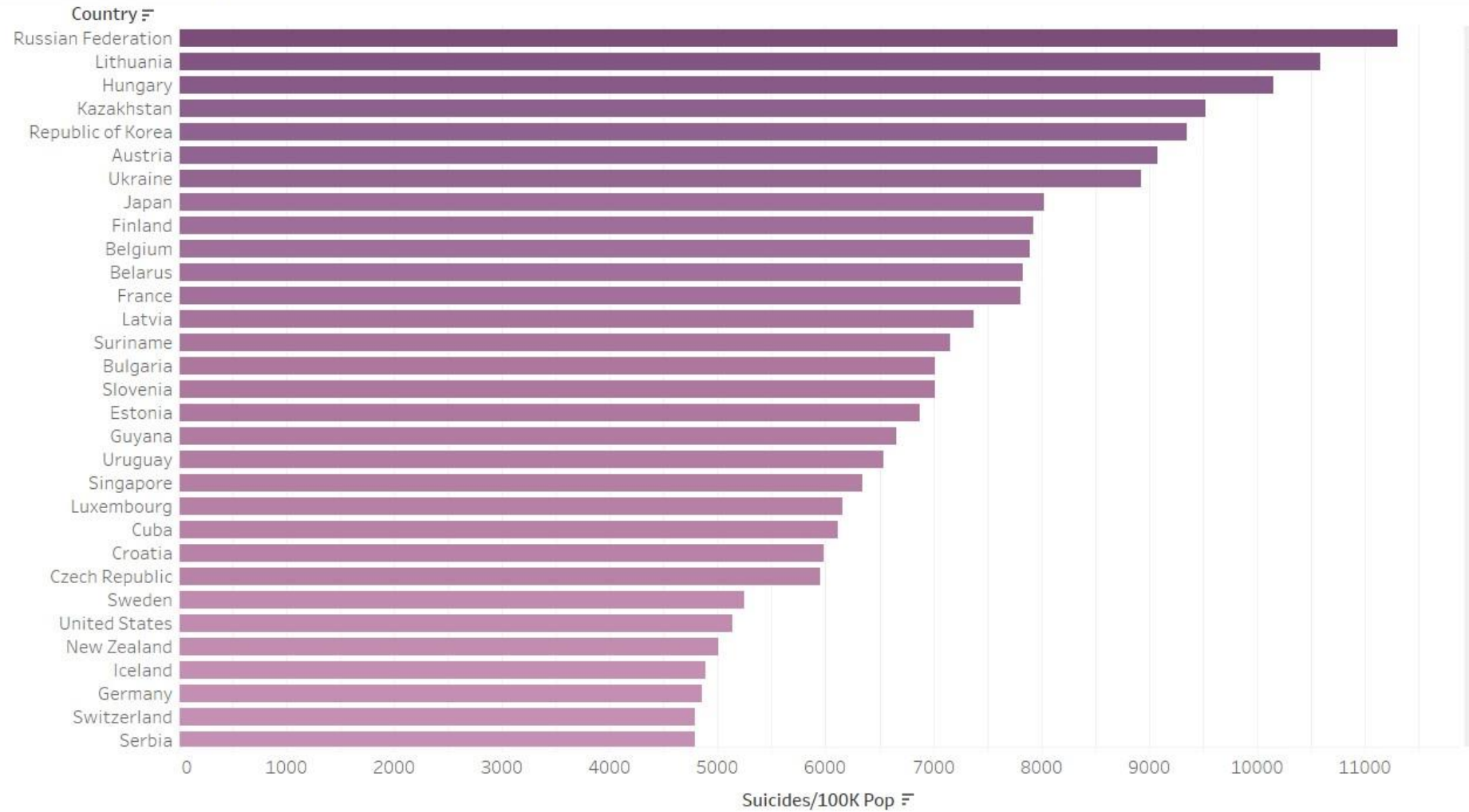
Country	
Russian Federation	1,209,742
United States	1,034,013
Japan	806,902
France	329,127
Ukraine	319,950
Germany	291,262
Republic of Korea	261,730



Time Line Series of Suicidal Rate (1985-2016)



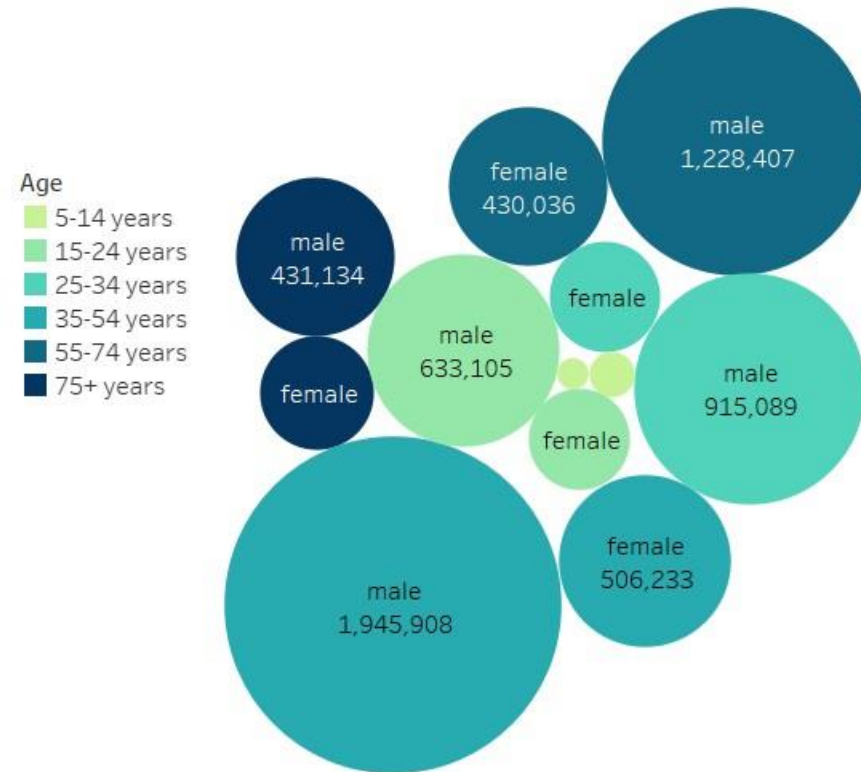
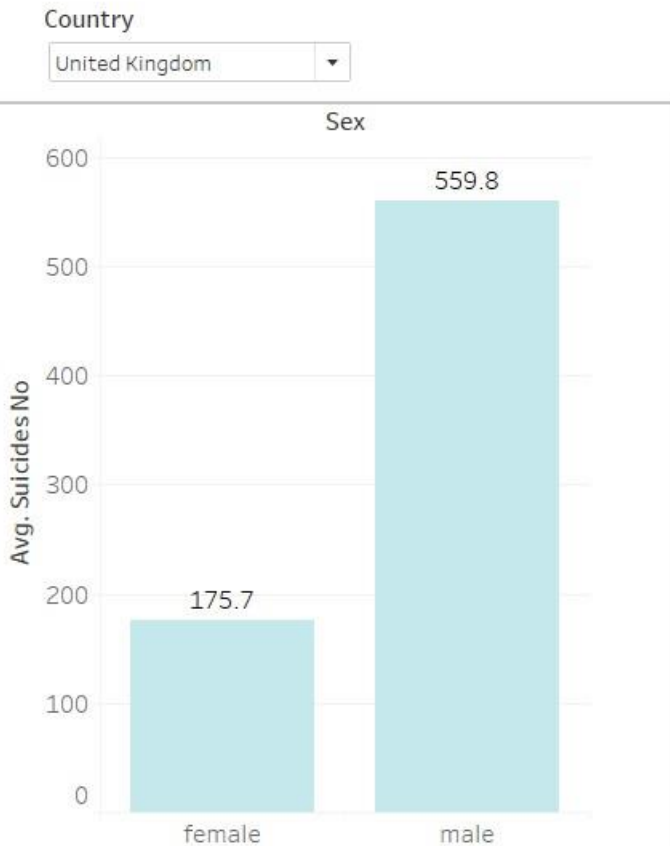
## Rate of Suicide by Country





In countries around the world, women are more likely to be diagnosed with depression and to attempt suicide.

So why is the male suicide rate still several times higher than female?



In the UK, the male suicide rate is its lowest since 1981 – 15.5 deaths per 100,000.

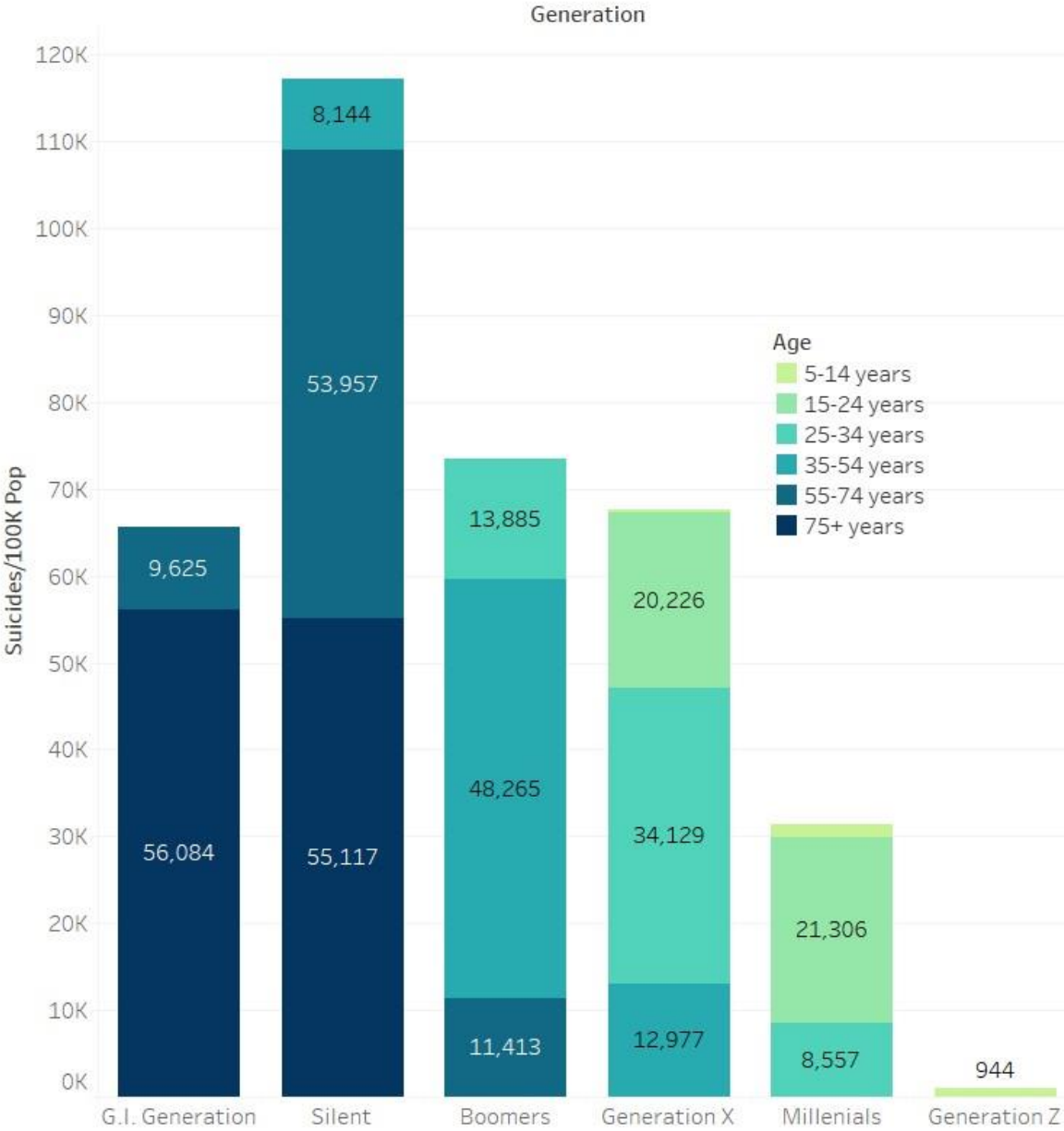
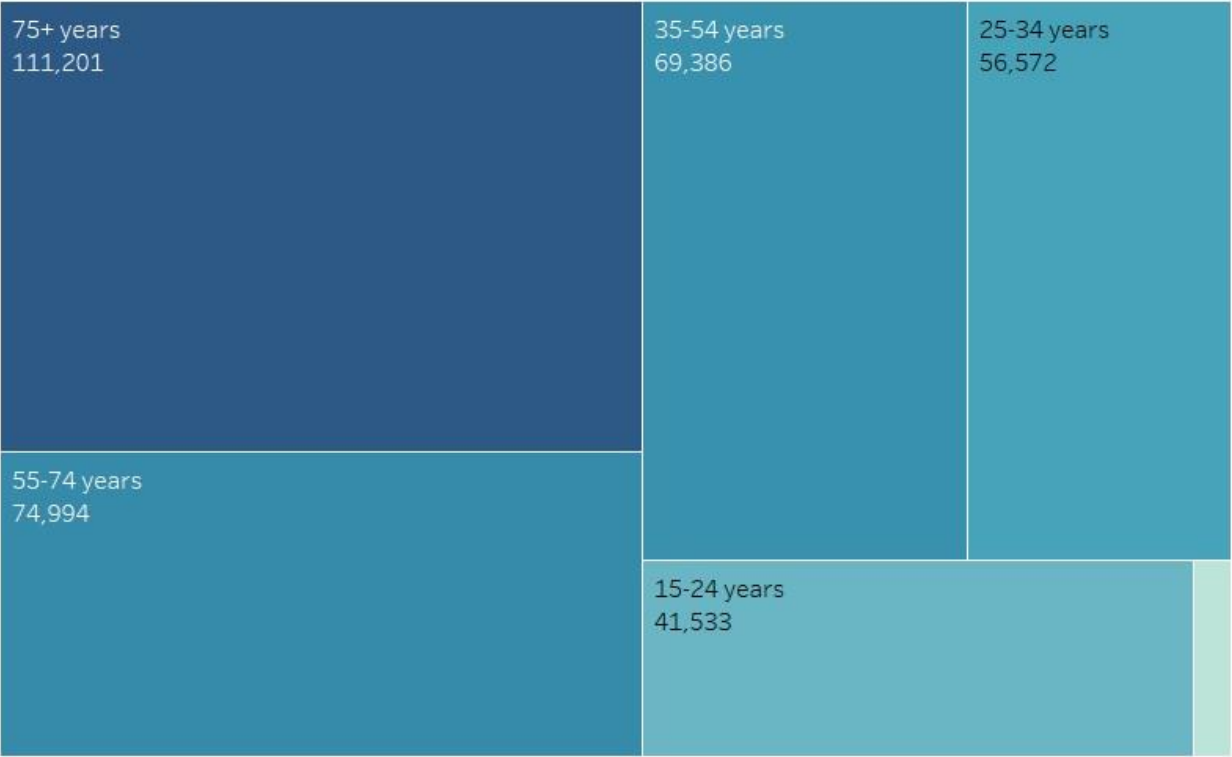
But suicide is still the single biggest killer of men under the age of 45. And a marked gender split remains. For UK women, the rate is a third of men's: 4.9 suicides per 100,000.

As person gets older it tends to be more suicidal.

Some of the causes could be:

- 1. Breaking medical regimens
- 2. Loss of interest in things or activities that are usually found enjoyable
- 3. Experiencing or expecting a significant personal loss (spouse or other)
- 4. Stock-piling medication or obtaining other lethal means

Suicides/100K Pop



# INSIGHTS

- There was a decrease in suicide towards the 80's. This could be due to the awareness of suicides and mental health in 80s as well as improved recognition of those at risk.
- Russian levels of alcohol consumption plays an immense role in its large suicide count, but there is a lack of data to support this due to Soviet secrecy.
- Data show alarming differences in suicide for different sexes. It's evident that males are more inclined to suicide, than females.
- the G.I. Generation or the Greatest Generation (the generation who lived during the WWII) has the highest suicide rate with almost 25 suicides per 100,000 person. This is a very big number compared to younger generations, this might be due to the fact that this generation suffered a lot during the WWII, many of them lost their loved ones and experienced different traumatic events. The suicide rates decrease from a generation to another, where Generation Z has the lowest suicide rates with 1 suicide per 100,000 person.
- We can see that as the person gets older it tends to be more suicidal. This could be explained by the fact that important life changes that happen as we get older may cause feelings of uneasiness, stress, and sadness. But this might be due to the fact that old people (75+ years) belong to the G.I. Generation which already has the highest suicide rates. To further explore this, we must check the number of people that committed suicide within each age category with respect to their generation. This way we can find out the distribution of ages of suicidal people within each generation. This will help us to identify if suicide is due to the age factor or to the generation.



# MODEL BUILDING USING PYSPARK MACHINE LEARNING LIBRARIES

```
data_clean.printSchema()

root
 |-- country: string (nullable = true)
 |-- year: integer (nullable = true)
 |-- sex: string (nullable = true)
 |-- age: string (nullable = true)
 |-- suicides_no: integer (nullable = true)
 |-- population: integer (nullable = true)
 |-- suicides/100k pop: float (nullable = true)
 |-- gdp_for_year ($): string (nullable = true)
 |-- gdp_per_capita ($): integer (nullable = true)
 |-- generation: string (nullable = true)
```

# STRING INDEXER

## 1. Using String Indexer to convert all categorical columns to numerical

```
[ ] from pyspark.ml.feature import StringIndexer
    from pyspark.ml.feature import VectorAssembler

[ ] indexer = StringIndexer(inputCol="country", outputCol= "country_cat")
    indexed = indexer.fit(data_clean).transform(data_clean)

[ ] indexer = StringIndexer(inputCol="sex", outputCol= "sex_cat")
    indexed = indexer.fit(indexed).transform(indexed)

[ ] indexer = StringIndexer(inputCol="age", outputCol= "age_cat")
    indexed = indexer.fit(indexed).transform(indexed)

[ ] indexer = StringIndexer(inputCol="generation", outputCol= "generation_cat")
    indexed = indexer.fit(indexed).transform(indexed)
```

▶ indexed.show(5)

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|country|year| sex| age|suicides_no|population|suicides/100k pop|gdp_per_capita ($)| generation|country_cat|sex_cat|age_cat|generation_cat|
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|Albania|1987| male|15-24 years| 21| 312900| 6.71| 796| Generation X| 63.0| 1.0| 0.0| 0.0|
|Albania|1987| male|35-54 years| 16| 308000| 5.19| 796| Silent| 63.0| 1.0| 2.0| 1.0|
|Albania|1987|female|15-24 years| 14| 289700| 4.83| 796| Generation X| 63.0| 0.0| 0.0| 0.0|
|Albania|1987| male| 75+ years| 1| 21800| 4.59| 796| G.I. Generation| 63.0| 1.0| 4.0| 4.0|
```

# VECTOR ASSEMBLER

## 2. Using VectorAssembler to combines a given list of columns into a single vector column

```
[154] assembler = VectorAssembler(inputCols=['country_cat',  
      'sex_cat',  
      'age_cat',  
      'generation_cat','year','suicides_no',  
      'population',  
      'gdp_per_capita ($)'], outputCol= "features")
```

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output = assembler.transform(indexed)
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output.show(5)

sex	age	suicides_no	population	suicides/100k pop	gdp_for_year (\$)	gdp_per_capita (\$)	generation	country_cat	sex_cat	age_cat	generation_cat	features
ale	15-24 years	21	312900	6.71	2,156,624,900	796	Generation X	63.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	[63.0,1.0,0.0,0.0...
ale	35-54 years	16	308000	5.19	2,156,624,900	796	Silent	63.0	1.0	2.0	1.0	[63.0,1.0,2.0,1.0...
ale	15-24 years	14	289700	4.83	2,156,624,900	796	Generation X	63.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	[63.0,0.0,0.0,0.0...
ale	75+ years	1	21800	4.59	2,156,624,900	796	G.I. Generation	63.0	1.0	4.0	4.0	[63.0,1.0,4.0,4.0...
ale	25-34 years	9	274300	3.28	2,156,624,900	796	Boomers	63.0	1.0	1.0	3.0	[63.0,1.0,1.0,3.0...

5 rows



# STANDARDIZING THE DATA

## 3. Standardising the Data

StandardScaler performs the task of Standardization. Usually a dataset contains variables that are different in scale. For e.g. an Employee dataset will contain AGE column with values on scale 20-70 and SALARY column with values on scale 10000-80000. As these two columns are different in scale, they are Standardized to have common scale while building machine learning model.

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from pyspark.ml.feature import StandardScaler

scaler = StandardScaler(inputCol="features", outputCol="scaledFeatures",
                        withStd=True, withMean=False)

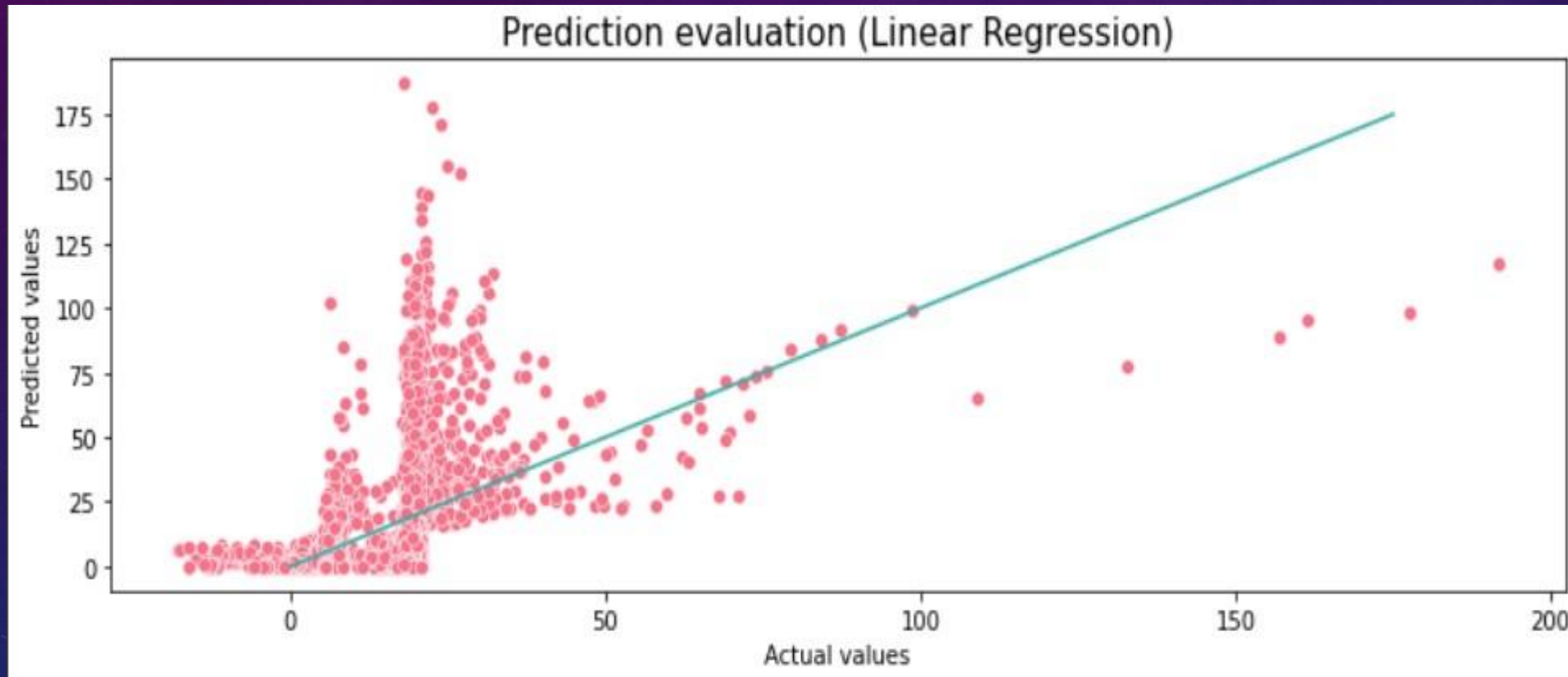
scalerModel = scaler.fit(output)
scaledData = scalerModel.transform(output)

scaledData.select("scaledFeatures", "suicides/100k pop")
```

```
[65] scaledData.show()
```

age	suicides_no	population	suicides/100k pop	gdp_per_capita (\$)	generation	country_cat	sex_cat	age_cat	generation_cat	features	scaledFeatures
15-24 years	21	312900	6.71	796	Generation X	63.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	[63.0,1.0,0.0,0.0...	[2.50531438222025...
35-54 years	16	308000	5.19	796	Silent	63.0	1.0	2.0	1.0	[63.0,1.0,2.0,1.0...	[2.50531438222025...
15-24 years	14	289700	4.83	796	Generation X	63.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	[63.0,0.0,0.0,0.0...	[2.50531438222025...
75+ years	1	21800	4.59	796	G.I. Generation	63.0	1.0	4.0	4.0	[63.0,1.0,4.0,4.0...	[2.50531438222025...
25-34 years	9	274300	3.28	796	Boomers	63.0	1.0	1.0	3.0	[63.0,1.0,1.0,3.0...	[2.50531438222025...
75+ years	1	35600	2.81	796	G.I. Generation	63.0	0.0	4.0	4.0	[63.0,0.0,4.0,4.0...	[2.50531438222025...
35-54 years	6	278800	2.15	796	Silent	63.0	0.0	2.0	1.0	[63.0,0.0,2.0,1.0...	[2.50531438222025...

# LINEAR REGRESSION MODEL - COMPARING ACTUAL AND PREDICTED VALUES



# CONCLUSION

- Conclusion Our model doesn't seem to be doing a good job, this might be due to fact that the features we selected aren't good enough, or it might be due the fact that the data we have isn't linear so a similar model won't be any good to estimate the values.
- Future Scope: Maybe the decision tree will perform better.