Table 9. Death rates for suicide, by sex, race, Hispanic origin, and age: United States, selected years 1950–2018

[Data are based on death certificates]

Sex, race, Hispanic origin, and age	1950 ^{1,2}	1960 ^{1,2}	1970 ²	1980²	1990 ²	2000 ³	2010 ³	2017 ³	2018 ³	2018 ³ (single race)
All persons				Deaths	per 100,000	resident po	pulation			
All ages, age adjusted ⁴	13.2	12.5	13.1	12.2	12.5	10.4	12.1	14.0		14.2
All ages, crude	11.4	10.6	11.6	11.9	12.4	10.4	12.4	14.5		14.8
0–14 years	0.3	0.5	0.6	0.8	1.5	1.5	1.3	2.5		2.9
5–24 years	4.5	5.2	8.8	12.3	13.2	10.2	10.5	14.5		14.5
15–19 years	2.7	3.6	5.9	8.5	11.1	8.0	7.5	11.8		11.4
20–24 years	6.2	7.1	12.2	16.1	15.1	12.5	13.6	17.0		17.4
25–44 years	11.6	12.2	15.4	15.6	15.2	13.4	15.0	17.7		17.9
25–34 years	9.1	10.0	14.1	16.0	15.2	12.0	14.0	17.5		17.6
35–44 years	14.3	14.2	16.9	15.4	15.3	14.5	16.0	17.9		18.2
5–64 years	23.5	22.0	20.6	15.9	15.3	13.5	18.6	19.6		20.1
45–54 years	20.9	20.7	20.0	15.9	14.8	14.4	19.6	20.2		20.0
55–64 years	26.8	23.7	21.4	15.9	16.0	12.1	17.5	19.0		20.2
55 years and over	30.0	24.5	20.8	17.6	20.5	15.2	14.9	16.8		17.4
65–74 years	29.6	23.0	20.8	16.9	17.9	12.5	13.7	15.6		16.3
•								18.0		18.7
75–84 years	31.1	27.9	21.2	19.1	24.9	17.6	15.7			
85 years and over	28.8	26.0	19.0	19.2	22.2	19.6	17.6	20.1		19.1
Male	21.2	20.0	10.0	10.0	21.5	177	10.0	22.4		22.0
.ll ages, age adjusted ⁴	21.2	20.0	19.8	19.9	21.5	17.7	19.8	22.4		22.8
ıll ages, crude	17.8	16.5	16.8	18.6	20.4	17.1	19.9	22.9		23.4
0–14 years	0.5	0.9	0.9	1.2	2.2	2.3	1.7	3.3		3.7
5–24 years	6.5	8.2	13.5	20.2	22.0	17.1	16.9	22.7		22.7
15–19 years	3.5	5.6	8.8	13.8	18.1	13.0	11.7	17.9		17.3
20–24 years	9.3	11.5	19.3	26.8	25.7	21.4	22.2	27.2		27.9
5–44 years	17.2	17.9	20.9	24.0	24.4	21.3	23.6	27.5		27.7
25–34 years	13.4	14.7	19.8	25.0	24.8	19.6	22.5	27.6		27.4
35–44 years	21.3	21.0	22.1	22.5	23.9	22.8	24.6	27.5		28.1
5–64 years	37.1	34.4	30.0	23.7	24.3	21.3	29.2	30.1		31.0
45–54 years	32.0	31.6	27.9	22.9	23.2	22.4	30.4	30.3		30.2
								29.8		31.7
55–64 years	43.6	38.1	32.7	24.5	25.7	19.4	27.7			
55 years and over	52.8	44.0	38.4	35.0	41.6	31.1	29.0	31.4		32.5
65–74 years	50.5	39.6	36.0	30.4	32.2	22.7	23.9	26.2		27.8
75–84 years	58.3	52.5	42.8	42.3	56.1	38.6	32.3	35.8		37.4
85 years and over	58.3	57.4	42.4	50.6	65.9	57.5	47.3	50.6		47.2
Female										
ıll ages, age adjusted ⁴	5.6	5.6	7.4	5.7	4.8	4.0	5.0	6.1		6.2
ll ages, crude	5.1	4.9	6.6	5.5	4.8	4.0	5.2	6.3		6.4
0–14 years	*	*	0.3	0.3	0.8	0.6	0.9	1.7		2.0
5–24 years	2.6	2.2	4.2	4.3	3.9	3.0	3.9	5.8		5.8
15–19 years	1.8	1.6	2.9	3.0	3.7	2.7	3.1	5.4		5.2
20–24 years	3.3	2.9	5.7	5.5	4.1	3.2	4.7	6.2		6.4
5–44 years	6.2	6.6	10.2	7.7	6.2	5.4	6.4	7.8		7.9
25–34 years	4.9	5.5	8.6	7.1	5.6	4.3	5.3	7.2		7.4
35–44 years	7.5	7.7	11.9	8.5	6.8	6.4	7.5	8.5		8.4
5–64 years	9.9	10.2	12.0	8.9	7.1	6.2	8.6	9.7		9.8
	9.9	10.2	12.6	9.4	6.9	6.7	9.0	10.4		10.2
45–54 years										
55–64 years	9.9	10.2	11.4	8.4	7.3	5.4	8.0	8.9		9.5
5 years and over	9.4	8.4	8.1	6.1	6.4	4.0	4.2	5.2		5.2
65–74 years	10.1	8.4	9.0	6.5	6.7	4.0	4.8	6.2		6.2
75–84 years	8.1	8.9	7.0	5.5	6.3	4.0	3.7	4.3		4.2
85 years and over	8.2	6.0	5.9	5.5	5.4	4.2	3.3	3.5		3.6

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Table 9. Death rates for suicide, by sex, race, Hispanic origin, and age: United States, selected years 1950–2018—Con.

[Data are based on death certificates]

Sex, race, Hispanic origin, and age	1950 ^{1,2}	1960 ^{1,2}	1970 ²	1980²	1990 ²	2000 ³	2010 ³	2017 ³	2018 ³	2018 ³ (single race)
White male ⁵				Deaths	per 100.000	resident po	pulation			
All ages, age adjusted ⁴	22.3	21.1	20.8	20.9	22.8	19.1	22.0	25.1	25.5	25.6
All ages, crude	19.0	17.6	18.0	19.9	22.0	18.8	22.6	26.1	26.6	26.9
5–24 years	6.6	8.6	13.9	21.4	23.2	17.9	18.3	24.4	24.4	24.6
25–44 years	17.9	18.5	21.5	24.6	25.4	22.9	26.2	31.0	30.9	31.1
15–64 years	39.3	36.5	31.9	25.0	26.0	23.2	33.0	34.5	35.5	35.7
	55.8	46.7		37.2		33.3	31.7	34.9	36.2	36.3
55 years and over			41.1		44.2					
65–74 years	53.2	42.0	38.7	32.5	34.2	24.3	26.3	29.1	31.2	31.3
75–84 years	61.9	55.7	45.5	45.5	60.2	41.1	34.9	39.8	41.1	41.2
85 years and over	61.9	61.3	45.8	52.8	70.3	61.6	50.8	55.3	51.8	52.1
White male, not Hispanic or Latino ^{5,6}										
All ages, age adjusted ⁴					23.5	20.2	24.2	28.2	28.4	28.6
All ages, crude					23.1	20.4	25.7	29.9	30.4	30.8
IF 24 years					24.4	10.5	20.4	27.2	27.0	27.3
15–24 years					24.4	19.5	20.4	27.2	27.0	
25–44 years					26.4	25.1	30.3	35.9	35.6	35.8
15–64 years					26.8	24.0	35.4	38.2	39.3	39.5
55 years and over					45.4	33.9	32.7	36.8	38.1	38.2
Black or African-American male ⁵										
All ages, age adjusted ⁴	7.5	8.4	10.0	11.4	12.8	10.0	9.1	11.0	11.6	11.8
All ages, crude	6.3	6.4	8.0	10.3	12.0	9.4	8.7	11.0	11.6	11.9
5–24 years	4.9	4.1	10.5	12.3	15.1	14.2	11.1	16.2	16.4	16.8
25–44 years	9.8	12.6	16.1	19.2	19.6	14.3	14.5	17.6	18.6	18.8
15–64 years	12.7	13.0	12.4	11.8	13.1	9.9	9.5	10.4	11.3	11.4
55 years and over	9.0	9.9	8.7	11.4	14.9	11.5	8.3	8.7	8.7	8.8
	10.0	11.3	8.7	11.1	14.7	11.1	7.6	8.6	7.7	7.7
65–74 years	*	*	o./ *							
75–84 years ⁷ 85 years and over		*	*	10.5 *	14.4 *	12.1 *	9.9 *	8.8 *	10.7 *	10.9
·										
Black or African-American male, not Hispanic or Latino ^{5,6}										
All ages, age adjusted ⁴						10.2	9.4	11.4	12.0	12.2
All ages, crude						9.6	9.1	11.4	12.0	12.3
All ages, crude						9.0	9.1	11.4	12.0	12.3
15–24 years						14.6	11.5	16.8	16.9	17.3
25–44 years						14.7	15.1	18.2	19.4	19.5
45–64 years						9.8	9.8	10.6	11.5	11.6
55 years and over						11.8	8.4	8.8	8.8	8.9
American Indian or										
Alaska Native male ^{5,8}										
All ages, age adjusted ⁴				19.3	20.1	16.0	15.5	20.4	20.9	20.3
All ages, crude				20.9	20.9	15.9	16.1	20.4	21.4	21.1
15–24 years				45.3	49.1	26.2	30.6	32.9	36.2	37.5
25–44 years				31.2	27.8	24.5	20.9	32.2	33.9	34.0
15–64 years				*	*	15.4	17.8	19.7	18.9	16.3
55 years and over				*	*	*	*	12.2	12.6	*
American Indian or Alaska Native male, not Hispanic or Latino ^{5,6,8}										
•					_	19.5	24.9	33.8	34.2	33.6
All ages, age adjusted ⁴ All ages, crude						19.5 19.5	24.9 25.8	33.8 33.5	34.2 34.8	33.6 34.4
-										
15–24 years						33.0	51.9	53.7	58.4	60.7
25–44 years						30.1	36.5	58.1	59.7	60.2
						18.2	24.6	29.5	28.0	24.5
45–64 years65 years and over						10.2	24.0 *	27.5	20.0	2 7. 3

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Table 9. Death rates for suicide, by sex, race, Hispanic origin, and age: United States, selected years 1950–2018—Con.

[Data are based on death certificates]

Sex, race, Hispanic origin, and age	1950 ^{1,2}	1960 ^{1,2}	1970²	1980²	1990 ²	2000 ³	2010 ³	2017 ³	2018 ³	2018 (sing race
Asian or Pacific Islander male ^{5,8}				Deaths	per 100,000	resident po	pulation			
ıll ages, age adjusted ⁴				10.7	9.6	8.6	9.5	9.7	10.4	
ıll ages, crude				8.8	8.7	7.9	9.3	10.0	10.4	
5–24 years				10.8	13.5	9.1	10.9	16.5	15.5	
5–44 years				11.0	10.6	9.9	10.6	11.3	12.0	
5–64 years				13.0	9.7	9.7	12.8	11.0	12.2	
5 years and over				18.6	16.8	15.4	14.9	12.5	13.3	
Asian or Pacific Islander male, not Hispanic or Latino ^{5,6,8}										
.II ages, age adjusted ⁴						8.7	9.5	9.9	10.5	
ll ages, crude						8.1	9.3	10.3	10.8	
5–24 years						9.2	10.4	16.9	16.0	
5–24 years						10.0	10.4	11.5	12.0	
5–64 years						9.7	12.7	11.2	12.5	
5 years and over						15.6	15.2	12.7	13.5	•
						13.0	1 3.2	12.7	1 3.3	•
Asian male, not Hispanic or Latino ^{5,6,8}										
ll ages, age adjusted ⁴						•••	•••	•••	•••	10
ll ages, crude						•••	•••	•••	•••	10
5–24 years										15
5–44 years										10
5–64 years										12
years and over										13
lative Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander male, not Hispanic or Latino ^{5,6,8}										
ll ages, age adjusted ⁴		•••	•••					•••	•••	19
ll ages, crude	•••	•••	•••	•••	•••	•••	•••	•••	•••	20
5–24 years										
5–44 years	•••		•••	•••	•••	•••				38
5–64 years	•••		•••				•••			
5 years and over	•••	•••	•••	•••	•••	•••		•••	•••	
Hispanic or Latino male ^{5,6,8}										
Il ages, age adjusted ⁴					13.7	10.3	9.9	11.2		12
Il ages, crude					11.4	8.4	8.5	10.7		11
i–24 years					14.7	10.9	10.7	15.6		16
5–44 years					16.2	11.2	11.2	14.8		15
5–64 years					16.1	12.0	12.9	12.6		14
years and over					23.4	19.5	15.7	13.3		15
, White female⁵										
l ages, age adjusted ⁴	6.0	5.9	7.9	6.1	5.2	4.3	5.6	6.9	7.0	7
l ages, crude	5.5	5.3	7.1	5.9	5.3	4.4	5.9	7.1	7.0	7
	27	2.2		16	4.2		4.2			_
5–24 years	2.7	2.3	4.2	4.6	4.2	3.1	4.2	5.9	6.0	6
5–44 years	6.6 10.6	7.0	11.0	8.1	6.6	6.0	7.3	8.9	9.0	11
i–64 years	10.6 9.9	10.9	13.0	9.6 6.4	7.7 6.8	6.9	9.9 4.5	11.3	11.5	11
years and over	7.7	8.8	8.5	6.4	6.8	4.3	4.5	5.8	5.9	5
White female, not Hispanic or Latina ^{5,6}										
ll ages, age adjusted ⁴					5.4	4.7	6.2	7.9	8.0	8
ll ages, crude					5.6	4.9	6.7	8.2	8.3	8
5–24 years					4.3	3.3	4.4	6.4	6.6	6
					7.0	6.7	8.6	10.4	10.3	10
3-44 years										-
5–44 years5–64 years					8.0	7.3	10.7	12.8	12.9	13.

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Table 9. Death rates for suicide, by sex, race, Hispanic origin, and age: United States, selected years 1950–2018—Con.

[Data are based on death certificates]

Black or African-American female ⁵ All ages, age adjusted ⁴	1.8 1.5 1.8 2.3 2.7 *	2.0 1.6 * 3.0 3.1 *	2.9 2.6 3.8 4.8 2.9 2.6	Deaths 2.4 2.2 2.3 4.3 2.5 *	2.4 2.3 2.3 3.8 2.9 1.9	resident po 1.8 1.7 2.2 2.6 2.1 1.3	2.8 2.1	2.7 2.7 4.3 4.2 2.6 1.3	2.8 2.8 4.2 4.4 3.0	2.7 2.8 4.2 4.2
All ages, crude	1.5 1.8 2.3 2.7 *	1.6 * 3.0 3.1 *	2.6 3.8 4.8 2.9 2.6	2.2 2.3 4.3 2.5 *	2.3 2.3 3.8 2.9	1.7 2.2 2.6 2.1	1.8 2.0 2.8 2.1	2.7 4.3 4.2 2.6	2.8 4.2 4.4	2.8 4.2 4.2
All ages, crude	1.5 1.8 2.3 2.7 *	1.6 * 3.0 3.1 *	2.6 3.8 4.8 2.9 2.6	2.2 2.3 4.3 2.5 *	2.3 2.3 3.8 2.9	1.7 2.2 2.6 2.1	1.8 2.0 2.8 2.1	2.7 4.3 4.2 2.6	2.8 4.2 4.4	2.8 4.2 4.2
25–44 years	2.3 2.7 *	3.0 3.1 *	4.8 2.9 2.6	4.3 2.5 *	3.8 2.9	2.6 2.1	2.8 2.1	4.2 2.6	4.4	4.2
45–64 years	2.7 *	3.1 *	2.9 2.6	2.5	2.9	2.1	2.1	2.6		
45–64 years	*	* 	2.6	*					3.0	
65 years and over			2.6		1.9		*	13		3.0
not Hispanic or Latina ^{5,6} All ages, age adjusted ⁴ All ages, crude								1.5	1.3	1.3
All ages, crude										
15–24 years						1.8	1.9	2.8	2.9	2.9
						1.7	1.8	2.8	2.9	2.9
						2.3	2.1	4.5	4.2	4.2
25–44 years						2.7	2.9	4.3	4.6	4.5
45–64 years						2.2	2.2	2.7	3.0	3.1
65 years and over						1.3	*	1.3	1.3	1.3
American Indian or Alaska Native female ^{5,8}										
All ages, age adjusted ⁴				4.7	3.6	3.8	6.1	6.6	6.6	7.0
All ages, crude				4.7	3.7	4.0	5.9	6.8	6.8	7.2
15–24 years				*	*	*	10.4	12.1	10.2	11.0
25–44 years				10.7	*	7.2	7.4	12.1	10.8	11.7
45–64 years				*	*	*	6.2	5.2	5.5	5.3
65 years and over				*	*	*	*	*	*	*
American Indian or Alaska Native female, not Hispanic or Latina ^{5,6,8}										
All ages, age adjusted ⁴						4.6	9.1	11.0	10.5	11.1
All ages, crude						4.9	9.0	11.1	10.5	11.1
15–24 years						*	16.7	20.5	16.4	17.4
25–44 years						9.1	11.8	20.7	17.2	18.6
45–64 years						*	8.6	7.3	8.2	7.8
65 years and over						*	*	*	*	*
Asian or Pacific Islander female ^{5,8}										
All ages, age adjusted ⁴				5.5	4.1	2.8	3.4	3.8	3.8	
All ages, crude				4.7	3.4	2.7	3.4	4.0	4.0	
15–24 years				*	3.9	2.7	3.5	6.3	6.8	
				5.4	3.8	3.3		6.3 4.1	4.3	•••
25–44 years				5.4 7.9			4.1 4.7			•••
45–64 years65 years and over				7.9 *	5.0 8.5	3.2 5.2	4.7 4.3	4.2 5.3	4.8 3.5	
Asian or Pacific Islander female, not Hispanic or Latina ^{5,6,8}					3.3	5.2	5	3.3	5.5	
All ages, age adjusted ⁴						2.8	3.4	3.9	3.9	
All ages, crude						2.7	3.5	4.0	4.1	
15–24 years						2.9	3.4	6.6	7.0	
25–44 years						3.2	4.3	4.2	4.3	
45–64 years						3.2	4.9	4.2	5.0	
65 years and over						5.1	4.3	5.2	3.6	

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Table 9. Death rates for suicide, by sex, race, Hispanic origin, and age: United States, selected years 1950–2018—Con.

Excel version (with more data years and standard errors when available): https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/hus/contents2019.htm#Table-009

[Data are based on death certificates]

Sex, race, Hispanic origin, and age	1950 ^{1,2}	1960 ^{1,2}	1970 ²	1980 ²	1990²	2000 ³	2010 ³	2017 ³	2018 ³	2018 ³ (single race)
Asian female, not Hispanic or Latina ^{5,6,8}				Deaths _l	per 100,000	resident po	pulation			
All ages, age adjusted ⁴										3.8
All ages, crude							•••	•••		4.0
15–24 years										6.9
25–44 years										4.2
45–64 years										4.8
65 years and over							•••			3.6
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander female, not Hispanic or Latina ^{5,6,8}										
All ages, age adjusted ⁴										*
All ages, crude										*
15–24 years										*
25–44 years										*
45–64 years										*
65 years and over										*
Hispanic or Latina female ^{5,6,8}										
All ages, age adjusted ⁴					2.3	1.7	2.1	2.6		2.8
All ages, crude					2.2	1.5	2.0	2.6		2.8
15–24 years					3.1	2.0	3.1	4.2		4.1
25–44 years					3.1	2.1	2.4	3.5		4.4
45–64 years					2.5	2.5	2.8	3.2		3.2
65 years and over					*	*	2.2	1.7		1.6

⁻⁻⁻ Data not available

NOTES: Suicide is defined by cause-of-death codes *U03, X60–X84, and Y87.0. Suicide death rates for all ages include the small number of suicides among children aged 5–9 years. Starting with Health, United States, 2003, rates for 1991–1999 (shown in spreadsheet version of table) were revised using intercensal population estimates based on the 1990 and 2000 censuses. For 2000, population estimates based on the 2000 and 2010 censuses. For 2010, population estimates were bridged-race April 1 census counts. Rates for 2011 (shown in spreadsheet version) and beyond are computed using 2010-based postcensal estimates. See Appendix I, Population Census and Population Estimates. Estimates for 2011 (in spreadsheet version) included September 11-related deaths for which death certificates were filed as of October 24, 2002. See Appendix II, Cause of death; Table IV for terrorism-related ICD–10 codes. Age groups are selected to minimize the presentation of unstable age-specific death rates based on small numbers of deaths and for consistency among comparison groups. For additional injury-related statistics, see Web-based Injury Statistics Query and Reporting System (WISQARS), available from: https://www.cdc.gov/inbs/hus/index.htm.

SOURCE: NCHS, National Vital Statistics System (NVSS); Grove RD, Hetzel AM. Vital statistics rates in the United States, 1940–1960. National Center for Health Statistics. 1968; numerator data from NVSS annual public-use Mortality Files; denominator data from national population estimates for race groups from Table 1 and unpublished Hispanic population estimates for 1985–1996 prepared by U.S. Census Bureau, Housing and Household Economic Statistics Division; and Murphy SL, Xu JQ, Kochanek KD, Arias E, Tejada-Vera B. Deaths: Final data for 2018. National Vital Statistics Reports; vol 69 no 13. Hyattsville, MD: National Center for Health Statistics. 2021. Available from: https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/products/nvsr.htm. See Appendix I, National Vital Statistics System (NVSS).

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^{*} Estimates are considered unreliable; rates based on fewer than 20 deaths are not shown.

^{...} Category not applicable

¹ Includes deaths of persons who were not residents of the 50 states or the District of Columbia. In 1950, deaths of persons in Alaska and Hawaii were not included because these states did not receive statehood until 1959.

²Underlying cause of death was coded according to the 6th revision of the International Classification of Diseases (ICD–6) in 1950, 7th revision in 1960, 8th revision in 1970, and 9th revision in 1980–1998. See Appendix II, Cause of death; International Classification of Diseases (ICD); Table III; Table IV.

³ Starting with 1999 data, cause of death is coded according to ICD-10. See Appendix II, Cause of death; Comparability ratio; International Classification of Diseases (ICD); Table IV; Table V.

⁴Calculated using the year 2000 standard population. Before 2001, age-adjusted rates were calculated using standard million proportions based on rounded population numbers. Starting with 2001 data (shown in spreadsheet version of table), unrounded population numbers are used to calculate age-adjusted rates. See Appendix II, Age adjustment.

The race groups white, black or African American, American, American Indian or Alaska Native, Asian, and Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander include persons of Hispanic and non-Hispanic origin. Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race. Starting with 2018 data, race on death records is available based on the 1997 "Revisions to the Standards for the Classification of Federal Data on Race and Ethnicity" and presented as single-race estimates (only one race was reported on the death certificate). These estimates include separate estimates for non-Hispanic Asian and non-Hispanic Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander groups. Data for 2003–2017 were tabulated according to the 1977 standards, and race data were bridged to retain comparability across states as they transitioned from 1977 to 1997 standards. Single-race estimates for 2018 are not completely comparable with bridged-race estimates for earlier years, particularly for smaller race categories. To look at longer-term trends, bridged-race estimates are also presented. The combined group of non-Hispanic Asian or Pacific Islander persons is also shown. See Appendix II, Hispanic origin; Race.

⁶Before 1997, data from states that did not report Hispanic origin on the death certificate were excluded. See Appendix II, Hispanic origin.

⁷In 1950, rate is for age group 75 and over.

⁸Rates for races other than white and black or African American should be interpreted with caution because of inconsistencies in reporting Hispanic origin or race on the death certificate (death rate numerators) compared with population figures (death rate denominators). The net effect of misclassification for these race groups is an underestimation of deaths and death rates. For a detailed discussion of sources of bias in death rates by race and Hispanic origin, see Appendix II, Race.