

Suicide Facts & Figures: United States 2019

Suicide can be prevented, yet it continues to be a public health problem and a leading cause of death in the United States. More investment in suicide prevention education and research will reduce the number of untimely deaths of Americans each year.

Basic Facts

On average, **129 Americans** died by suicide each day. *



1.4 million Americans attempted suicide. *



90% of those who died by suicide had a diagnosable mental health condition at the time of their death.

Firearms accounted for more than half (**51%**) of all suicide deaths. *



Demographics

Men died by suicide **3.5x** more often than women. Women were **1.4x** more likely to attempt suicide. *



47,173 Americans died by suicide. Suicide was the **10th leading cause of death** in the United States. *

- **2nd** leading cause of death for ages 15-34 *
- **4th** leading cause of death for ages 35-54 *
- **1.6x** higher rate among American Indian/Alaska Native adolescents and young adults *

In 2016, the suicide rate was **1.5x higher** for veterans than for non-veteran adults.



Cost

950,000+ years

The number of years of potential life that were lost to suicide before age 65. *



\$69 billion

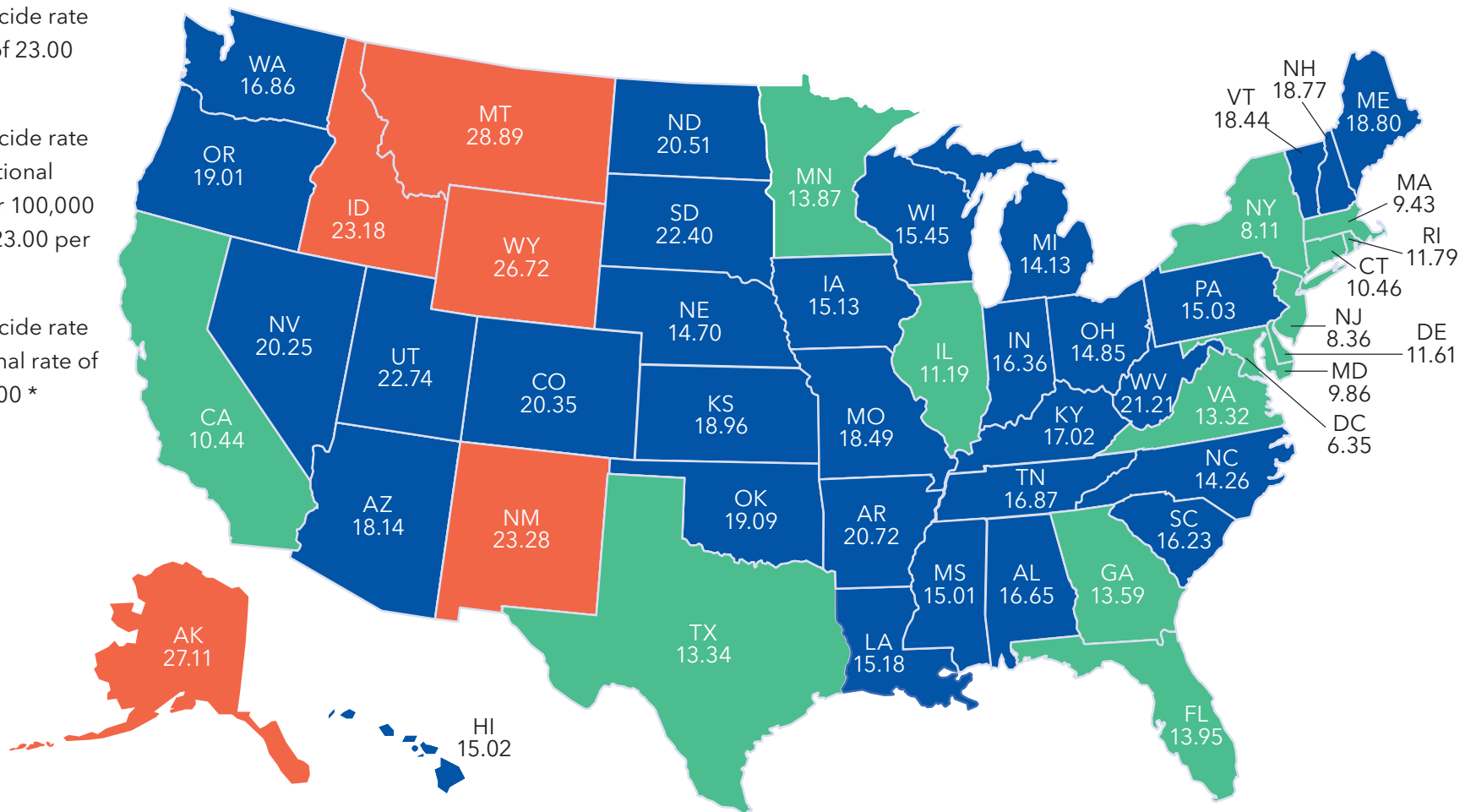
The combined medical and work loss costs in the United States in 2015. *

*Data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2017. Find additional citation information at afsp.org/statistics.

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- States with a suicide rate above the rate of 23.00 per 100,000 *
- States with a suicide rate between the national rate of 14.00 per 100,000 and the rate of 23.00 per 100,000 *
- States with a suicide rate below the national rate of 14.00 per 100,000 *



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