

Suicide Facts & Figures: West Virginia 2020



On average, one person died by suicide every 22 hours in the state.

More than five times as many people died by suicide in West Virginia in 2017 than in alcohol related motor vehicle accidents.

The total deaths to suicide reflected a total of 7,555 years of potential life lost (YPLL) before age 65.



Suicide cost West Virginia a total of **\$307,058,000** combined lifetime medical and work loss cost in 2010, or an average of **\$1,100,568 per suicide death.**



10th leading cause of death in West Virginia

- 2nd leading**
cause of death for ages 10-34
- 4th leading**
cause of death for ages 35-44
- 5th leading**
cause of death for ages 45-54

- 8th leading**
cause of death for ages 55-64
- 16th leading**
cause of death for ages 65+

Suicide Death Rates

	Number of Deaths by Suicide	Rate per 100,000 Population	State Rank
West Virginia	395	21.11	8
Nationally	48,344	14.21	

CDC, 2018 Fatal Injury Reports (accessed from www.cdc.gov/injury/wisqars/fatal.html on 3/1/2020).