Suicide Data: South Carolina

Suicide is a public health problem and leading cause of death in the United States. Suicide can also be prevented – more investment in suicide prevention, education, and research will prevent the untimely deaths of thousands of Americans each year. Unless otherwise noted, this fact sheet reports 2022 data from the CDC, the most current verified data available at time of publication (May 2024).

12th leading cause of death in South Carolina

3rd leading
cause of death for ages 10-24

3rd leading
cause of death for ages 25-34

4th leading
cause of death for ages 35-44

7th leading
cause of death for ages 45-54

9th leading
cause of death for ages 55-64

18th leading
cause of death for ages 65+

Suicide Death Rates

	Number of Deaths by Suicide	Rate per 100,000 Population	State Rank
South Carolina	853	15.37	29
Nationally	49,476	14.21	

See full list of citations at **afsp.org/statistics**.

74% of communities did not have enough mental health providers to serve residents in 2023, according to federal guidelines.

Two times as many people died by suicide than in alcohol related motor vehicle accidents in 2021.

The total deaths to suicide reflected a total of **15,769 years** of potential life lost (YPLL) before age 65.

52% of firearm deaths were suicides.

67% of all suicides were by firearms.

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