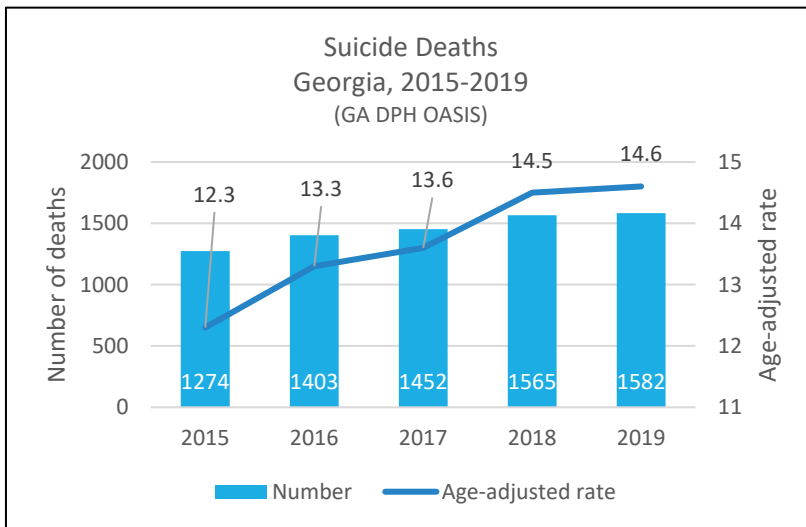




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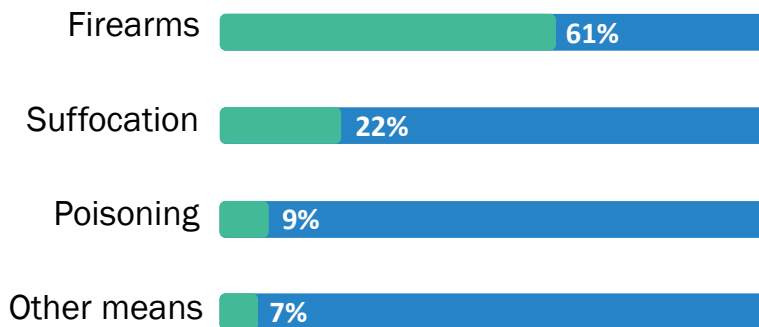
1,582 deaths

GA ranks 31st in suicide deaths in the US. The age-adjusted rate of suicide deaths in Georgia is higher than the rest of the South and the United States. In 2019, 1,582 lives were lost in Georgia due to suicide. There was a slight increase in the number and rate of deaths from 2018 to 2019. The 1,582 deaths equate to 46,294 years of potential life lost.



MEANS OF DEATH

Firearms are the most common means of suicide death followed by suffocation, drug poisoning, and other means. Males and females utilize suffocation and other means at similar frequencies, though more females use drug poisoning while more males use firearms (CDC WISQARS).



DEMOGRAPHICS

AGE

Suicide death rates are highest among people older than 22 although suicide is the second leading cause of death for youth (ages 0-17).

SEX

Suicide deaths are much more common among males compared to females.

RACE

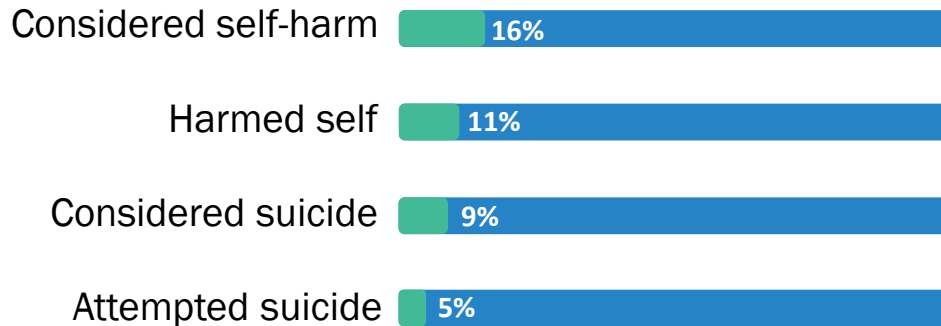
Suicide deaths are most common among white people followed by Asian people and Black or African American people.

ETHNICITY

Suicide deaths are more common among people who aren't Hispanic, though rates for people who are Hispanic increased between 2018 and 2019.

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YOUTH IDEATION



Georgia Student Health Survey 2020

SUICIDE ATTEMPTS

10,363 attempts in 2019

Emergency department visits and hospital discharges are used as proxies for estimating the number and rate of suicide attempts. Emergency department visits indicate a less severe consequence due to the attempt while hospitalizations indicate severe consequences that require extensive medical treatment.



7,244 emergency room visits
Rate of 70.2 people per 100,000 persons

Emergency room visits have *increased* since 2015.



3,119 hospital discharges
Rate of 29.4 people per 100,000 persons

Hospital discharges have *decreased* since 2015.