



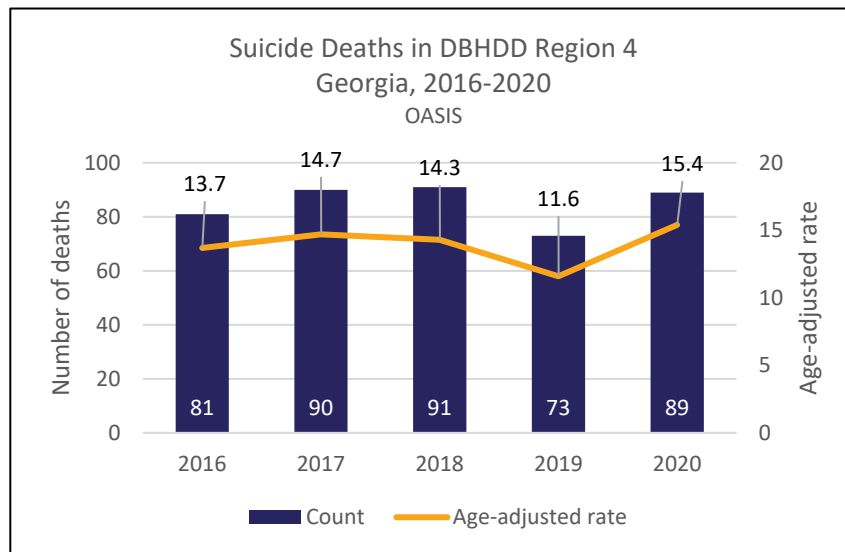
Suicide in Region 4

Counties: Baker, Ben Hill, Berrien, Brooks, Calhoun, Colquitt, Cook, Decatur, Dougherty, Early, Echols, Grady, Irwin, Lanier, Lee, Lowndes, Miller, Mitchell, Seminole, Terrell, Thomas, Tift, Turner, Worth

**89
deaths**

Region 4 had 89 suicide deaths in 2020. This equates to 2,787 years of potential life lost. Region 4 had no deaths among Asian people, Indigenous people, Pacific Islanders, and people who are multi-racial. Compared to other regions, Region 2 had the highest death rate among those ages 18-24 and 45-64 years old. There were fewer than 4 deaths among Hispanic people.

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DEMOGRAPHICS

AGE

Suicide death rates are highest among people ages 18-24 years old.

SEX

Males account for 84% of deaths while females account for 16%.

RACE

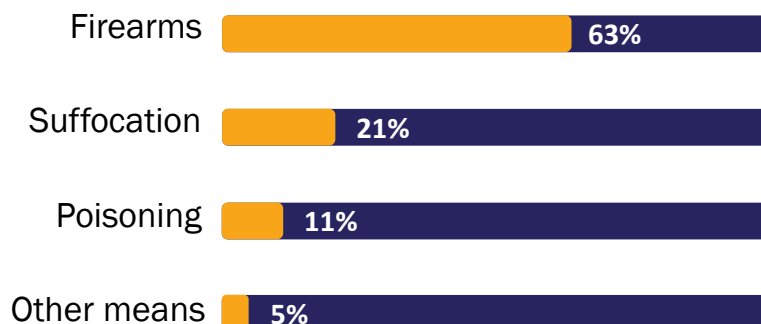
Suicide deaths are most common among white people followed by Black or African American people.

ETHNICITY

Suicide deaths are more common among people who aren't Hispanic.

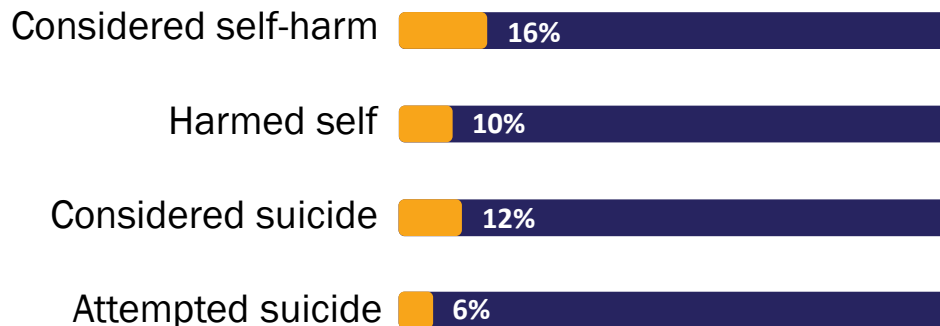
MEANS OF DEATH

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 (Georgia Violent Death Reporting System, 2019).



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YOUTH IDEATION



Student Wellness Survey 2021

SUICIDE ATTEMPTS

621 attempts in 2020

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.



456 emergency room visits
Rate of 79.7 people per 100,000 persons

While emergency room visits have *increased* since 2016, it's important to note that the COVID-19 pandemic impacted the 2020 data in ways that don't allow for trend analysis.



165 hospital discharges
Rate of 28.5 people per 100,000 persons

While hospital discharges have *decreased* since 2016, it's important to note that people may have not visited the hospital due to the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020.