

Suicide in Idaho: Fact Sheet

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- Idaho is consistently among the states with the highest suicide rates. In 2015, Idaho had the 5th highest suicide rate in the U.S. with a rate of 21.9, 57% higher than the national average.
- Suicide is the 2nd leading cause of death for Idahoans ages 15-34 and for males up to age 44.
- Between 2012-2016, 105 Idaho school children (ages 6-18 years old) died by suicide. 27 of those deaths were among children age 14 or younger.
- There are 836,000 emergency department visits for self-inflicted injury each year in the United States.
- In 2015, there were 44,193 deaths by suicide in the United States, an average of 1 person every 12 minutes.

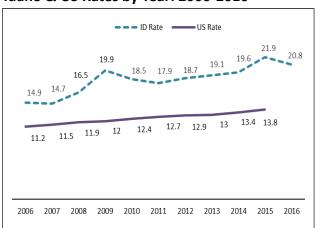
Idaho Resident Suicides By Public Health District

*Rate per 100,000 population

District	Anchor City	Suicides 2016	Rate (per 100,000)	Population	Suicides 2012-2016	5-Year Average Rate
1	Coeur D'Alene	37	16.1-	230,072	237	21.4
2	Lewiston	35	32.4*	108,071	134	25.0
3	Nampa	53	19.1-	277,369	240	17.9
4	Boise	114	23.4*	487,666	441	18.8
5	Twin Falls	36	18.6-	193,947	195	20.5
6	Pocatello	43	25.2-	170,314	203	24.0
7	Idaho Falls	32	14.8-	215,701	189	18.0
Idaho Overall		350	20.8-	1,683,140	1,639	20.0

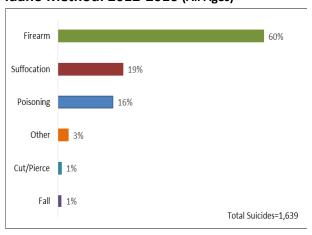
^{*} Increase from 2015, - Decrease from 2015

Idaho & US Rates by Year: 2006-2016



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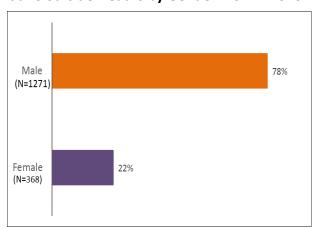
Idaho Method: 2012-2016 (All Ages)



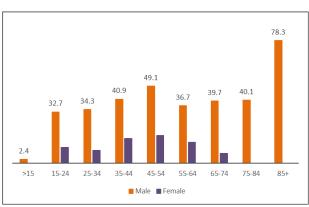
Idaho Youth Risk Behavior Survey 2017 - Public and Charter High School Students

Grade	Sad or Hopeless (%)	Suicidal (%)	Plan (%)	Attempt (%)	Medical Care for Attempt (%)
9 th	34.8	22.7	20.1	12.8	3.2
10 th	36.7	23.9	19.4	10.3	3.7
11 th	34.0	20.9	19.1	8.8	3.3
12 th	34.6	19.5	14.8	5.6	2.5
Idaho Overall	35.0	21.7	18.4	9.7	3.2

Idaho Suicide Deaths by Gender: 2012 - 2016



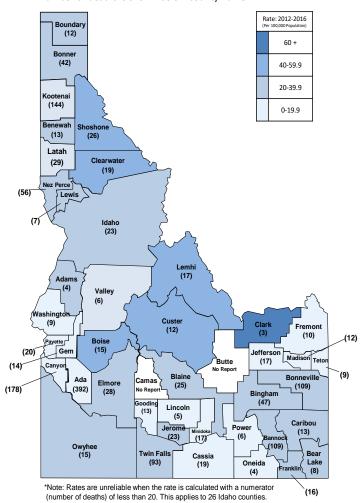
Idaho Suicide Rates by Age and Gender: 2012-2016 Combined (*Rate per 100,000 population)



*Note: Rates are unreliable when the rate is calculated with a numerator (number of deaths) of less than 20.

Idaho Suicide Rates by County: 2012-2016

- *Rate per 100,000 population
- **Number of deaths is shown below county name.





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