

SUICIDE: ARIZONA 2015 FACTS & FIGURES

Suicide Death Rates

	Number of Deaths by Suicide	Rate per 100,000 Population	State Rank
Arizona	1,163	17.39	11
Nationally	41,149	12.57	

Suicide is the **8th leading** cause of death overall in Arizona.



On average, one person dies by suicide **every eight hours** in the state.

Based on most recent 2013 data from CDC

\$ Suicide cost Arizona a total of **\$1,246,006,000** of combined lifetime medical and work loss cost in 2010, or an average of **\$1,139,987** per suicide death.

IN ARIZONA, SUICIDE IS THE...

2nd leading cause of death for ages 15-34

3rd leading cause of death for ages 35-44

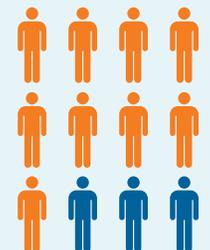
4th leading cause of death for ages 10-14

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 & older

Almost three times as many people die by suicide in Arizona annually than by homicide; the total deaths to suicide reflect a total of **22,232** years of potential life lost (YPLL) before age 65.



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SUICIDE PREVENTION PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES

- Arizona's suicide prevention efforts are implemented through the Arizona Suicide Prevention Coalition (AZSPC), which works with the Division of Behavioral Health Sciences within the Department of Health Services (ADHS/DBHS).
- The AZSPC partnered with ADHS/DBHS and Arizona State University in 2009 to facilitate the Arizona Suicide Prevention Project (ASPP) to reduce the suicide rate among Arizona youth ages 15-24. The Project aims to develop the capacity of LGBTQ organizations to incorporate evidence based strategies into their programs; provide gatekeeper and climate improvement training for educators, behavioral health providers, and juvenile corrections professionals; develop referral networks to increase access to health services for at risk youth; and expand the availability of support services for survivors of suicide loss. In 2009, ASPP received a \$500,000 Garrett Lee Smith grant from SAMHSA for this project.
- Arizona's suicide prevention plan is available online at <http://www.azspc.org/accomplishments-state.html>.
- Arizona law (HB 2605, adopted 4/30/14) now requires that the Arizona state board of education adopt rules to allow certified teachers and administrators to count suicide awareness and prevention training programs as continuing education credits.

GET INVOLVED

The AFSP Arizona Chapter brings together people of all backgrounds in communities throughout the state to fight suicide. For more information or to volunteer, please contact:

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BECOME AN ADVOCATE IN ARIZONA

AFSP's Arizona advocacy volunteers build relationships with public officials and advocate on behalf of sound suicide prevention policy.

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LEADING THE FIGHT AGAINST SUICIDE

We fund research, offer educational programs, advocate for public policy and support those affected by suicide. Headquartered in New York, AFSP has 75 local chapters with programs and events nationwide.



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