

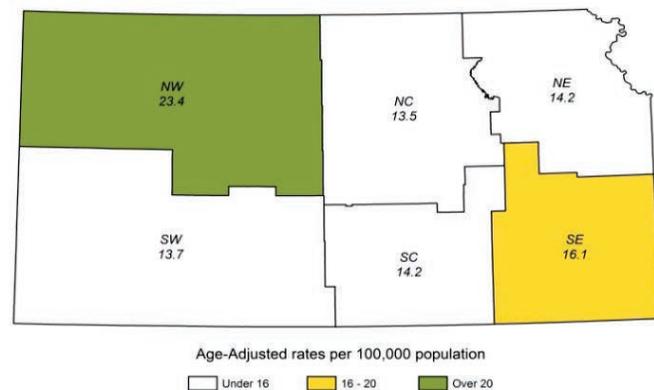
Suicide in Kansas, 2013

Final U.S. data for 2013 showed suicide was the 10th leading cause of death, responsible for 41,149 deaths [1]. Suicide was also the 10th leading cause of death in Kansas in 2013, responsible for 426 deaths [2]. The Kansas age-adjusted suicide death rate was 14.7 per 100,000 population, which was higher than the goal set by the Healthy People 2020 project, 10.2 suicide deaths per 100,000 population [3].

Kansas Highlights

- There were 426 Kansas resident suicides in 2013, down 15.6 percent from 505 in 2012.
- The age-adjusted suicide death rate for Kansas residents in 2013 was 14.7 deaths per 100,000 population, down 16.5 percent from 17.6 deaths per 100,000 population in 2012.
- Northwest Kansas had the highest age-adjusted suicide rate (23.4 deaths per 100,000 population) in 2013, while North Central Kansas had the lowest age-adjusted suicide rate (13.5 deaths per 100,000 population), but due to the small number of events, the difference was not statistically significant.*
- Men are much more likely to die by suicide than women. In 2013 there were 346 Kansas resident male suicide deaths, compared to 80 female suicide deaths. The age-adjusted suicide death rates were 24.3 deaths per 100,000 for Kansas resident males and 5.5 deaths per 100,000 Kansas resident females.
- White non-Hispanics had more suicides (378) than any other Kansas population group in 2013, as well as the highest age-adjusted suicide death rate (16.4 deaths per 100,000 group population).
- Age-group 45-54 had more suicides than any other age-group (94) in 2013, as well as the highest age-specific suicide rate (25.0 deaths per 100,000 group population).
- Firearms accounted for a majority (56.3%) of Kansas resident suicide deaths in 2013, a slight decline from 58.8 percent of all suicide deaths in 2012. Suffocation, the second most

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Kansas Residents, 2013



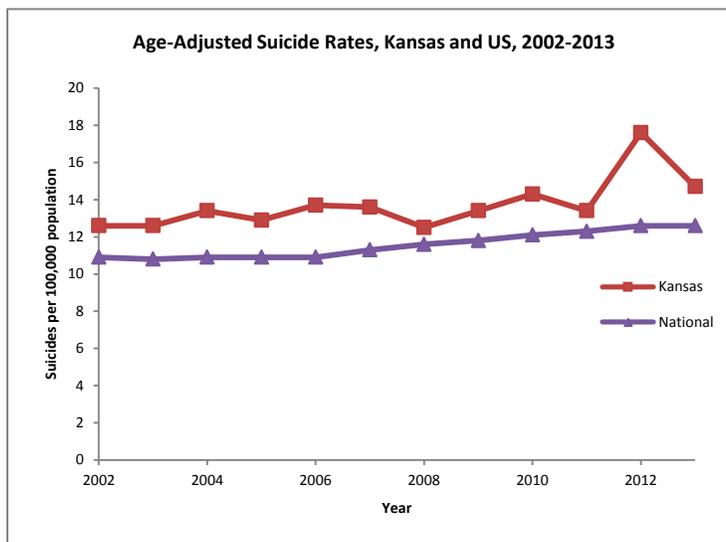
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- Community Health Needs Assessment information at <http://www.kansashealthmatters.org/>.

common method of suicide, accounted for 22.5 percent of all suicide deaths in 2013, a slight increase from 22.4 percent in 2012.

State and National Comparisons

The Kansas suicide rate has been higher than the national rate since 2002. In 2013, the Kansas suicide rate (14.7 suicides per 100,000 population) was 16.7% higher than the national rate (12.6 suicides per 100,000 population).



Want to know more about suicide?

For information about Kansas suicide prevention programs, visit the webpage of the Injury and Disability Program (part of KDHE's Bureau of Health Promotion), http://www.kdheks.gov/idp/download/Suicide_Report.pdf.

For information about suicide prevention counseling services, visit the webpage of Headquarters, Inc., a Lawrence-based suicide prevention counseling center, <http://www.headquarterscounselingcenter.org/>.

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* Differences in age-adjusted rates may be assumed to be statistically significant unless it is explicitly stated that they are not.

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