

SENATE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE  
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ATTACHMENT 5



**Suicide in Idaho: Fact Sheet  
November 2015**

- Suicide is the 2<sup>nd</sup> leading cause of death for Idahoans age 15-34 and for males age 10-14. (The leading cause of death is accidents.)
- Idaho is consistently among the states with the highest suicide rates. In 2013 Idaho had the 7th highest suicide rate, 47% higher than the national average.
- In 2014, 320 people completed suicide in Idaho; a slight increase from 2013.
- Between 2010 and 2014, 78% of Idaho suicides were by men.
- In 2014, 60% of Idaho suicides involved a firearm.
- 15.8% (1 in 6) of Idaho youth attending regular public and charter high schools reported seriously considering suicide in 2013. 7.0% (1 in 14) reported making at least one attempt.
- Between 2010 and 2014, 96 Idaho school children (age 18 and under) died by suicide. Twenty of these were age 14 and under.
- Number of emergency department visits for self-inflicted injury per year: 836,000 in the United States
- In 2013, there were 41,149 deaths by suicide in the United States, an average of 1 person every 12.8 minutes.

**Idaho Resident Suicides by Region – 2014**

Region	Anchor City	Suicides	Rate (per 100,000)	Population	Tot. # suicides	
					2010-2014	5-yr Avg Rate
1	Coeur d'Alene	53	23.9*	221,398	235	21.7
2	Lewiston	33	30.8*	107,033	119	22.4
3	Nampa	35	13.1-	268,080	220	16.9
4	Boise	85	18.1*	468,980	374	16.6
5	Twin Falls	42	22.1*	190,496	188	20.0
6	Pocatello	36	21.7-	166,232	175	21.1
7	Idaho Falls	36	17.0*	212,245	190	18.1

\* Increase from 2013, - decrease from 2013

**Idaho Suicides by Age/Gender 2010-14  
Over 5 year period**

Age	Total	Male	Rate	Female	Rate
< 15	20	18	3.3	2	0.7
15-24	231	182	31.6	49	8.9
25-34	212	171	31.8	41	7.9
35-44	255	192	38.9	63	13.1
45-54	303	226	44.6	77	15.1
55-64	248	186	39.4	62	12.8
65-74	117	99	32.6	18	5.7
75-84	69	62	42.7	7	4.1
85+	46	42	87.0	4	4.7

**Method 2010-14  
(all ages)**

Firearm	60.4%
Poisoning	16.5%
Suffocation	18.5%
Cut/Pierce	1.0%
Fall	0.9 %
Other	2.6%

**Idaho Suicide Rates 2005 – 2014**

Year	Number	ID Rate	US Rate
2005	225	15.7	11.8
2006	218	14.9	11.2
2007	220	14.7	11.5
2008	251	16.7	11.9
2009	307	19.9	12.0
2010	209	18.5	12.4
2011	284	17.9	12.7
2012	299	18.7	12.9
2013	308	19.1	13.0
2014	320	19.6	N/A

## Idaho Youth Risk Behavior Survey 2013 – Regular Public and Charter High School Students

Grade	Sad or <u>Hopeless</u>	Suicidal	Plan	Attempt	Medical Care <u>For Attempt</u>
9 <sup>th</sup>	28.4%	18.2%	12.8%	8.3%	2.8%
10 <sup>th</sup>	27.8	14.4	12.7	7.6	3.0
11 <sup>th</sup>	31.0	15.3	11.9	6.8	2.0
12 <sup>th</sup>	29.3	14.9	14.3	5.7	1.9
Idaho Overall	29.4	15.8	13.0	7.0	2.5

### Idaho Suicide Rate by County

#### 5-year total number and 5-year average annual rate 2010-2014

(Resident suicides per 100,000 people)

County	Number	Rate	County	Number	Rate
Ada	328	16.0	Gem	12	14.4
Adams	4	20.8	Gooding	14	18.3
Bannock	101	24.2	Idaho	16	19.7
Bear Lake	7	23.5	Jefferson	24	18.0
Benewah	9	19.7	Jerome	29	25.7
Bingham	38	16.7	Kootenai	143	20.0
Blaine	25	23.5	Latah	25	13.2
Boise	12	34.8	Lemhi	12	30.7
Bonner	42	20.5	Lewis	5	25.9
Bonneville	101	19.0	Lincoln	4	15.2
Boundary	16	29.4	Madison	12	6.4
Butte	3	21.9	Minidoka	13	12.9
Camas	-	-	Nez Perce	61	30.8
Canyon	168	17.2	Oneida	2	9.5
Caribou	11	32.1	Owyhee	7	12.2
Cassia	19	16.3	Payette	18	15.9
Clark	4	88.2	Power	3	7.8
Clearwater	12	27.8	Shoshone	25	39.6
Custer	11	51.4	Teton	14	27.5
Elmore	27	20.5	Twin Falls	84	21.3
Franklin	13	20.2	Valley	7	14.4
Fremont	9	13.8	Washington	11	21.8
			<b>Idaho (total)</b>	<b>1,501</b>	<b>18.8 (5-year average)</b>

Note: Rates for many counties are based on fewer than 20 deaths. Caution is advised when interpreting rates based on small numbers.

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