# **NH Suicide Statistics** What the Data Tells Us

# NEW HAMPSHIRE 2022-2023

The New Hampshire Suicide Prevention Council is dedicated to promoting awareness that suicide is a preventable public health problem. Together, we can raise awareness and increase access to mental health, substance misuse, and suicide prevention services.



SUICIDE RATES

2<sub>ND</sub> LEADING **CAUSE OF DEATH** Ages 15-34<sup>2</sup>

There are 11 SUICIDES for every 1 HOMICIDE<sup>3</sup>

10<sup>™</sup> LEADING **CAUSE OF DEATH** Overall<sup>2</sup>

> of FIREARM **DEATHS**

are from suicide or intentional self-harm 4

Gender Differences in New Hampshire Suicide Rates

\*Death certificate data is currently limited

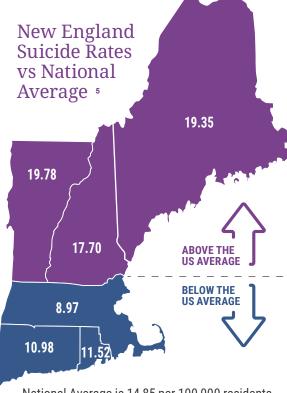


**FEMALE ATTEMPTS Almost Double** Male Attempts 6

# **FIREARMS**

are used in

of suicide deaths in New Hampshire 7



National Average is 14.85 per 100,000 residents

**9/10 AGREE** that mental health care is useful for those who are thinking, threatening, or attempting suicide. 8

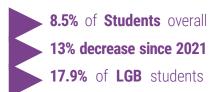
3/4 AGREE that suicide is preventable.8

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IN 2023 39.6% OF ALL STUDENTS **FELT SAD OR** HOPELESS<sup>10</sup>

IN 2021 44.2% OF ALL STUDENTS **FELT SAD OR OPELESS** 

IN 2019 33.6% OF ALL STUDENTS **FELT SAD OR HOPELESS<sup>10</sup>** 

60% **LGB STUDENTS** FELT SAD OR HOPELESS<sup>10</sup>



42% **LATINX STUDENTS** FELT SAD OR **HOPELESS<sup>10</sup>** 

YRBS Data shows an increased risk among Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Questioning (LGBQ)\* and Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC). **Get help now – call/text NH Rapid Response: 833-710-6477** 

\*The 2023 NH Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) survey did not include any items specific to transgender individuals.





8,000 **ADULTS ATTEMPTED** SUICIDE<sup>11</sup>

1,850+ **ER VISITS** DUE TO **SELF-INJURY ATTEMPTS** 

750+ ADMITTED FOR SELE-**INFLICTED INJURIES** 

Nationally, adults with unmet mental health needs report being unable to afford mental health services, or being unsure of where to access them." Contact the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline 24/7 by calling/texting 988.





### 988 Lifeline & NH Rapid Response

- There were over 34,600 contacts made with NH Rapid Response.<sup>14</sup>
- Over 9,000 calls to 988 were answered in-state; on average 755 contacts each month<sup>15</sup>.





- Get support for yourself or others
- 88 SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE
- Take a suicide prevention training
- Support policies and legislation that promote mental health and suicide prevention



The mission of the State Suicide Prevention Council is to reduce the incidence of suicide in New Hampshire by accomplishing the goals of the State Suicide Prevention Plan:

- Raise public and professional awareness of suicide prevention
- Address the mental health and substance misuse prevention needs of all residents
- Address the needs of those affected by suicide
- Promote policy change

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