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Number and rate (per 100,000 resident population) of suicide

By sex and method, United States, 1933-1970

	Number		Sex		Method					
					Rate	Poisoning	Hanging and strangulation	Firearms and explosives		Other
								Male	Female	
1933	19,993	15.9	15,785	4,208	5,835	3,543	7,798	2,817		
1934	18,828	14.9	14,564	4,264	5,334	3,517	7,296	2,681		
1935	18,214	14.3	13,942	4,272	5,247	3,399	6,830	2,738		
1936	18,294	14.3	13,971	4,323	5,241	3,528	6,771	2,754		
1937	19,294	15.0	14,793	4,501	5,485	3,795	7,073	2,941		
1938	19,802	15.3	15,376	4,426	5,756	3,756	7,357	2,933		
1939	18,511	14.1	14,259	4,252	5,405	3,504	6,944	2,658		
1940	18,907	14.4	14,466	4,441	5,623	3,554	7,073	2,657		
1941	17,102	12.8	12,903	4,199	4,892	3,340	6,385	2,485		
1942	16,117	12.0	12,189	3,928	4,136	3,433	6,117	2,431		
1943	13,725	10.2	10,014	3,711	3,434	3,045	5,076	2,170		
1944	13,231	10.0	9,497	3,734	3,205	3,062	4,808	2,156		
1945	14,782	11.2	10,754	4,028	3,718	3,301	5,321	2,442		
1946	16,152	11.5	12,074	4,078	3,859	3,599	6,276	2,418		
1947	16,538	11.5	12,560	3,978	3,690	3,750	6,691	2,407		
1948	16,354	11.2	12,505	3,849	3,830	3,577	6,660	2,287		
1949	16,993	11.4	13,209	3,784	3,834	3,641	7,215	2,303		
1950	17,145	11.4	13,297	3,848	3,969	3,592	7,377	2,207		
1951	15,909	10.4	12,300	3,609	3,664	3,360	6,873	2,012		
1952	15,567	10.0	12,115	3,452	3,187	3,358	7,013	2,009		
1953	15,947	10.1	12,534	3,413	3,269	3,397	7,293	1,988		
1954	16,356	10.1	12,964	3,392	3,516	3,370	7,539	1,931		
1955	16,760	10.2	12,961	3,799	3,429	3,591	7,763	1,977		
1956	16,727	10.0	12,968	3,759	3,367	3,638	7,817	1,905		
1957	16,632	9.8	12,951	3,681	3,347	3,559	7,841	1,885		
1958	18,519	10.7	14,366	4,153	3,958	3,562	8,871	2,128		
1959 ^a	18,633	10.6	14,441	4,192	4,048	3,525	8,788	2,272		
1960 ^b	19,041	10.6	14,539	4,502	4,330	3,366	9,017	2,328		
1961	18,999	10.4	14,460	4,539	4,501	3,157	9,037	2,304		
1962	20,207	10.9	15,062	5,145	5,126	3,154	9,487	2,440		
1963	20,825	11.0	15,276	5,549	5,785	3,057	9,595	2,388		
1964	20,588	10.8	15,092	5,496	5,541	3,005	9,806	2,236		
1965	21,507	11.1	15,490	6,017	5,995	3,197	9,898	2,417		
1966	21,281	10.9	15,416	5,865	5,588	2,863	10,407	2,423		
1967	21,325	10.8	15,187	6,138	5,695	2,778	10,550	2,302		
1968	21,372	10.7	15,379	5,993	5,684	3,099	10,911	1,678		
1969	22,364	11.1	15,857	6,507	6,118	3,158	11,304	1,784		
1970	23,480	11.6	16,629	6,851	6,584	3,253	11,772	1,871		

Note: Data shown are from annual issues of *Vital Statistics of the United States and Mortality Statistics*, maintained by the U.S. National Center for Health Statistics. Deaths were classified by cause according to the *Revision of the International Lists of Diseases and Causes of Death* that was in use for the years shown. Data for the entire United States were not available until 1933. (Source, p. 408.)

^aIncludes Alaska.

^bThe first year for which figures include Alaska and Hawaii.

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, *Historical Statistics of the United States, Colonial Times to 1970, Bicentennial Edition, Part 1* (Washington, DC: USGPO, 1975), p. 414. Table adapted by SOURCEBOOK staff.