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Suicide rate (per 100,000 persons in each age group) for persons 15 to 24 years of age

By age and sex, United States, 1950, 1960, 1970, 1980-2006

	15 to 19 years of age			20 to 24 years of age		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
1950	2.7	3.5	1.8	6.2	9.3	3.3
1960	3.6	5.6	1.6	7.1	11.5	2.9
1970	5.9	8.8	2.9	12.2	19.2	5.6
1980	8.5	13.8	3.0	16.1	26.8	5.5
1981	8.6	13.5	3.5	15.6	25.7	5.6
1982	8.7	14.0	3.1	15.2	25.2	5.2
1983	8.6	13.9	3.2	14.6	24.0	5.2
1984	8.9	14.2	3.5	15.5	25.7	5.2
1985	9.9	15.8	3.7	15.4	25.7	4.9
1986	10.1	16.2	3.7	15.5	26.0	4.9
1987	10.2	16.0	4.1	15.0	25.3	4.4
1988	11.1	17.6	4.3	14.6	24.8	4.1
1989	11.1	17.6	4.2	14.9	25.2	4.1
1990	11.1	18.2	3.7	15.1	25.7	4.1
1991	11.0	17.9	3.7	14.8	25.4	3.9
1992	10.7	17.6	3.4	14.8	25.4	3.8
1993	10.8	17.4	3.8	15.6	26.5	4.4
1994	10.9	18.0	3.4	16.1	28.0	3.9
1995	10.3	17.1	3.1	15.8	27.0	4.2
1996	9.6	15.4	3.5	14.2	24.5	3.6
1997	9.3	14.9	3.3	13.3	22.7	3.6
1998	8.8	14.3	2.8	13.2	22.3	3.7
1999	8.0	13.1	2.8	12.3	20.8	3.4
2000	8.0	13.0	2.8	12.5	21.4	3.2
2001	7.9	12.9	2.7	11.9	20.4	3.1
2002	7.4	12.2	2.4	12.3	20.7	3.5
2003	7.3	11.6	2.7	12.1	20.4	3.4
2004	8.2	12.7	3.5	12.5	21.0	3.6
2005	7.7	12.1	3.0	12.4	20.3	4.0
2006	7.3	11.6	2.8	12.6	20.9	3.6

Note: These data are based on information from all death certificates filed in the 50 States and the District of Columbia. The mortality data files are maintained by the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Rates for decennial years were calculated using U.S. Census Bureau decennial census counts; population estimates produced by the Census Bureau were used for noncensus years. The NCHS revised the cause of death coding beginning in 1999. The user is cautioned when making trend comparisons of data from 1999 and later to those from 1998 and earlier; observed changes in numbers or rates may be the result of the coding revisions. Some data have been revised by the Source and may differ from previous editions of SOURCEBOOK.

Source: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, "Programs for the Prevention of Suicide Among Adolescents and Young Adults," *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report* (Washington, DC: USGPO, Apr. 22, 1994), p. 3; and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Injury Prevention and Control [Online]. Available: <http://webappa.cdc.gov/sasweb/ncipc/mortrate9.html> and http://webappa.cdc.gov/sasweb/ncipc/mortrate10_sy.html [June 22, 2009]. Table adapted by SOURCEBOOK staff.