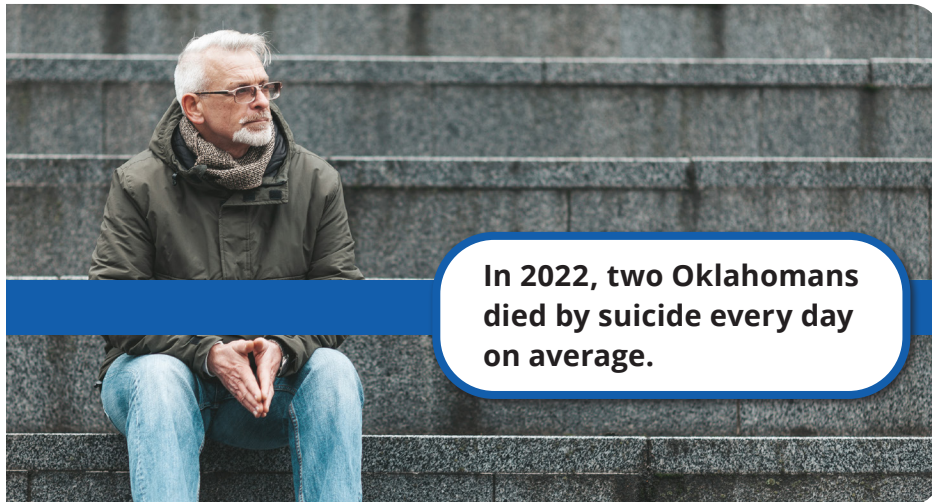


Suicide In OKLAHOMA



In 2022, two Oklahomans died by suicide every day on average.

Figure 1: Suicide Rates by Age Group and Sex
Oklahoma, 2022

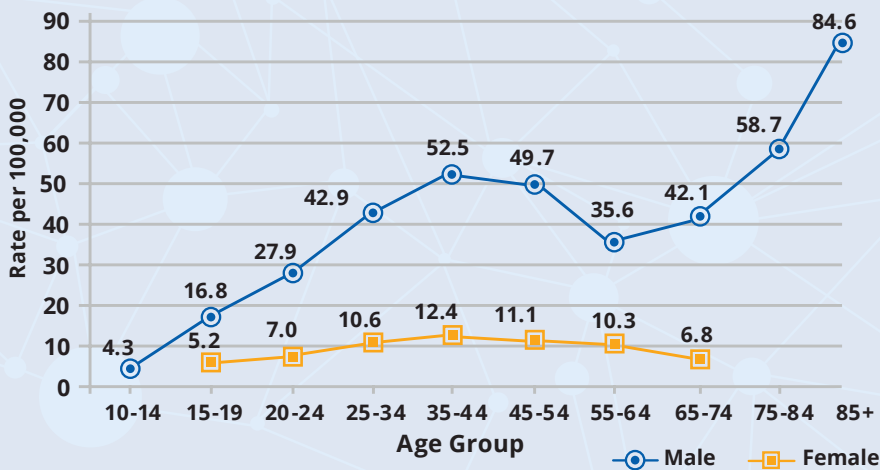
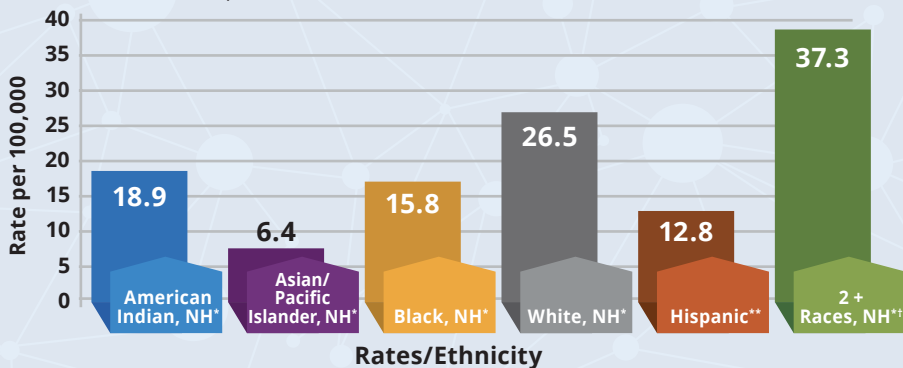


Figure 2: Suicide Rates by Race/Ethnicity
Oklahoma, 2022



*NH=Not Hispanic

**Hispanic ethnicity is not a racial category.

†90% of OK 2+ racial category is AI/AN and another race.

- In 2022, there were 828 suicides among Oklahoma residents aged 10 and older. This translates to a suicide rate of 23.6 deaths per 100,000 Oklahoma residents.
- Of the decedents, 82.1% were male and 18.9% were female.
- Suicides comprised 69% of all violent deaths (1,208).

AGE

- The mean age of decedents was 47 years; decedents ranged in age from 10 to 97 years.
- Males had a higher suicide rate across all age groups compared to females (**Figure 1**).
- Suicide rates were highest amongst males aged 85+ at 84.6 per 100,000 residents and highest amongst females aged 35-44 at 12.4 per 100,000 residents (**Figure 1**).

RACE/ETHNICITY

- The suicide rate among individuals identifying with two or more races (37.3 per 100,000) is the highest among all racial and ethnic groups (**Figure 2**).
- The high suicide rate of 37.3 per 100,000 in the two or more races category is significantly influenced by the American Indian population, as 90% of individuals in this category are American Indian plus another race.
- The suicide rate among White, non-Hispanic individuals (26.5 per 100,000) is significantly higher than that of Asian (6.4 per 100,000), Black (15.8 per 100,000), and Hispanic (12.8 per 100,000) populations (**Figure 2**).



Females more often had a history of suicidal thoughts (37%) compared to males (30%) as well as previous suicide attempt(s), 27% compared to 14%.

WEAPON/ METHOD OF SUICIDE

- Firearms were the leading method of suicide for both males (66%) and females (51%), followed by hanging/strangulation, 28% and 27%, respectively (**Figure 3**).
- Females had a higher percentage of poisoning as method of suicide (17%) compared to males (4%) (**Figure 3**).

CIRCUMSTANCES

- Among males, the leading circumstances of suicide were mental health problems (31%), intimate partner problems (28%), and depressed mood (23%) (**Figure 4**).
- Among females, the leading circumstances of suicide were mental health problems (49%), intimate partner problems (31%), and depressed mood (29%) (**Figure 4**).
- 24% of males and 15% of females had a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) greater than 0.08 g/dL at time of death.

Figure 3: Method of Suicide by Sex
Oklahoma, 2022

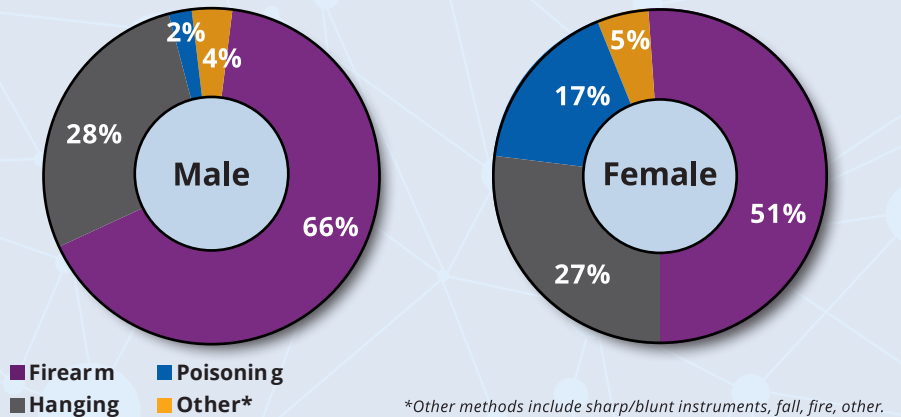
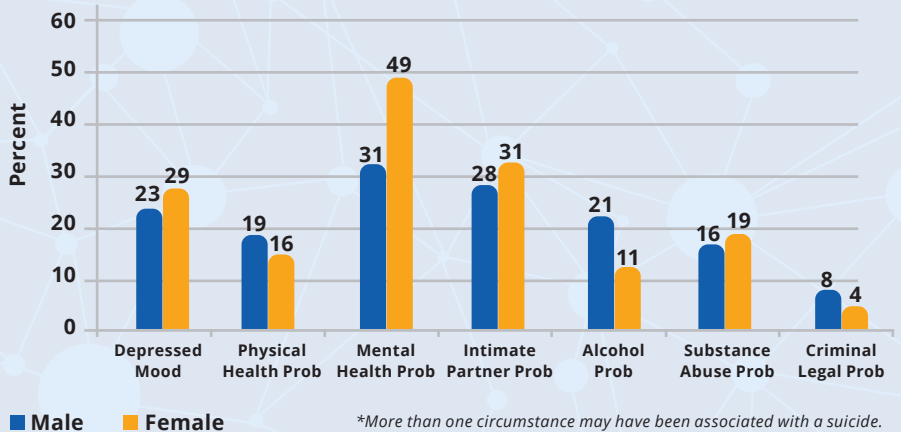


Figure 4: Suicide Circumstances* by Sex
Oklahoma, 2022



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