

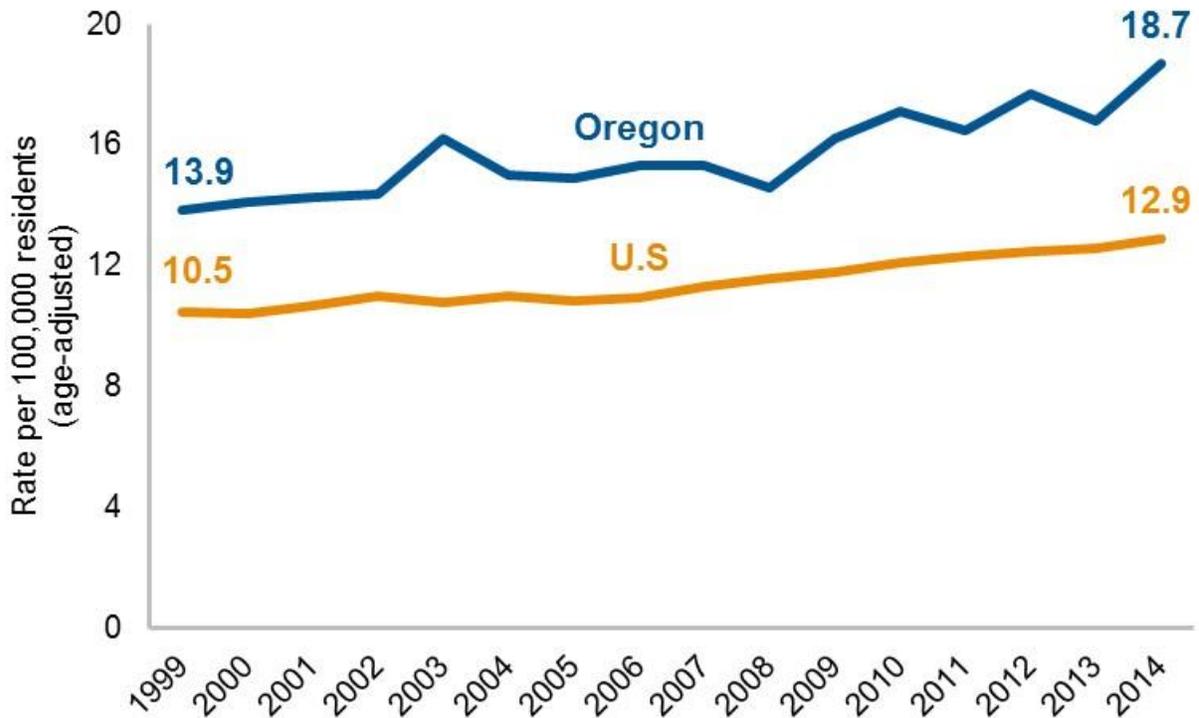
## Causes of Death

# Suicide

Suicide is one of the leading causes of premature death in Oregon. In 2014, 782 people in Oregon died by suicide (18.7 per 100,000 residents). Rates in Oregon have consistently been higher than the U.S. for the past 30 years. Suicides in Oregon and the U.S. have steadily increased since 2000 (Figure 1).

FIGURE 1

**Suicide deaths by year, Oregon and U.S.**

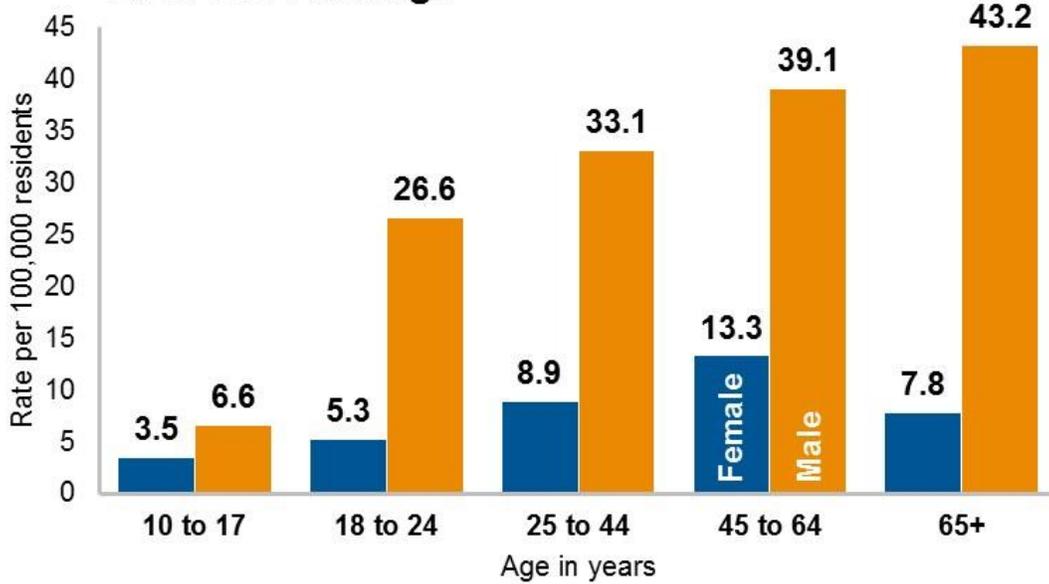


Source: CDC's WISQARS

Suicide is one of the five leading causes of death for Oregonians aged 10-54 years, and rates are higher among men than women (Figure 2).

FIGURE 2

### Suicide deaths by sex and age, Oregon, 2010–2014 average

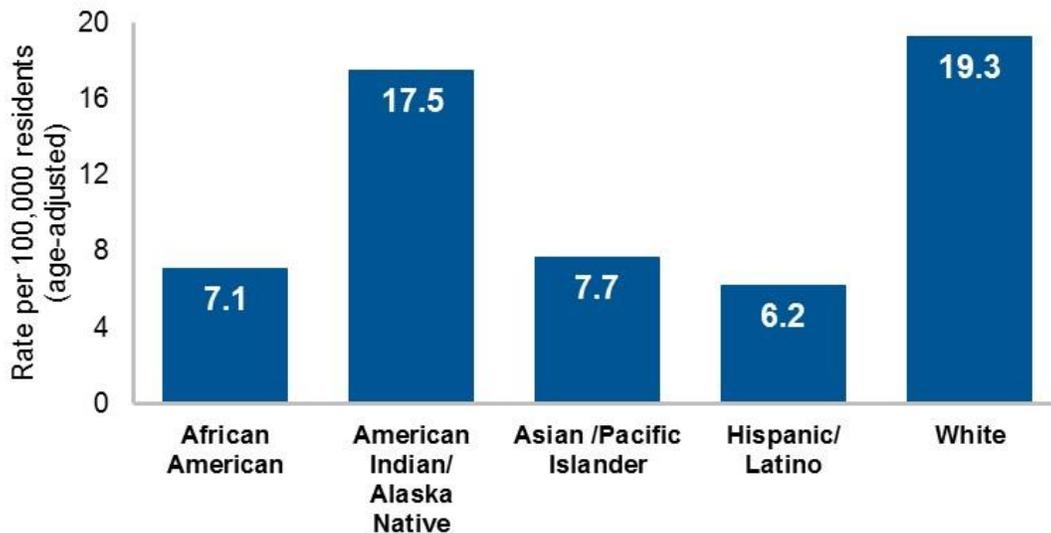


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Whites, especially males aged 65 years and older, have the highest suicide rate in Oregon. Compared to the rate of whites, African Americans, Asian/Pacific Islanders, and people of Hispanic ethnicity have a lower rate (Figure 3).

FIGURE 3

### Suicide deaths by race/ethnicity, Oregon, 2010–2014 average



Notes: All other groups exclude Hispanic ethnicity

Source: CDC's WISQARS

**Additional Resources:** [Injury and Fatality State Plans and Reports](#)

**About the Data:** Data sources are the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Web-Based Injury Statistics Query and Reporting System. Data include deaths resulting from the intentional use of force against oneself. Deaths relating to the Death with Dignity Act (e.g., physician-assisted suicides) are not classified as suicides. All rates are age-adjusted to the 2000 U.S. population. Population estimates used in calculating rates are from the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS).

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