

2010 Facts & Figures on Suicide

Suicide is a preventable public health problem and a leading cause of death in the United States. More investment in suicide prevention, education and research will prevent the untimely deaths of thousands of Americans each year.

Suicide - Basic Facts:

- ❖ An American dies by suicide every 15 minutes, and more than 34,500 die by suicide every year.*
- ❖ 2,370 Americans attempt to take their life each day, resulting in 864,950 attempts each year.*
- ❖ 90% of the individuals who die by suicide had a diagnosable psychiatric disorder at the time of their death.**
- ❖ Depression, bipolar disorder and substance use disorders are among the leading causes of suicide.
- ❖ For every female suicide, there are four male suicides, but three times as many females as males attempt suicide.*
- ❖ Suicide is the third leading cause of death among those 15-24 years old.*

Suicide - The Cost:

- ❖ Suicides in one year cost the U.S. \$13 billion in lost earnings.*****
- ❖ 1 million years of life are lost to suicide annually.
- ❖ Suicide attempts requiring hospitalization cost the U.S. \$3.54 billion each year in lost medical and work-loss costs