

MICHIGAN SUICIDE PREVENTION FACT SHEET

Suicides, 1999-2005

Statewide

10th ranking cause of death

Average of 1,049 residents died by suicide each year

Average of 2.9 suicides every day

Gender

Males: 80% of suicides; 8th ranking cause of death

Females: 20% of suicides; 18th ranking cause of death

Race/ Ethnicity

White Non-Hispanic (NH): 88% of suicides

Hispanic: 2% of suicides

Black NH: 8% of suicides

Other NH: 2% of suicides

Age

30-49 years: highest suicide rate; 43% of suicides;

Method

Firearm: leading method; 2nd ranking cause of injury deaths

Suffocation: 2nd leading method; 7th ranking cause of injury deaths

Poisoning: 3rd leading method; 8th ranking cause of injury deaths

If half of undetermined intent poisonings were self-inflicted, suicides in this state would be 9% higher

Costs

Average medical cost per case: \$3,153

Average work-loss cost per case: \$1,276,828