

SUICIDE IN IOWA

Iowa Violent Death Reporting System Special Report



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TYPES OF VIOLENT DEATHS IN IOWA

77% SUICIDE

16% HOMICIDE

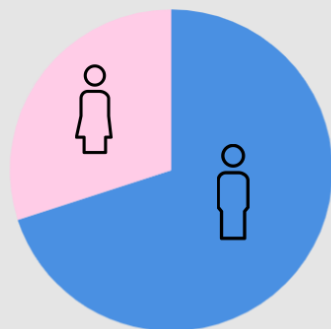
6% UNDETERMINED

1% LEGAL INTERVENTION

<1% UNINTENTIONAL FIREARM

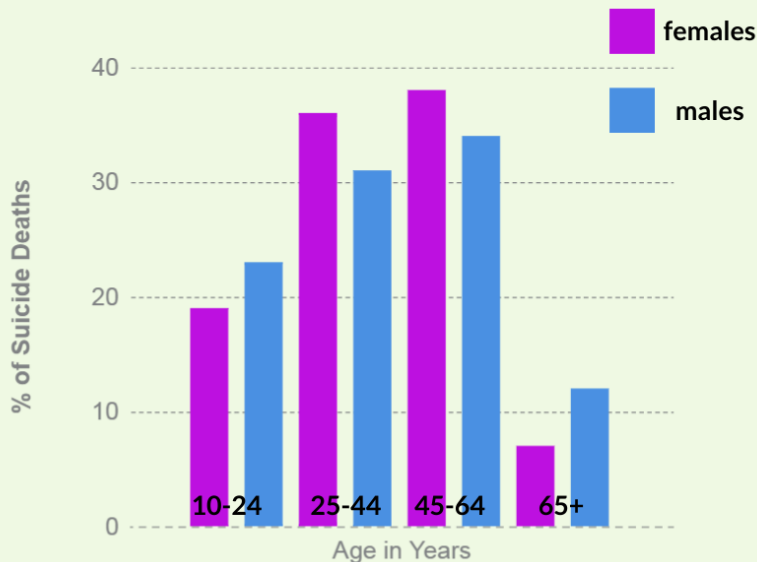
SUICIDE BY AGE & SEX

Total Suicides by Sex



■ males (70%) ■ females (30%)

Suicides by Age & Sex



The Iowa Violent Death Reporting System (IAVDRS) is a CDC-funded stateside surveillance system that collects information on deaths that occur in Iowa resulting from homicide, suicide, unintentional firearms deaths, legal intervention and deaths of undetermined intent. IAVDRS is a multi-source data system from death certificates, medical examiner and law enforcement reports.

SUICIDE MEANS

Asphyxiation was the means to suicide in 40% of suicides.

Firearm use was the means to suicide in 37% of suicides.

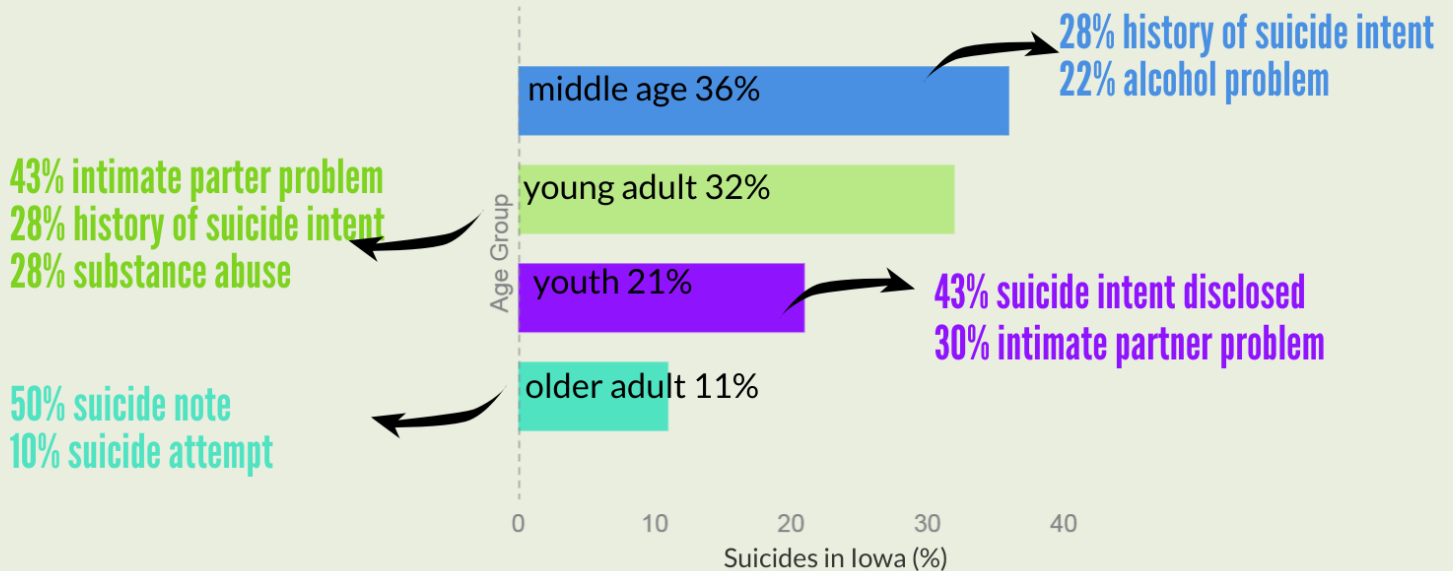
Poisoning was the means to suicide in 20% of suicides.

Asphyxiation was the most common manner used by females (40%).

Firearm use was the most common manner used by males (41%).

SUICIDE CIRCUMSTANCES

Suicide Circumstances by Life Stage, Iowa 2015



The goal of IAVDRS is to aid researchers, policymakers and community interest groups in the development of public health prevention strategies to reduce violent deaths. Iowa began collecting data in 2015. This report is based on the seven most populous out of 99 counties in Iowa.