

# Suicide Facts & Figures:

## Florida 2020



**On average, one person died by suicide every two hours in the state.**

**More than four times as many people died by suicide in Florida in 2018 than in alcohol related motor vehicle accidents.**

The total deaths to suicide reflected a total of 56,052 years of potential life lost (YPLL) before age 65.



Suicide cost Florida a total of **\$2,841,739,000** combined lifetime medical and work loss cost in 2010, or an average of **\$1,018,910 per suicide death.**



## 8th leading cause of death in Florida

### 3rd leading

cause of death for ages 10-24

### 2nd leading

cause of death for ages 25-35

### 4th leading

cause of death for ages 35-54

### 8th leading

cause of death for ages 55-64

### 15th leading

cause of death for ages 65+

## Suicide Death Rates

	Number of Deaths by Suicide	Rate per 100,000 Population	State Rank
Florida	3,567	15.14	30
Nationally	48,344	14.21	

CDC, 2018 Fatal Injury Reports (accessed from [www.cdc.gov/injury/wisqars/fatal.html](http://www.cdc.gov/injury/wisqars/fatal.html) on 3/1/2020).

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## Suicide Prevention Programs and Initiatives

- Originally established in 2007, Florida's Office for Suicide Prevention (OSP, <https://bit.ly/2nWUtQL>) was relocated to the Department of Children and Families in 2011 (§ 14.2019); it remains there under the Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health.
- Florida law (§ 14.20195) created the Florida Suicide Prevention Coordinating Council (SPCC, <https://bit.ly/32qt4py>). Comprised of 27 statutorily designated voting members and other non-voting members, the SPCC is charged with advising OSP and held accountable to the legislature for designing strategies to implement the state's suicide prevention strategy.
- The Florida Suicide Prevention Plan 2016-2020, a joint effort of the OSP and SPCC, can be found at <https://bit.ly/2J2BiMC> and its Corresponding Action Steps at <https://bit.ly/2J0K1il>. The SPCC is also responsible for an annual report (§ 14.20195(c)) that includes an overview of the activities that supported strategic direction and goals in the Plan as well as new recommendations to enhance suicide prevention efforts; see the 2019 report at <https://bit.ly/2xCecKn>.
- Florida law (§ 1012.583) requires the Department of Education to develop a list of approved youth suicide awareness and prevention training materials and standardized suicide screening instruments appropriate for use with a school-age population for instructional personnel in elementary, middle, and high school (see <https://bit.ly/2FzdK1Y>). The law also designates schools as "Suicide Prevention Certified Schools" if they provide 2 hours of related training to their educators, have at least two staff members trained in the use of a suicide screening instrument, and adopt a policy that requires the use of that instrument to evaluate a student before initiating an involuntary examination due to suicide risk concerns.

## Get Involved

The **AFSP Florida Chapters** bring together people of all backgrounds in communities throughout the state to fight suicide. We help fund research, offer educational programs, advocate for public policy and support those affected by suicide.

For more information or to volunteer, please contact:

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### Become an Advocate

AFSP's Florida advocacy volunteers build relationships with public officials and advocate on behalf of sound suicide prevention policy.

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