

# SUICIDE: WYOMING 2017 FACTS & FIGURES

## Suicide Death Rates

	Number of Deaths by Suicide	Rate per 100,000 Population	State Rank
Wyoming	157	28.24	1
Nationally	44,193	13.26	

Suicide is the **6th leading** cause of death overall in Wyoming.



On average, one person dies by suicide **every two days** in the state.



Suicide cost Wyoming a total of **\$155,148,000** of combined lifetime medical and work loss cost in 2010, or an average of **\$1,184,336** per suicide death.

IN WYOMING,  
SUICIDE  
IS THE...

**2nd leading**  
cause of death  
for ages 15-44

**5th leading**  
cause of death  
for ages 45-54

**8th leading**  
cause of death  
for ages 55-64

**14th leading**  
cause of death  
for ages 65 & older

**Nine times as many** people die by suicide in Wyoming annually as by homicide; the total deaths to suicide reflect a total of **3,551** years of potential life lost (YPLL) before age 65.

Based on most recent 2015 data from CDC. Learn more at [afsp.org/statistics](http://afsp.org/statistics).

30 YEARS STRONG



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## SUICIDE PREVENTION PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES

- The Wyoming Suicide Prevention Program is housed within the Wyoming Department of Health (WDH), Public Health Division, as required by Wyoming Statute §9-2-102. The Suicide Prevention Program is led by the Injury Prevention Coordinator, who receives advice and counsel from the Wyoming Suicide Prevention Advisory Council (WySPAC).
- The Wyoming Department of Health, in collaboration with the WySPAC, completed a coordinated statewide suicide prevention plan with specific state and regional benchmarks in 2017. This five-year plan is titled **Preventing Suicide in Wyoming: 2017-2021 State Suicide Prevention Plan** and is available for download from the statewide website <https://health.wyo.gov/>.
- The Wyoming Injury Prevention Program maintains the statewide website and plan; provides assistance to communities in developing and maintaining coalitions; provides consultation, technical assistance, and training to state and local agencies, organizations, and professional groups; maintains a library of suicide prevention materials; and disseminates information regarding best practices.
- Wyoming Statutes §21-2-202(a)(xxxv) and §21-3-110(a)(xxxiii) (or the **Jason Flatt Act**, SF 78, adopted 3/6/14) require that each teacher and school administrator receive at least 8 hours of suicide prevention education every 4 school years, and at least 2 hours of suicide prevention education during the initial school year of employment. Education materials must be reviewed and made available by the director of the department of education and the state superintendent of public instruction and be made available to interested community members.

## GET INVOLVED

The AFSP Wyoming Chapter brings together people of all backgrounds in communities throughout the state to fight suicide. For more information or to volunteer, please contact:

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### BECOME AN ADVOCATE IN WYOMING

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

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## LEADING THE FIGHT AGAINST SUICIDE

We fund research, offer educational programs, advocate for public policy and support those affected by suicide. Headquartered in New York, AFSP has local chapters in all 50 states.



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