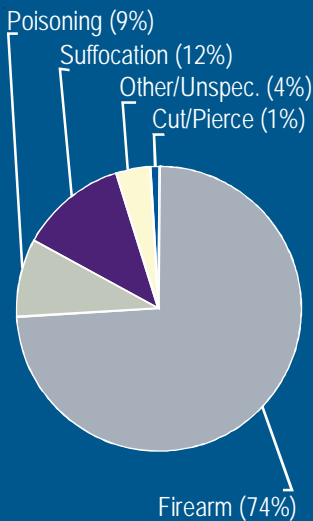
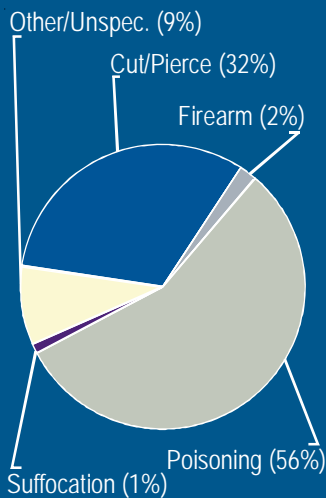




Suicides by Method



Attempts by Method



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Suicides, 2000-2004

Statewide

- 11th ranking cause of death
- Average of 534 residents died by suicide each year
- Suicide rate: 12.8 per 100,000
- Average of 3 suicides every 2 days

Gender

- Males: 81% of suicides; rate 21.5 per 100,000; 9th ranking cause of death
- Females: 19% of suicides; rate 4.6 per 100,000; 17th ranking cause of death
- Male suicide rate 4.7 times greater than female rate

Race/Ethnicity

- White Non-Hispanic (NH): 87% of suicides; rate 15.6 per 100,000
- Hispanic: <1% of suicides; rate 4.7 per 100,000
- Black NH: 12% of suicides; rate 5.7 per 100,000
- Other NH: 1% of suicides; rate 7.8 per 100,000

- White NH suicide rate 2.7 times greater than Black NH rate

Age

- 70+ years: highest suicide rate; 14% of suicides; rate 2.4 times greater than rate for 15 to 19 years

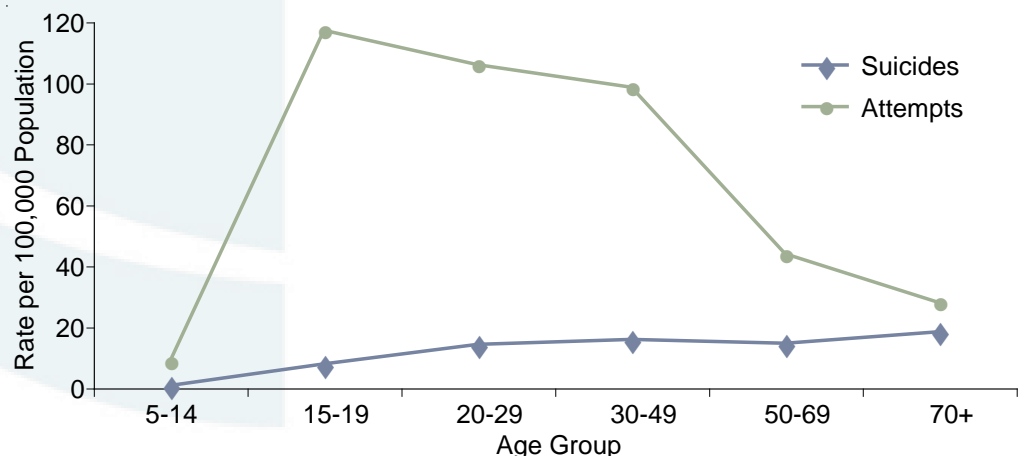
Method

- Firearm: leading method; rate 9.4 per 100,000; 2nd ranking cause of injury deaths
- Suffocation: 2nd leading method; rate 1.5 per 100,000; 10th ranking cause of injury deaths
- Poisoning: 3rd leading method; rate 1.4 per 100,000; 11th ranking cause of injury deaths
- If half of **undetermined intent** poisonings were self-inflicted, suicides in this state would rise 2%

Costs

- Average medical cost per case: \$2,868
- Average work-loss cost per case: \$977,588

Average Annual Self-Inflicted Injuries by Age Group, Alabama Residents



Estimated Hospitalized Attempts, 2004

Statewide

- Total of 2,901 hospitalized attempts in 2004
- Hospitalized attempt rate: 68.6 per 100,000
- Average of 55 attempts every 7 days

Gender

- Males: 38% of attempts; rate 54.5 per 100,000
- Females: 62% of attempts; rate 81.8 per 100,000
- Female attempt rate 1.5 times greater than male rate

Age

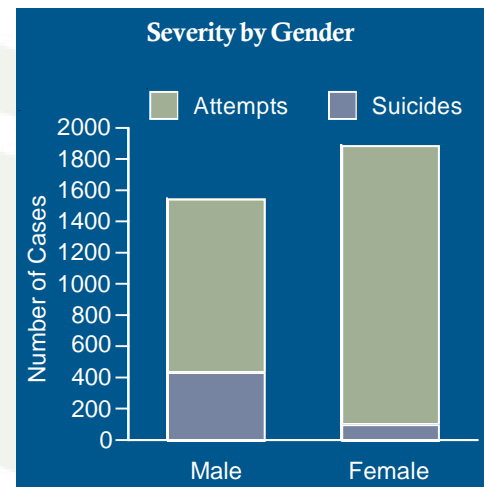
- 15-19 years: highest hospitalized attempt rate; 13% of hospitalized attempts

Method

- Poisoning: leading method; 1,643 annual attempts; rate 38.8 per 100,000
- Cut/Pierce: 2nd leading method; 922 annual attempts; rate 21.8 per 100,000

Costs

- Average medical cost per case: \$8,789
- Average work-loss cost per case: \$12,584



Self-Inflicted Injuries by Age Group, Gender, and Method, Alabama Residents

	Suicides								Hospitalized Attempts							
	Male		Female		All		Avg Cost Per Case		Male		Female		All		Avg Cost Per Case	
	N	Rate	N	Rate	N	Rate	Medical	Work Loss	N	Rate	N	Rate	N	Rate	Medical	Work Loss
Age Group																
5-14	4	1.1	1	0.4	5	0.8	\$7,398	\$1,347,915	11	3.5	42	14.1	53	8.7	\$5,757	\$9,304
15-19	21	13.0	4	2.3	25	7.8	\$3,603	\$1,505,096	143	87.6	230	148.5	373	117.2	\$5,847	\$9,322
20-29	76	24.8	11	3.7	87	14.2	\$2,964	\$1,593,535	303	96.8	360	115.0	663	105.9	\$6,873	\$12,021
30-49	161	25.3	46	6.9	207	15.9	\$2,910	\$1,235,331	502	79.2	771	117.0	1,273	98.5	\$8,046	\$8,381
50-69	106	24.5	27	5.6	133	14.6	\$2,254	\$571,505	126	27.6	295	58.6	421	43.9	\$10,776	\$4,608
70+	66	41.1	11	4.3	77	18.4	\$3,195	\$93,798	28	17.0	90	34.8	118	27.9	\$12,093	\$1,602
Method																
Cut/Pierce	4	0.2	2	0.1	6	0.1	\$7,978	\$866,799	118	5.8	804	36.8	922	21.8	\$7,569	\$29,638
Firearms	332	16.5	61	2.8	394	9.4	\$2,617	\$927,938	40	2.0	11	0.5	51	1.2	\$69,172	\$53,182
Poisoning	28	1.4	23	1.1	51	1.2	\$4,326	\$968,454	808	39.6	835	38.2	1,643	38.8	\$6,366	\$1,377
Suffocation	55	2.7	8	0.4	63	1.5	\$1,574	\$1,276,109	22	1.1	3	0.1	25	0.6	\$25,282	\$175,234
Other/Unspecified	15	0.8	5	0.2	20	0.5	\$6,717	\$1,062,438	125	6.1	135	6.2	260	6.1	\$23,637	\$44,582
Total	434	21.5	100	4.6	534	12.8	\$2,868	\$977,588	1,113	54.5	1,788	81.8	2,901	68.6	\$8,789	\$12,584

Rates are per 100,000 population aged 5 and over. For table details and data sources, see Methods page. Rates based on 5 or fewer cases may be unstable, use with caution. Rows and columns may not add due to rounding. All costs are in year 2005 dollars.

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