

# Suicide Facts & Figures:

## Oregon 2019\*



**On average, one person dies by suicide every 11 hours in the state.**

**More than six times as many people died by suicide in Oregon in 2017 than in alcohol related motor vehicle accidents.**

The total deaths to suicide reflect a total of 15,605 years of potential life lost (YPLL) before age 65.



Suicide cost Oregon a total of **\$740,356,000** combined lifetime medical and work loss cost in 2010, or an average of **\$1,080,811 per suicide death.**

\*Based on most recent 2017 data from CDC. Learn more at [afsp.org/statistics](http://afsp.org/statistics).



## 8th leading cause of death in Oregon

### 2nd leading

cause of death for ages 15-34

### 3rd leading

cause of death for ages 35-44

### 4th 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

## Suicide Death Rates

	Number of Deaths by Suicide	Rate per 100,000 Population	State Rank
<b>Oregon</b>	<b>825</b>	<b>19.01</b>	<b>14</b>
Nationally	47,173	14.00	

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## Suicide Prevention Programs and Initiatives

- In 2017, Oregon's suicide prevention efforts began to shift focus to the adoption of a Zero Suicide Initiative at state, county, and community levels. The Zero Suicide Program is part of the Injury and Violence Prevention Section housed within the Oregon Health Authority, Public Health Division. See <https://bit.ly/2EIHDNK>.
- Oregon law (ORS §§ 418.731 and 418.733) provides for a Youth Suicide Intervention and Prevention Coordinator within the Oregon Health Authority, Health Systems Division to facilitate the development of a statewide plan and to update the plan every 5 years. See the latest Youth Suicide Intervention and Prevention Plan: 2016-2020 (<http://bit.ly/2i9jW5O>) and the 2017 Youth Suicide Intervention and Prevention Plan Annual Report (<https://bit.ly/2D3hxDw>). For more information see <https://bit.ly/2PQJtgV>.
- With funding from a federal Garrett Lee Smith grant, the Oregon Health Authority currently manages the Caring Connections Youth Suicide Prevention Initiative with the purpose of creating system change through community coalitions and prevention training.
- Oregon law (ORS § 418.735) requires the Oregon Health Authority to develop a plan for communication among local mental health authorities and local systems to improve notifications and information-sharing when suspected suicides involve an individual under age 24. The plan must address community suicide response and post-intervention efforts
- Oregon law (ORS § 676.860) requires certain behavioral and physical healthcare providers to report to their licensing boards at re-licensure any suicide risk assessment, treatment and management, and continuing education they have received, and requires the Oregon Health Authority to develop a list of available continuing education opportunities.

## Get Involved

The **AFSP Oregon Chapter** brings 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 Oregon advocacy volunteers build relationships with public officials and advocate on behalf of sound suicide prevention policy.

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