

SUICIDE: KENTUCKY 2017 FACTS & FIGURES

Suicide Death Rates

	Number of Deaths by Suicide	Rate per 100,000 Population	State Rank
Kentucky	776	17.06	16
Nationally	44,193	13.26	

Suicide is the **11th leading** cause of death overall in Kentucky.



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



Based on most recent 2015 data from CDC. Learn more at afsp.org/statistics.



Suicide cost Kentucky a total of **\$746,659,000** of combined lifetime medical and work loss cost in 2010, or an average of **\$1,183,295** per suicide death.

IN KENTUCKY, SUICIDE IS THE...

2nd leading cause of death for ages 10-34

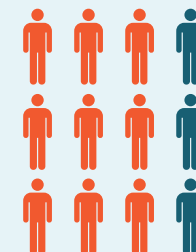
4th leading cause of death for ages 35-44

5th leading cause of death for ages 45-54

9th leading cause of death for ages 55-64

16th leading cause of death for ages 65 & older

More than three times as many people die by suicide in Kentucky annually than by homicide; the total deaths to suicide reflect a total of **15,292** years of potential life lost (YPLL) before age 65.



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SUICIDE PREVENTION PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES

- The Suicide Prevention Consortium of Kentucky (SPCK) brings together individuals and organizations dedicated to reducing the impact of suicide and suicide attempts in the Commonwealth. SPCK is open to the public and is currently supported by a State Suicide Prevention Coordinator within the Department of Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities (DBHDID) of the Cabinet for Health and Family Services.
- DBHDID provides consultation and resources related to education and awareness materials and training for secondary schools as per legislated requirement; implements evidence-based suicide prevention training for providers serving youth; and increases public/private collaboration among youth-serving institutions and child serving agencies.
- The DBHDID received a Garret Lee Smith Grant in 2014 for the Kentucky Initiative for Zero Suicides (KIZS).
- As of spring 2013, the Kentucky Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities released the state's 2013-2018 Strategy for Suicide Prevention: <http://www.sprc.org/sites/default/files/KENTUCKY%20STRATEGY%20FOR%20SUICIDE%20PREVENTION%202013%20to%202018.pdf>.
- Kentucky law (KRS § 158.070) requires that school personnel receive four days of professional development training along with two hours of suicide prevention training each year. This training may be completed through a self-review of appropriate suicide prevention materials.
- Kentucky is now the second state in the U.S. (the first was Washington State) to require suicide prevention training for mental health and other professionals, beginning 1/1/2015 (SB 72, adopted 3/19/13).

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.

GET INVOLVED

The AFSP Louisville Metro 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 KENTUCKY

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

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