

# Suicide Facts & Figures:

## Hawai'i 2020



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

**More than five times as many people died by suicide in Hawai'i in 2018 than in alcohol related motor vehicle accidents.**

The total deaths to suicide reflected a total of 3,480 years of potential life lost (YPLL) before age 65.



Suicide cost Hawai'i a total of **\$266,134,000** combined lifetime medical and work loss cost in 2010, or an average of **\$1,285,672 per suicide death.**



## 11th leading cause of death in Hawai'i

### 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

### 8th leading

cause of death for ages 55-64

### 17th leading

cause of death for ages 65+

## Suicide Death Rates

	Number of Deaths by Suicide	Rate per 100,000 Population	State Rank
Hawai'i	176	11.76	41
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

- The Hawai'i EMS & Injury Prevention System Branch (<https://bit.ly/2x4sori>) leads suicide prevention activities within the Department of Health (DOH) with support from the Child and Adolescent Mental Health, Adult Mental Health, and Alcohol and Drug Abuse Divisions.
- The Prevent Suicide Hawai'i Taskforce (PSHTF) is a public-private partnership of agencies and community groups working in collaboration to provide leadership, develop strategies, coordinate activities, and monitor progress of suicide prevention efforts. The PSHTF collaborates with the EMS & Injury Prevention System Branch in planning and implementing activities such as trainings and workshops for community members and health professionals.
- The Hawai'i Injury Prevention Plan 2012-2017 (<https://bit.ly/2UUii7E>) includes a Suicide Prevention section with three key recommendations: (1) Enhance ongoing suicide prevention trainings for gatekeepers; (2) Develop and implement a public awareness campaign; and (3) Develop and promote effective clinical and professional practices and policies.
- HCR 66 (2016) requested the PSHTF to develop and recommend a strategic plan to reduce suicides in the state 25% by 2025 and to submit a report of findings and recommendations. The resulting 2017 report (<https://bit.ly/2SNJH9i>) outlines five strategies: (1) primary prevention, awareness, and knowledge; (2) services and intervention; (3) healing, support, and postvention; (4) research and evaluation; and (5) policy and advocacy.
- Hawai'i law (§§ 302A-856 & 302D-36) requires 2 hours of training each year for all public school and charter school personnel who work directly with K-12 students; training must be evidence-informed, developed/approved by the Department of Education and based on existing DOH curriculum and materials (SB 383, adopted 7/12/19).

## Get Involved

The **AFSP Hawai'i 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 Hawai'i advocacy volunteers build relationships with public officials and advocate on behalf of sound suicide prevention policy.

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