

# Suicide Facts & Figures:

## Kansas 2020



**On average, one person died by suicide every 16 hours in the state.**

**More than six times as many people died by suicide in Kansas in 2018 than in alcohol related motor vehicle accidents.**

The total deaths to suicide reflected a total of 13,091 years of potential life lost (YPLL) before age 65.



Suicide cost Kansas a total of **\$510,442,000** combined lifetime medical and work loss cost in 2010, or an average of **\$1,272,922 per suicide death.**



## 9th leading cause of death in Kansas

### 2nd leading

cause of death for ages 10-44

### 4th 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
<b>Kansas</b>	<b>556</b>	<b>19.25</b>	<b>13</b>
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 Governor's Behavioral Health Services Planning Council's (GBHSPC) Suicide Prevention Subcommittee disbanded in 2017 (see final report at <https://bit.ly/2Fbm439>) and became the Suicide Prevention Workgroup within the newly formed collaborative Prevention Subcommittee; see <https://bit.ly/2CQ7nUF> for their 2018 Annual Report.
- Kansas Behavioral Health Services (BHS), housed under the Department of Aging and Disability Services (KDADS), collaborated with GBHSPC and the Department of Health and Environment to release The Kansas Plan to Reduce Suicide: Revised 2014 (<https://bit.ly/2rTH1ey>). The KDADS/BHS Mental Health Task Force also issued suicide prevention recommendations in its 2019 report (<https://bit.ly/2VTtnt0> pp. 64-66).
- The KDADS Kansas Prevention Collaborative (KPC) website serves as a communication hub for state behavioral health coalitions and aims to expand prevention efforts to be more inclusive of mental health promotion and suicide prevention (<https://bit.ly/2bXnMeP>).
- In 2018, the Kansas Attorney General (AG) and Tower Mental Health Foundation convened the Youth Suicide Prevention Task Force, whose final recommendations (<https://ag.ks.gov/ysptf>) include increasing access to mental health services, offering suicide prevention training in schools, and adding a full-time suicide prevention coordinator to the AG's office. HB 2290 (enacted 5/2019) charged the AG with appointing said coordinator to identify, create, coordinate, and support youth suicide awareness and prevention efforts statewide.
- Kansas law (K.S.A. § 72-6284) requires school district boards of education to provide suicide awareness and prevention programming to all school staff, including at least 1 hour of training annually and a building crisis plan, and to notify parents/guardians that training materials are available.

## Get Involved

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

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