

Suicide Facts & Figures:

Nevada 2020



On average, one person died by suicide every 13 hours in the state.

More than seven times as many people died by suicide in Nevada in 2018 than in alcohol related motor vehicle accidents.

The total deaths to suicide reflected a total of 12,271 years of potential life lost (YPLL) before age 65.



Suicide cost Nevada a total of **\$593,140,000** combined lifetime medical and work loss cost in 2010, or an average of **\$1,084,351 per suicide death.**



8th leading cause of death in Nevada

2nd leading
cause of death for ages 10-34

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+

Suicide Death Rates

	Number of Deaths by Suicide	Rate per 100,000 Population	State Rank
Nevada	657	20.83	9
Nationally	48,344	14.21	

CDC, 2018 Fatal Injury Reports (accessed from www.cdc.gov/injury/wisqars/fatal.html on 3/1/2020).

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Suicide Prevention Programs and Initiatives

- Nevada law establishes the Office of Suicide Prevention (OSP, suicideprevention.nv.gov) within the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Division of Public and Behavioral Health, to be led by a State Suicide Prevention Coordinator (NRS § 439.511) and requires the Coordinator to employ at least one person to act as a trainer for suicide prevention (NRS § 439.513). See the OSP Action Plan 2017-2019 at <https://bit.ly/2EEpLSi>. The law (NRS §§ 439.5102 to 5108) also establishes the Committee to Review Suicide Fatalities within DHHS, which meets bimonthly, see suicideprevention.nv.gov/SP/CRSF/CRSFhome.
- OSP partners with Crisis Support Services of Nevada (cssnv.org) to offer 24/7 free, confidential, and caring support to people in crisis. Call 1-800-273-8255 or text "CARE" to 839863.
- Nevada law requires public school districts and charter schools to adopt a suicide prevention policy for grades 7-12; policies must address the needs student groups at high risk of suicide, require training for school personnel and pupils, and be reviewed at least once every 5 years (NRS § 388.256). The law requires the Dept. of Education to develop a related model policy, which must include procedures for responding to suicide, including counseling, community outreach, and other postvention efforts (NRS § 388.253). Similar requirements will apply to private schools effective 7/1/21 (NRS § 394.1693). The law also requires the health curriculum to include instruction concerning mental health (NRS § 389.520).
- Nevada law (AB 93, adopted 6/8/15) requires mental health professionals to receive instruction on suicide prevention and awareness as a condition of license or certificate renewal, and professional licensing boards for physicians and advance practice registered nurses to encourage licensees to receive training in suicide prevention, detection, and intervention as part of their continuing education.

Get Involved

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

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