

Suicide Facts & Figures:

Wisconsin 2020



On average, one person died by suicide every 10 hours in the state.

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

The total deaths to suicide reflected a total of 18,120 years of potential life lost (YPLL) before age 65.



Suicide cost Wisconsin a total of **\$939,359,000** combined lifetime medical and work loss cost in 2010, or an average of **\$1,184,564 per suicide death.**



10th leading cause of death in Wisconsin

2nd leading

cause of death for ages 10-34

4th leading

cause of death for ages 35-54

7th leading

cause of death for ages 55-64

18th leading

cause of death for ages 65+

Suicide Death Rates

	Number of Deaths by Suicide	Rate per 100,000 Population	State Rank
Wisconsin	888	14.83	33
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

- Prevent Suicide Wisconsin (PSW, preventsuicidewi.org) is a statewide public-private partnership that seeks to provide hope, build community, and strengthen available resources. Mental Health America-Wisconsin coordinates statewide suicide prevention activities through the PSW Steering Committee, with representation from local coalitions, universities and colleges, advocacy groups, and state agencies.
- The Wisconsin Dept. of Health Services (DHS) maintains a Suicide Prevention webpage (<https://bit.ly/2vPbQlv>) and the Dept. of Public Instruction (DPI) maintains a Youth Suicide Prevention webpage (<https://bit.ly/2REDpZa>).
- In Spring 2020, DHS is scheduled to release the Suicide in Wisconsin: Impact and Response report, produced with PSW. The report will contain the state's data on suicide and self-harm and its suicide prevention plan, updating The Burden of Suicide (2014) and the Wisconsin Suicide Prevention Strategy (2015) reports. Preview the new report at <https://bit.ly/2vRlIfhw>.
- Wisconsin law (§ 115.365) encourages and enables suicide prevention training for professional staff of public, private, and tribal schools and county departments by requiring DPI to develop and provide training along with consultation and technical assistance, and to annually provide schools with a model notice on available services (see DPI link above).
- Wisconsin law (§ 118.01) requires schools to educate students on signs and risk factors for suicide and available community services, and Administrative Rule PI 8.01(2)(j)1 requires that instruction to take place in the health curriculum. Wisconsin law (§ 118.295) insulates school employees and volunteers from civil liability when trying to intervene with a suicidal student.

Get Involved

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

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