

2017 USA State Suicide Rates: Crude vs. Age-Adjusted Rates

Rank	State	Crude Rate	Rank	State	Age-Adjusted Rate
1	Montana	29.6	1	Montana	28.9
2	Wyoming	27.1	2	Alaska	27.0
3	Alaska	27.0	3	Wyoming	26.9
4	New Mexico	23.5	4	New Mexico	23.3
5	Idaho	22.8	5	Idaho	23.2
6	South Dakota	22.0	6	Utah	22.7
7	West Virginia	21.6	7	South Dakota	22.5
8	Utah	21.4	8	West Virginia	21.1
9	Colorado	21.1	9	Arkansas	20.8
10	Arkansas	21.0	10	Colorado	20.3
11	Nevada	20.9	10	Nevada	20.3
12	Maine	20.5	12	North Dakota	20.1
13	North Dakota	20.4	13	Kansas	19.1
14	Oregon	19.9	13	Oklahoma	19.1
15	New Hampshire	19.7	15	Oregon	19.0
16	Oklahoma	19.2	16	Maine	18.9
17	Kansas	19.0	16	New Hampshire	18.9
18	Arizona	18.9	18	Missouri	18.5
19	Missouri	18.8	19	Vermont	18.3
20	Vermont	18.0	20	Arizona	18.2
21	Washington	17.5	21	Kentucky	16.9
22	Tennessee	17.4	21	Washington	16.9
23	Kentucky	17.3	23	Tennessee	16.8
24	Alabama	17.1	23	Alabama	16.6
25	South Carolina	16.7	25	Indiana	16.3
26	Indiana	16.4	25	South Carolina	16.3
27	Wisconsin	16.0	27	Wisconsin	15.4
28	Hawaii	15.9	28	Hawaii	15.2
28	Pennsylvania	15.9	28	Louisiana	15.2
30	Florida	15.4	30	Iowa	15.0
30	Louisiana	15.4	30	Mississippi	15.0
32	Iowa	15.2	30	Pennsylvania	15.0
33	Mississippi	14.9	33	Ohio	14.8
33	Ohio	14.9	34	Nebraska	14.7
35	North Carolina	14.8	35	North Carolina	14.3
36	Michigan	14.6	36	Michigan	14.1
	National Total	14.5		National Total	14.0
37	Nebraska	14.3	37	Florida	14.0
38	Minnesota	14.0	38	Minnesota	13.8
39	Georgia	13.9	39	Georgia	13.6
39	Virginia	13.9	40	Texas	13.4
41	Texas	13.3	40	Virginia	13.4
42	Rhode Island	12.2	42	Rhode Island	11.8
43	Delaware	11.6	43	Delaware	11.6
44	Illinois	11.5	44	Illinois	11.2
45	Connecticut	11.3	45	California	10.5
46	California	10.9	45	Connecticut	10.5
47	Maryland	10.4	47	Maryland	9.8
48	Massachusetts	9.9	48	Massachusetts	9.5
49	New Jersey	8.8	49	New Jersey	8.3
50	New York	8.5	50	New York	8.1
51	District of Columbia	6.8	51	District of Columbia	6.6

Data source: CDC's WONDER website, <http://wonder.cdc.gov>

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"Crude Rate" refers to rates per 100,000 population. "Age-Adjusted Rate" refers to rates that are calculated as if the deaths occurred in a population with the same age structures. As the CDC website explains: "Some injuries occur more often among certain age groups than others. For instance, falls are more common among the elderly than among any other age group. Age adjustment enables you to compare injury rates without concern that differences are because of differences in the age distributions between different populations or for the same population over time." Caution: Crude rates and age-adjusted rates cannot be directly compared to one another (that is crude rates should only be compared to other crude rates and age-adjusted only to age-adjusted).