

Suicides in Lane County, Oregon

Oregon

Suicide is an important public health problem in Oregon. Suicide ranks the 8th leading cause of death among all ages in the state. Oregon suicide rates have been higher than the national average for the past three decades, and the rate has been increasing since 2000. Suicide deaths (N=782) and rate (19.7 per 100,000) were higher in 2014 than in previous years.

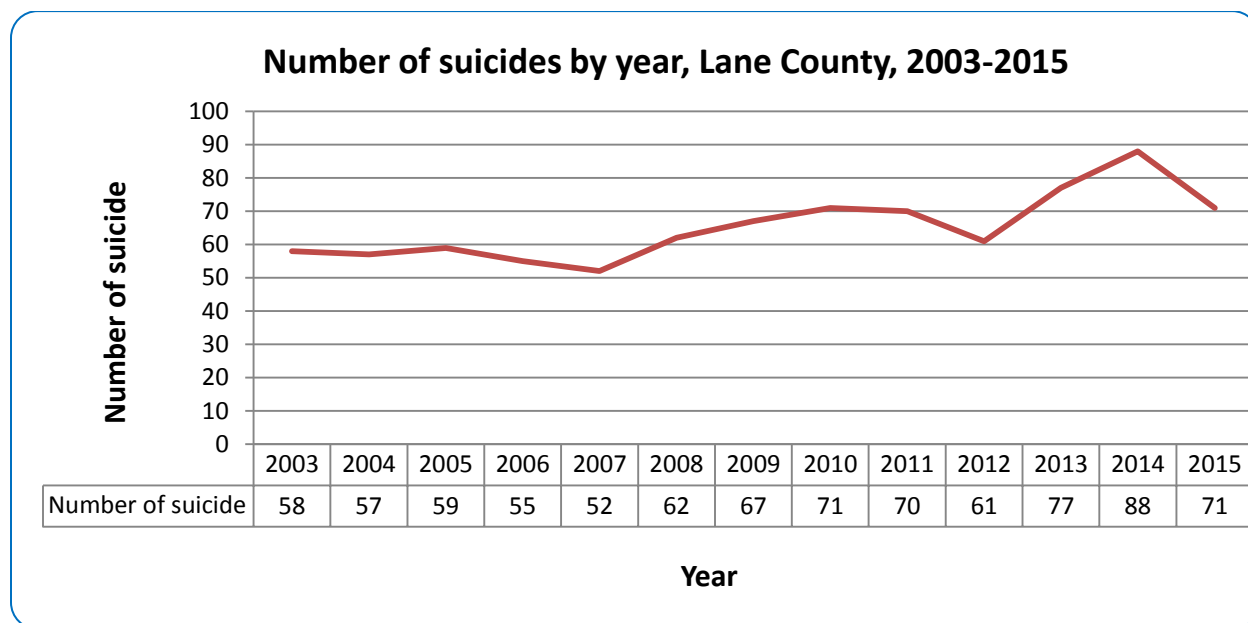
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Based on the data of 2003 to 2012 --

Approximately 61 people died by suicide in Lane County each year. The county suicide rate of 17.7 per 100,000 was about the same level of the state average; this is approximately 40% higher than the national rate.

Most persons who died by suicide were white males.

Firearm, poisoning and hanging were the most common mechanisms of death.



Source: Oregon Violent Death Reporting System

2015 data are in process and incomplete.

Mental and behavioral health problems, relationship problems with intimate partners, physical health problems and recent criminal/legal problems were the most reported factors surrounding suicide incidents. More than one third of persons who died by suicide had disclosed their intent to kill themselves before they died.

Details can be found in the report of [“Suicides in Oregon: Trends and Associate Factors. 2015 Report”](#)

The characteristics of suicides, Lane County 2003-2015

	2003-2012		Since 2013*		
	Deaths	% of total	Deaths	% of total	
Age					
	10-24	58	9%	22	9%
	25-44	208	34%	70	28%
	45-64	232	38%	102	41%
	>=65	114	19%	52	21%
Sex					
	Male	460	75%	192	78%
	Female	152	25%	54	22%
Race/Ethnicity					
	White	600	98%	228	93%
	African American	2	0%	2	1%
	Am. Indian/Native Alaskan	4	1%	4	2%
	Asian/Pacific Islander	3	0%	1	0%
	More than one race	2	0%	6	2%
	Hispanic	25	4%	11	4%
Mechanism of death					
	Firearm	359	59%	144	59%
	Poisoning	127	21%	31	13%
	Hanging/Suffocation	96	16%	52	21%
	Other	30	5%	19	8%

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*2015 data are in process. Out-of-state deaths may not include.