

Suicide Facts & Figures:

Wisconsin 2018*



On average, one person dies by suicide every nine hours in the state.

More than three times as many people die by suicide in Wisconsin annually than by homicide.

The total deaths to suicide reflect a total of 18,420 years of potential life lost (YPLL) before age 65.



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

*Based on most recent 2016 data from CDC. Learn more at afsp.org/statistics.



10th leading cause of death in Wisconsin

2nd leading

cause of death for ages 15-34

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

17th leading

cause of death for ages 65 & older

Suicide Death Rates

	Number of Deaths by Suicide	Rate per 100,000 Population	State Rank
Wisconsin	866	14.64	28
Nationally	44,965	13.42	

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Suicide Prevention Programs and Initiatives

- Prevent Suicide Wisconsin (PSW) is a public-private coalition that arose in 2009 when suicide prevention stakeholders from across the state identified the need to brand Wisconsin's suicide prevention efforts for more visibility. For more information visit <http://www.preventsuicidewi.org>.
- The Wisconsin Suicide Prevention Strategy, released in 2015, is a product of the PSW Steering Committee consisting of survivors of suicide loss and suicide attempts, representatives of local suicide prevention coalitions, MHA-WI representatives from the Department of Health Services (DHS) and the Department of Public Instruction (DPI), and other stakeholders; see <https://bit.ly/2Luvr2C>.
- The Wisconsin DHS maintains a Suicide Prevention webpage (<https://bit.ly/2vPbQlv>), and the Wisconsin DPI maintains a Youth Suicide Prevention webpage (<https://bit.ly/2knCrlc>). In 2014, the Medical College of Wisconsin and the Wisconsin DHS released an updated version of the joint report Burden of Suicide in Wisconsin 2007-2011, see <https://bit.ly/2IQGGkc>.
- 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. Wisconsin law (§ 118.01) requires schools to provide students with education on signs and risk factors for suicide and available community youth services, while Wisconsin Administrative Rule 8.01(2)(j)1 requires that the instruction take place in the health curriculum. Wisconsin law (§ 118.295) insulates all public and private school district employees and volunteers from civil liability for their acts and omissions when trying to intervene in a student's possible suicide.

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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