

Table 39 (page 1 of 3). Death rates for suicide, by sex, race, Hispanic origin, and age: United States, selected years 1950–2007

[Data are based on death certificates]

<i>Sex, race, Hispanic origin, and age</i>	1950 ^{1,2}	1960 ^{1,2}	1970 ²	1980 ²	1990 ²	2000 ³	2006 ³	2007 ³
All persons								
Deaths per 100,000 resident population								
All ages, age-adjusted ⁴	13.2	12.5	13.1	12.2	12.5	10.4	10.9	11.3
All ages, crude	11.4	10.6	11.6	11.9	12.4	10.4	11.1	11.5
Under 1 year	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1–4 years	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
5–14 years	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.8	0.7	0.5	0.5
15–24 years	4.5	5.2	8.8	12.3	13.2	10.2	9.9	9.7
15–19 years	2.7	3.6	5.9	8.5	11.1	8.0	7.3	6.9
20–24 years	6.2	7.1	12.2	16.1	15.1	12.5	12.5	12.6
25–44 years	11.6	12.2	15.4	15.6	15.2	13.4	13.8	14.3
25–34 years	9.1	10.0	14.1	16.0	15.2	12.0	12.3	13.0
35–44 years	14.3	14.2	16.9	15.4	15.3	14.5	15.1	15.6
45–64 years	23.5	22.0	20.6	15.9	15.3	13.5	16.0	16.8
45–54 years	20.9	20.7	20.0	15.9	14.8	14.4	17.2	17.7
55–64 years	26.8	23.7	21.4	15.9	16.0	12.1	14.5	15.5
65 years and over	30.0	24.5	20.8	17.6	20.5	15.2	14.2	14.3
65–74 years	29.6	23.0	20.8	16.9	17.9	12.5	12.6	12.6
75–84 years	31.1	27.9	21.2	19.1	24.9	17.6	15.9	16.3
85 years and over	28.8	26.0	19.0	19.2	22.2	19.6	15.9	15.6
Male								
All ages, age-adjusted ⁴	21.2	20.0	19.8	19.9	21.5	17.7	18.0	18.4
All ages, crude	17.8	16.5	16.8	18.6	20.4	17.1	17.8	18.3
Under 1 year	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1–4 years	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
5–14 years	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	1.1	1.2	0.7	0.6
15–24 years	6.5	8.2	13.5	20.2	22.0	17.1	16.2	15.9
15–19 years	3.5	5.6	8.8	13.8	18.1	13.0	11.5	11.1
20–24 years	9.3	11.5	19.3	26.8	25.7	21.4	20.8	20.8
25–44 years	17.2	17.9	20.9	24.0	24.4	21.3	21.5	22.3
25–34 years	13.4	14.7	19.8	25.0	24.8	19.6	19.7	20.7
35–44 years	21.3	21.0	22.1	22.5	23.9	22.8	23.2	23.8
45–64 years	37.1	34.4	30.0	23.7	24.3	21.3	24.8	25.8
45–54 years	32.0	31.6	27.9	22.9	23.2	22.4	26.2	27.0
55–64 years	43.6	38.1	32.7	24.5	25.7	19.4	22.7	24.3
65 years and over	52.8	44.0	38.4	35.0	41.6	31.1	28.5	28.6
65–74 years	50.5	39.6	36.0	30.4	32.2	22.7	22.7	22.5
75–84 years	58.3	52.5	42.8	42.3	56.1	38.6	33.3	34.3
85 years and over	58.3	57.4	42.4	50.6	65.9	57.5	43.2	41.8
Female								
All ages, age-adjusted ⁴	5.6	5.6	7.4	5.7	4.8	4.0	4.5	4.7
All ages, crude	5.1	4.9	6.6	5.5	4.8	4.0	4.6	4.8
Under 1 year	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1–4 years	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
5–14 years	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3
15–24 years	2.6	2.2	4.2	4.3	3.9	3.0	3.2	3.2
15–19 years	1.8	1.6	2.9	3.0	3.7	2.7	2.8	2.5
20–24 years	3.3	2.9	5.7	5.5	4.1	3.2	3.6	3.9
25–44 years	6.2	6.6	10.2	7.7	6.2	5.4	5.9	6.2
25–34 years	4.9	5.5	8.6	7.1	5.6	4.3	4.7	5.0
35–44 years	7.5	7.7	11.9	8.5	6.8	6.4	7.0	7.3
45–64 years	9.9	10.2	12.0	8.9	7.1	6.2	7.7	8.2
45–54 years	9.9	10.2	12.6	9.4	6.9	6.7	8.4	8.8
55–64 years	9.9	10.2	11.4	8.4	7.3	5.4	6.8	7.3
65 years and over	9.4	8.4	8.1	6.1	6.4	4.0	3.9	3.9
65–74 years	10.1	8.4	9.0	6.5	6.7	4.0	4.1	4.2
75–84 years	8.1	8.9	7.0	5.5	6.3	4.0	4.0	3.8
85 years and over	8.2	6.0	5.9	5.5	5.4	4.2	3.1	3.1
White male ⁵								
All ages, age-adjusted ⁴	22.3	21.1	20.8	20.9	22.8	19.1	19.6	20.2
All ages, crude	19.0	17.6	18.0	19.9	22.0	18.8	19.8	20.5
15–24 years	6.6	8.6	13.9	21.4	23.2	17.9	17.1	16.9
25–44 years	17.9	18.5	21.5	24.6	25.4	22.9	23.5	24.5
45–64 years	39.3	36.5	31.9	25.0	26.0	23.2	27.4	28.8
65 years and over	55.8	46.7	41.1	37.2	44.2	33.3	30.9	31.1
65–74 years	53.2	42.0	38.7	32.5	34.2	24.3	24.7	24.7
75–84 years	61.9	55.7	45.5	45.5	60.2	41.1	36.0	36.9
85 years and over	61.9	61.3	45.8	52.8	70.3	61.6	46.1	45.4

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 39 (page 2 of 3). Death rates for suicide, by sex, race, Hispanic origin, and age: United States, selected years 1950–2007

[Data are based on death certificates]

Sex, race, Hispanic origin, and age	1950 ^{1,2}	1960 ^{1,2}	1970 ²	1980 ²	1990 ²	2000 ³	2006 ³	2007 ³
Deaths per 100,000 resident population								
Black or African American male⁵								
All ages, age-adjusted ⁴	7.5	8.4	10.0	11.4	12.8	10.0	9.4	8.8
All ages, crude	6.3	6.4	8.0	10.3	12.0	9.4	8.8	8.4
15–24 years	4.9	4.1	10.5	12.3	15.1	14.2	10.6	10.3
25–44 years	9.8	12.6	16.1	19.2	19.6	14.3	14.3	13.7
45–64 years	12.7	13.0	12.4	11.8	13.1	9.9	9.9	9.4
65 years and over	9.0	9.9	8.7	11.4	14.9	11.5	10.4	8.7
65–74 years	10.0	11.3	8.7	11.1	14.7	11.1	8.8	8.3
75–84 years ⁶	*	*	*	10.5	14.4	12.1	11.6	11.2
85 years and over	---	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
American Indian or Alaska Native male⁵								
All ages, age-adjusted ⁴	---	---	---	19.3	20.1	16.0	18.3	18.1
All ages, crude	---	---	---	20.9	20.9	15.9	19.3	19.2
15–24 years	---	---	---	45.3	49.1	26.2	35.9	32.3
25–44 years	---	---	---	31.2	27.8	24.5	26.0	28.6
45–64 years	---	---	---	*	*	15.4	18.0	15.9
65 years and over	---	---	---	*	*	*	*	*
Asian or Pacific Islander male⁵								
All ages, age-adjusted ⁴	---	---	---	10.7	9.6	8.6	7.9	9.0
All ages, crude	---	---	---	8.8	8.7	7.9	8.0	8.7
15–24 years	---	---	---	10.8	13.5	9.1	12.0	13.4
25–44 years	---	---	---	11.0	10.6	9.9	9.2	9.8
45–64 years	---	---	---	13.0	9.7	9.7	9.7	10.7
65 years and over	---	---	---	18.6	16.8	15.4	10.6	12.9
Hispanic or Latino male^{5,7}								
All ages, age-adjusted ⁴	---	---	---	---	13.7	10.3	8.8	10.1
All ages, crude	---	---	---	---	11.4	8.4	7.9	8.8
15–24 years	---	---	---	---	14.7	10.9	11.6	11.5
25–44 years	---	---	---	---	16.2	11.2	10.8	11.9
45–64 years	---	---	---	---	16.1	12.0	10.3	12.9
65 years and over	---	---	---	---	23.4	19.5	12.1	15.9
White, not Hispanic or Latino male⁷								
All ages, age-adjusted ⁴	---	---	---	---	23.5	20.2	21.4	21.9
All ages, crude	---	---	---	---	23.1	20.4	22.3	22.9
15–24 years	---	---	---	---	24.4	19.5	18.5	18.2
25–44 years	---	---	---	---	26.4	25.1	26.9	28.0
45–64 years	---	---	---	---	26.8	24.0	29.3	30.6
65 years and over	---	---	---	---	45.4	33.9	32.3	32.2
White female⁵								
All ages, age-adjusted ⁴	6.0	5.9	7.9	6.1	5.2	4.3	5.1	5.2
All ages, crude	5.5	5.3	7.1	5.9	5.3	4.4	5.2	5.4
15–24 years	2.7	2.3	4.2	4.6	4.2	3.1	3.4	3.4
25–44 years	6.6	7.0	11.0	8.1	6.6	6.0	6.8	7.0
45–64 years	10.6	10.9	13.0	9.6	7.7	6.9	8.8	9.3
65 years and over	9.9	8.8	8.5	6.4	6.8	4.3	4.1	4.2
Black or African American female⁵								
All ages, age-adjusted ⁴	1.8	2.0	2.9	2.4	2.4	1.8	1.4	1.7
All ages, crude	1.5	1.6	2.6	2.2	2.3	1.7	1.4	1.7
15–24 years	1.8	*	3.8	2.3	2.3	2.2	1.8	1.6
25–44 years	2.3	3.0	4.8	4.3	3.8	2.6	2.0	2.7
45–64 years	2.7	3.1	2.9	2.5	2.9	2.1	1.9	2.3
65 years and over	*	*	2.6	*	1.9	1.3	*	*

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Sex, race, Hispanic origin, and age	1950 ^{1,2}	1960 ^{1,2}	1970 ²	1980 ²	1990 ²	2000 ³	2006 ³	2007 ³
Deaths per 100,000 resident population								
American Indian or Alaska Native female⁵								
All ages, age-adjusted ⁴	---	---	---	4.7	3.6	3.8	5.1	4.9
All ages, crude	---	---	---	4.7	3.7	4.0	5.4	5.1
15–24 years	---	---	---	*	*	*	8.9	7.8
25–44 years	---	---	---	10.7	*	7.2	8.0	6.9
45–64 years	---	---	---	*	*	*	*	*
65 years and over	---	---	---	*	*	*	*	*
Asian or Pacific Islander female⁵								
All ages, age-adjusted ⁴	---	---	---	5.5	4.1	2.8	3.4	3.5
All ages, crude	---	---	---	4.7	3.4	2.7	3.3	3.6
15–24 years	---	---	---	*	3.9	2.7	4.0	3.8
25–44 years	---	---	---	5.4	3.8	3.3	3.3	4.6
45–64 years	---	---	---	7.9	5.0	3.2	4.2	4.0
65 years and over	---	---	---	*	8.5	5.2	6.9	5.2
Hispanic or Latina female^{5,7}								
All ages, age-adjusted ⁴	---	---	---	---	2.3	1.7	1.8	1.9
All ages, crude	---	---	---	---	2.2	1.5	1.7	1.8
15–24 years	---	---	---	---	3.1	2.0	2.6	2.2
25–44 years	---	---	---	---	3.1	2.1	2.3	2.7
45–64 years	---	---	---	---	2.5	2.5	2.4	2.8
65 years and over	---	---	---	---	*	*	1.7	*
White, not Hispanic or Latina female⁷								
All ages, age-adjusted ⁴	---	---	---	---	5.4	4.7	5.6	5.7
All ages, crude	---	---	---	---	5.6	4.9	5.9	6.1
15–24 years	---	---	---	---	4.3	3.3	3.5	3.7
25–44 years	---	---	---	---	7.0	6.7	7.8	8.0
45–64 years	---	---	---	---	8.0	7.3	9.5	10.0
65 years and over	---	---	---	---	7.0	4.4	4.3	4.4

... Category not applicable.

* Rates based on fewer than 20 deaths are considered unreliable and are not shown.

--- Data not available.

¹Includes deaths of persons who were not residents of the 50 states and the District of Columbia (D.C.).

²Underlying cause of death was coded according to the 6th Revision of the *International Classification of Diseases* (ICD) in 1950, 7th Revision in 1960, 8th Revision in 1970, and 9th Revision in 1980–1998. See Appendix II, Cause of death; Tables IV and V.

³Starting with 1999 data, cause of death is coded according to ICD–10. See Appendix II, Cause of death, Table V; Comparability ratio, Table VI.

⁴Age-adjusted rates are calculated using the year 2000 standard population. Prior to 2003, age-adjusted rates were calculated using standard million proportions based on rounded population numbers. Starting with 2003 data, unrounded population numbers are used to calculate age-adjusted rates. See Appendix II, Age adjustment.

⁵The race groups, white, black, Asian or Pacific Islander, and American Indian or Alaska Native, include persons of Hispanic and non-Hispanic origin. Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race. Death rates for the American Indian or Alaska Native and Asian or Pacific Islander populations are known to be underestimated. See Appendix II, Race, for a discussion of sources of bias in death rates by race and Hispanic origin.

⁶In 1950, rate is for the age group 75 years and over.

⁷Prior to 1997, excludes data from states lacking an Hispanic-origin item on the death certificate. See Appendix II, Hispanic origin.

NOTES: Starting with *Health, United States, 2003*, rates for 1991–1999 were revised using intercensal population estimates based on the 2000 census. Rates for 2000 were revised based on 2000 census counts. Rates for 2001 and later years were computed using 2000-based postcensal estimates. See Appendix I, Population Census and Population Estimates. Figures for 2001 include September 11-related deaths for which death certificates were filed as of October 24, 2002. See Appendix II, Cause of death; Table V for terrorism-related ICD–10 codes. Age groups were selected to minimize the presentation of unstable age-specific death rates based on small numbers of deaths and for consistency among comparison groups. For additional injury-related statistics, see Web-based Injury Statistics Query and Reporting System, available from: <http://www.cdc.gov/injury/wisqars/index.html>. Starting with 2003 data, some states allowed the reporting of more than one race on the death certificate. The multiple-race data for these states were bridged to the single-race categories of the 1977 Office of Management and Budget standards for comparability with other states. See Appendix II, Race. Data for additional years are available. See Appendix III.

SOURCE: CDC/NCHS, National Vital Statistics System; Grove RD, Hetzel AM. Vital statistics rates in the United States, 1940–1960. Washington, DC: U.S. Government Printing Office, 1968; numerator data from National Vital Statistics System, annual mortality files; denominator data from national population estimates for race groups from Table 1 and unpublished Hispanic population estimates for 1985–1996 prepared by the Housing and Household Economic Statistics Division, U.S. Census Bureau; additional mortality tables are available from: http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nvss/mortality_tables.htm; Xu JQ, Kochanek KD, Murphy SL, Tejada-Vera B. Deaths: Final data for 2007. National vital statistics reports; vol 58 no 19. Hyattsville, MD: NCHS; 2010. Available from: http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nvsr/nvsr58/nvsr58_19.pdf.