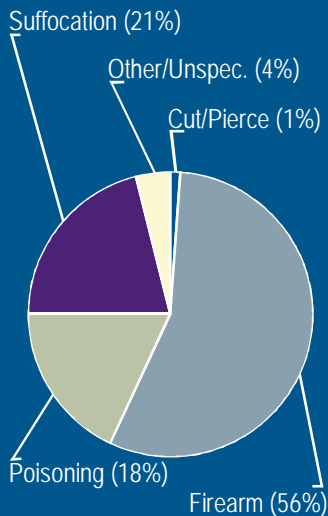
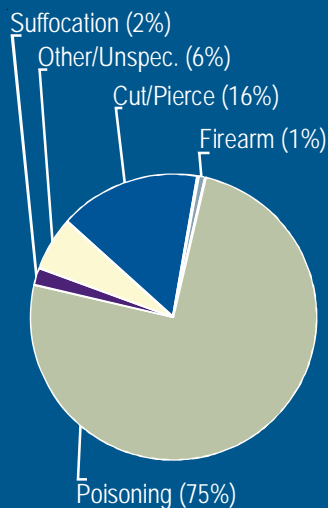


Suicides, 1999-2005

Suicides by Method



Attempts by Method



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Statewide

- 8th ranking cause of death
- Average of 342 residents died by suicide each year
- Suicide rate: 19.8 per 100,000
- Average of 6.6 suicides every week

Gender

- Males: 81% of suicides; rate 32.8 per 100,000; 6th ranking cause of death
- Females: 19% of suicides; rate 7.3 per 100,000; 12th ranking cause of death
- Male suicide rate 4.5 times the female rate

Race/Ethnicity

- White Non-Hispanic (NH): 56% of suicides; rate 24.5 per 100,000
- Hispanic: 32% of suicides; rate 15.1 per 100,000
- Black NH: 1% of suicides; rate 12.3 per 100,000
- Other NH: 11% of suicides; rate 19.9 per 100,000
- White NH suicide rate 2.0 times the Black NH rate

Age

- 70+ years: highest suicide rate; 12% of suicides; rate 55% greater than the rate for 15 to 19 years

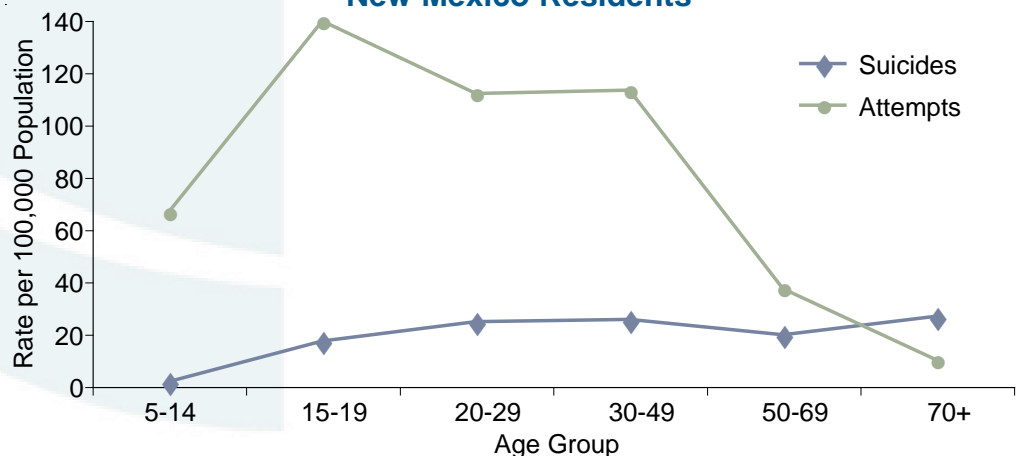
Method

- Firearm: leading method; rate 11.1 per 100,000; 4th ranking cause of injury deaths
- Suffocation: 2nd leading method; rate 4.2 per 100,000; 6th ranking cause of injury deaths
- Poisoning: 3rd leading method; rate 3.5 per 100,000; 7th ranking cause of injury deaths
- If half of **undetermined intent** poisonings were self-inflicted, suicides in this state would be 0.2% higher

Costs

- Average medical cost per case: \$3,765
- Average work-loss cost per case: \$1,028,279

Average Annual Self-Inflicted Injuries by Age Group, New Mexico Residents



Estimated Hospitalized Attempts, 2005

Statewide

- Total of 1,456 hospitalized attempts per year
- Hospitalized attempt rate: 81.5 per 100,000
- Average of 4.0 attempts every day

Gender

- Males: 40% of attempts; rate 66.7 per 100,000
- Females: 60% of attempts; rate 95.9 per 100,000
- Female attempt rate 44% greater than the male rate

Age

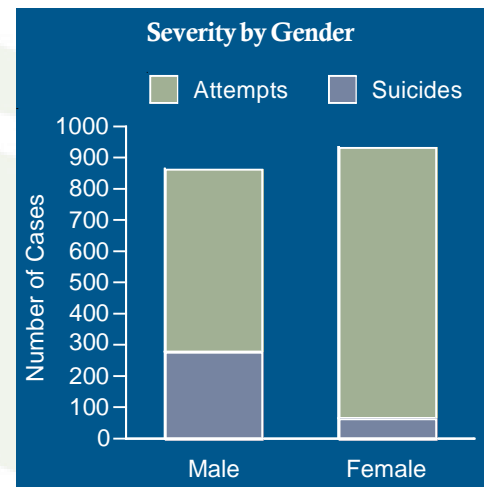
- 15-19 years: highest hospitalized attempt rate; 14% of hospitalized attempts

Method

- Poisoning: leading method; 1,097 annual attempts; rate 61.4 per 100,000
- Cut/Pierce: 2nd leading method; 229 annual attempts; rate 12.8 per 100,000

Costs

- Average medical cost per case: \$9,440
- Average work-loss cost per case: \$8,624



Self-Inflicted Injuries by Age Group, Gender, and Method, New Mexico Residents

	Suicides								Estimated Hospitalized Attempts							
	Male		Female		All		Avg Cost Per Case		Male		Female		All		Avg Cost Per Case	
	N	Rate	N	Rate	N	Rate	Medical	Work Loss	N	Rate	N	Rate	N	Rate	Medical	Work Loss
Age Group																
5-14	4	2.8	1	0.9	5	1.9	\$1,960	\$1,327,183	20	14.2	165	121.0	185	66.7	\$7,536	\$11,887
15-19	22	29.6	3	4.4	25	17.4	\$4,017	\$1,499,545	85	113.0	120	167.7	205	139.7	\$7,291	\$8,805
20-29	53	41.1	10	7.9	63	24.8	\$4,772	\$1,555,657	166	117.0	144	106.7	310	112.0	\$8,309	\$11,144
30-49	106	40.6	29	11.0	135	25.6	\$3,514	\$1,222,084	241	93.3	350	132.9	591	113.3	\$9,449	\$8,401
50-69	56	32.3	15	8.2	71	19.8	\$3,024	\$589,187	62	32.5	86	42.0	148	37.4	\$12,562	\$5,535
70+	37	55.5	5	5.7	42	26.9	\$4,462	\$79,811	12	16.7	5	5.2	17	10.1	\$15,858	\$1,678
Method																
Cut/Pierce	3	0.4	1	0.1	4	0.3	\$9,288	\$722,957	119	13.5	110	12.1	229	12.8	\$10,117	\$34,989
Firearms	170	20.0	21	2.4	191	11.1	\$3,379	\$984,470	12	1.4	4	0.4	16	0.9	\$60,756	\$47,478
Poisoning	34	4.0	26	3.0	60	3.5	\$4,695	\$889,319	383	43.6	714	78.7	1,097	61.4	\$7,847	\$1,229
Suffocation	62	7.3	11	1.3	73	4.2	\$2,646	\$1,261,149	18	2.0	5	0.6	23	1.3	\$28,634	\$172,531
Other/Unspecified	9	1.0	4	0.5	13	0.8	\$9,943	\$1,119,238	54	6.1	37	4.1	91	5.1	\$29,921	\$43,506
Total	278	32.8	64	7.3	342	19.8	\$3,765	\$1,028,279	586	66.7	870	95.9	1,456	81.5	\$9,440	\$8,624

Rates are per 100,000 population aged 5 and over. For table details and data sources, see Methods page. Rates based on 5 or fewer cases may be unstable, use with caution. Rows and columns may not add due to rounding. All costs are in year 2006 dollars. Not all self-inflicted injuries are suicide attempts.

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