

Suicide Deaths in South Dakota, 2020-2023

What is SD-VDRS?

The South Dakota Violent Death Reporting System (SD-VDRS) is a CDC-funded state surveillance system that collects information on suicides, homicides, undetermined deaths, unintentional firearm deaths, and legal intervention deaths that occur in the state.

For more information and data, visit <https://doh.sd.gov/health-data-reports/injury-prevention/violent-death-reporting-system/>.

Suicide Prevention

Suicide is a serious public health problem that can have lasting harmful effects on individuals, families, and communities.

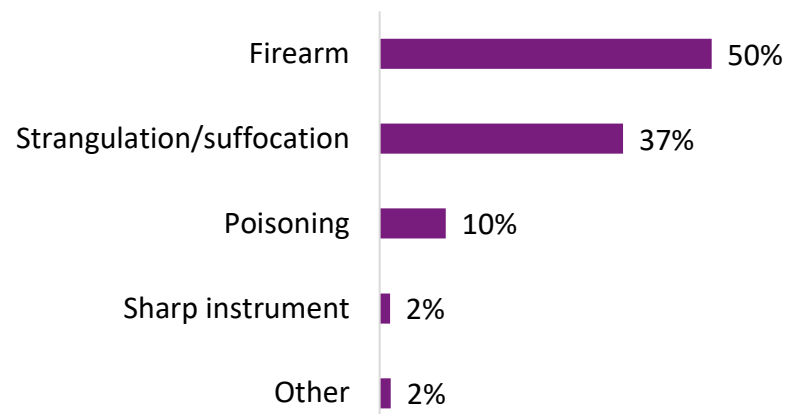
If you or someone you know is in crisis, please contact the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline. **Call, Text, or Chat 988**

For additional resources, visit the South Dakota Suicide Prevention website: <https://www.sdsuicideprevention.org/>.

Suicide Deaths by Year

193 in 2020
207 in 2021
192 in 2022
179 in 2023

50% of suicide deaths were firearm-related

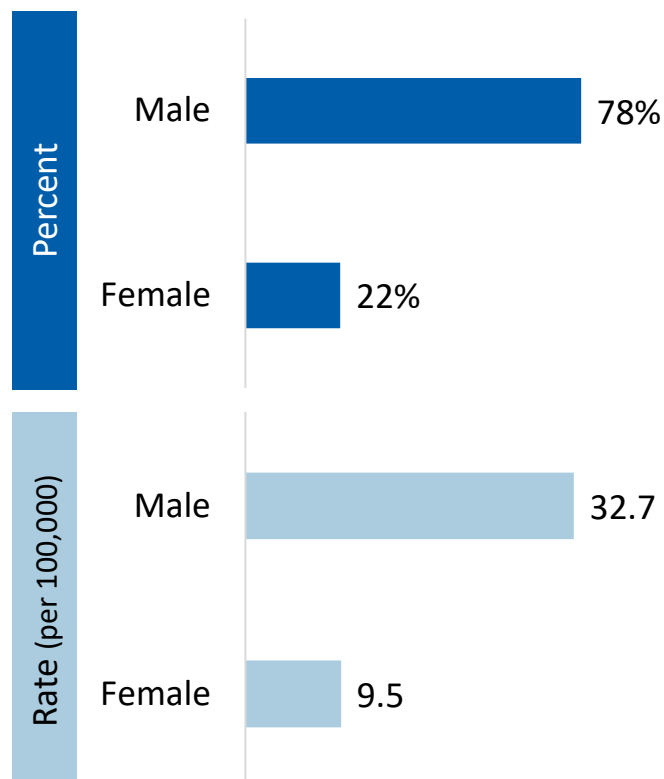


Suicide deaths were most often preceded by:

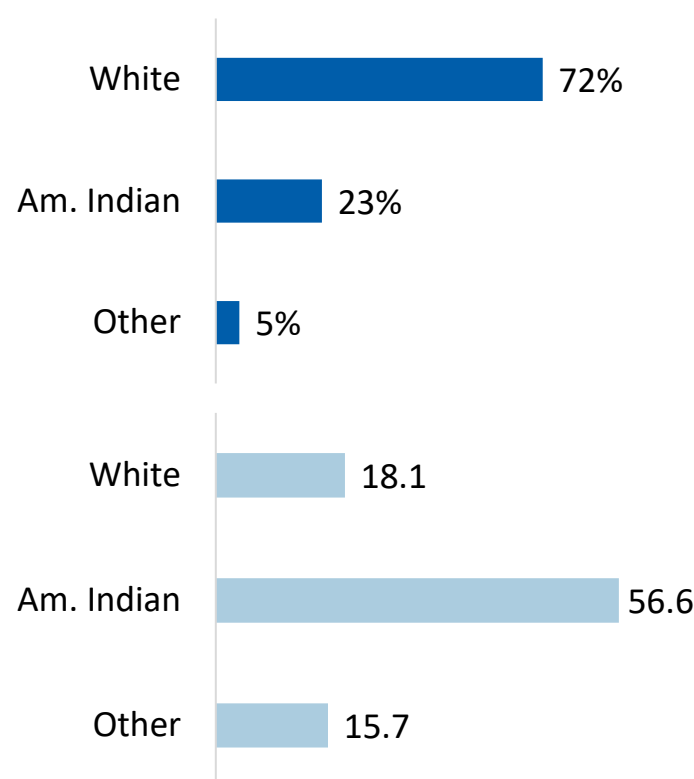
- Mental health or physical health problems
- Intimate partner problems
- Alcohol and/or substance use problems
- Arguments or conflicts
- History of suicidal thoughts and/or attempts

Circumstances are documented by coroners and/or law enforcement and are reported or perceived as being related to the death.

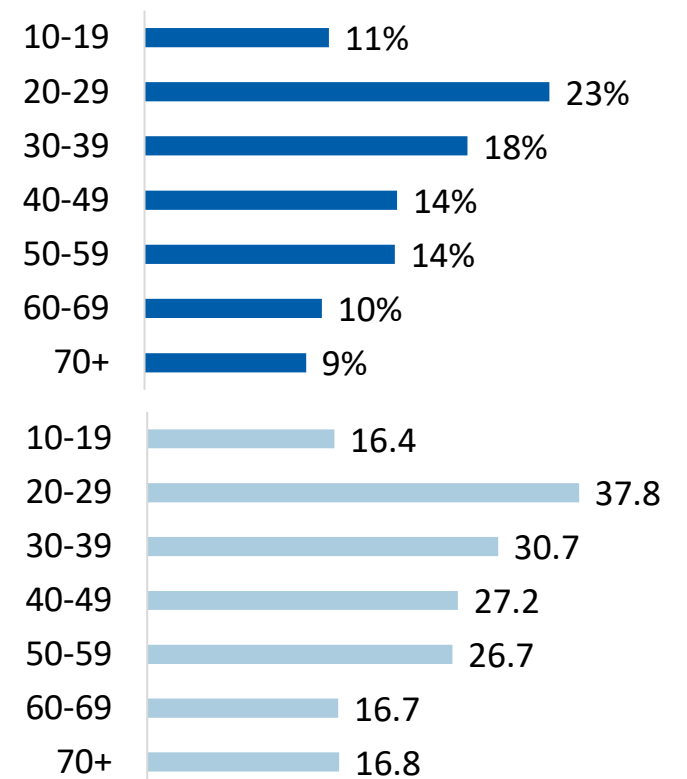
Suicide Deaths by Sex



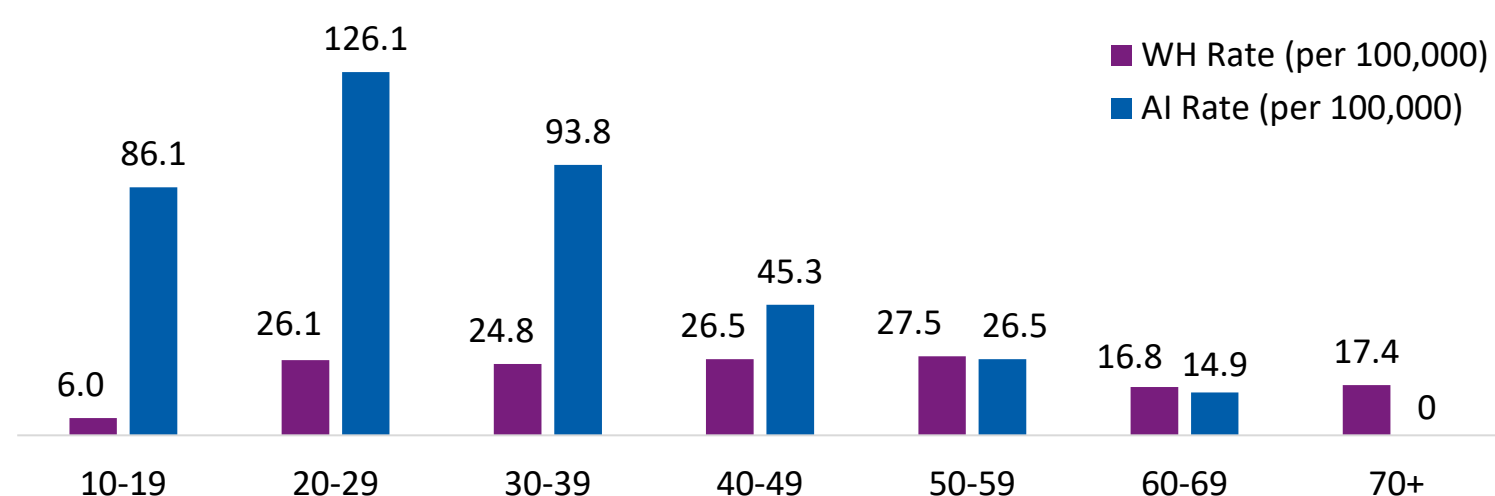
Suicide Deaths by Race



Suicide Deaths by Age Group



Suicide Death Rates (per 100,000) by Race and Age Group



American Indian (AI) decedents:

- 87% of suicide deaths were among individuals aged 10-39 years
- Highest rate among adults aged 20-29 years (126.1 per 100,000)

White (WH) decedents:

- 70% of suicide deaths were among individuals aged 20-59 years
- Highest rate among adults aged 50-59 years (27.5 per 100,000)