

SUICIDE: CALIFORNIA 2017 FACTS & FIGURES

Suicide Death Rates

	Number of Deaths by Suicide	Rate per 100,000 Population	State Rank
California	4,167	10.24	45
Nationally	44,193	13.26	



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



Suicide is the **11th leading** cause of death overall in California.

Based on most recent 2015 data from CDC. Learn more at afsp.org/statistics.



Suicide cost California a total of **\$4,246,494,000** of combined lifetime medical and work loss cost in 2010, or an average of **\$1,085,227** per suicide death.

IN CALIFORNIA, SUICIDE IS THE...

2nd leading cause of death for ages 25-34

3rd leading cause of death for ages 10-24

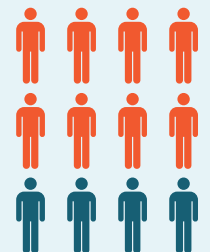
4th leading cause of death for ages 35-44

5th leading cause of death for ages 45-54

8th leading cause of death for ages 55-64

16th leading cause of death for ages 65 & older

More than twice as many people die by suicide in California annually than from homicide; the total deaths to suicide reflect a total of **76,879** years of potential life lost (YPLL) before age 65.



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SUICIDE PREVENTION PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES

- California's Suicide Prevention Program (SPP) was established in 2008 and is now housed within the Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) division of the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS). The majority of state and local suicide prevention activities currently underway are supported through the PEI component of the Mental Health Services Act (CalMHSA).
- SPP provides suicide prevention technical assistance to counties and local organizations; coordinates local, state, and national level partners that expand suicide prevention networks in California; and collects, analyzes, and disseminates suicide data and best practices for suicide prevention.
- The FY 2013-2014 General Fund budget saw a one-time \$125 million appropriation for grants to the California Health Facilities Financing Authority, which will expand capacity by at least 2,000 crisis stabilization and residential treatment beds over the next 2 years.
- California's state plan, entitled *California Strategic Plan on Suicide Prevention: Every Californian is Part of the Solution*, was approved by the Governor's Office on June 30, 2008.
- California law (Education Code §41533) allows school districts that receive a professional development block grant to fund suicide prevention training for teachers. The state also utilizes a 2004 Youth Suicide Prevention School-based guide as a resource for developing suicide prevention initiatives in school.

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AFSP's California advocacy volunteers build relationships with public officials and advocate on behalf of sound suicide prevention policy.

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LEADING THE FIGHT AGAINST SUICIDE

We fund research, offer educational programs, advocate for public policy and support those affected by suicide. Headquartered in New York, AFSP has local chapters in all 50 states.



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