

SUICIDE: IDAHO 2017 FACTS & FIGURES

Suicide Death Rates

	Number of Deaths by Suicide	Rate per 100,000 Population	State Rank
Idaho	359	22.19	6
Nationally	44,193	13.26	

Suicide is the **8th leading** cause of death overall in Idaho.



On average, one person dies by suicide **every 24 hours** in the state.

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



Suicide cost Idaho a total of **\$329,244,000** of combined lifetime medical and work loss cost in 2010, or an average of **\$1,135,325** per suicide death.

IN IDAHO,
SUICIDE
IS THE...

2nd leading
cause of death
for ages 10-44

4th leading
cause of death
for ages 45-54

7th leading
cause of death
for ages 55-64

16th leading
cause of death
for ages 65 & older

Ten times as many people die by suicide in Idaho annually than by homicide; the total deaths to suicide reflect a total of **7,801** years of potential life lost (YPLL) before age 65.



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SUICIDE PREVENTION PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES

- The Idaho Council on Suicide Prevention was established by the governor in 2006 to lead suicide prevention efforts in the state. The Council advises legislators and the governor on suicide prevention policy, provides educational materials to all emergency rooms statewide about suicide prevention, and assists in the development of postvention teams to go into schools.
- As of July 2012, the Council and statewide advocates secured funding for the first two years of operation for a statewide suicide crisis hotline (1-800-273-8255; www.idahosuicideprevention.org).
- The first state suicide prevention plan was developed in 2003, and was revised in 2012 with the help of Idaho State University-Institute of Rural Health and the Garrett Lee Smith Grant. The revised Idaho Suicide Prevention Plan: An Action Guide is available online at http://www.sprc.org/sites/default/files/IdahoSuicidePreventionPlan2011_0.pdf.
- Idaho law (§ 16-2404A) authorizes the Department of Health and Welfare to contract for teen early intervention specialists to work with teens at risk and their families in school districts by offering group counseling, recovery support, suicide prevention, and other mental health and substance abuse counseling services to teens as needed, regardless of mental health diagnosis.

GET INVOLVED

The AFSP Idaho Chapter brings together people of all backgrounds in communities throughout the state to fight suicide. For more information or to volunteer, please contact:

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BECOME AN ADVOCATE IN IDAHO

AFSP's Idaho 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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