

SUICIDE: DELAWARE 2015 FACTS & FIGURES

Suicide Death Rates

	Number of Deaths by Suicide	Rate per 100,000 Population	State Rank
Delaware	122	12.35	36
Nationally	41,149	12.57	

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



On average, one person dies by suicide **every three days** in the state.

Based on most recent 2013 data from CDC



Suicide cost Delaware a total of **\$130,873,000** of combined lifetime medical and work loss cost in 2010, or an average of **\$1,234,646** per suicide death.

IN DELAWARE, SUICIDE IS THE...

2nd leading cause of death for ages 25-34

3rd leading cause of death for ages 15-24

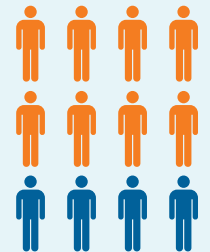
4th leading cause of death for ages 35-54

5th leading cause of death for ages 10-14

7th leading cause of death for ages 55-64

17th leading cause of death for ages 65 & older

Almost twice as many people die by suicide in Delaware annually than by homicide; the total deaths to suicide reflect a total of **2,280** years of potential life lost (YPLL) before age 65.



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SUICIDE PREVENTION PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES

- The Delaware Suicide Prevention Coalition, made up of state, private, and nonprofit organizations, aims to raise awareness that suicide is a preventable public health problem and to enable the behavioral and social changes necessary to reduce suicidal ideation and attempts.
- In 2008, the Delaware Suicide Prevention Coalition finalized a statewide plan for suicide entitled **Delaware's Suicide Prevention Initiative: Working on Brighter Futures**; available at http://kids.Delaware.gov/pdfs/broch_DE_Suicide_Prevention_Plan.pdf.
- Project LIFE is a statewide initiative (sponsored by the Coalition) targeting youth ages 10-24 that aims to help individuals and families impacted by depression or suicide, to reduce the impact of suicidal behavior, and to improve access to and availability of prevention services; components include gatekeeper training, Get RightSideUp campaign (www.getrightsideup.org), Child Development Community Policing (CDCP), and a teen website (www.delteenspace.org—not currently operational)

GET INVOLVED

The AFSP Delaware 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 DELAWARE

AFSP's Delaware 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 75 local chapters with programs and events nationwide.



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