



# Suicide Prevention

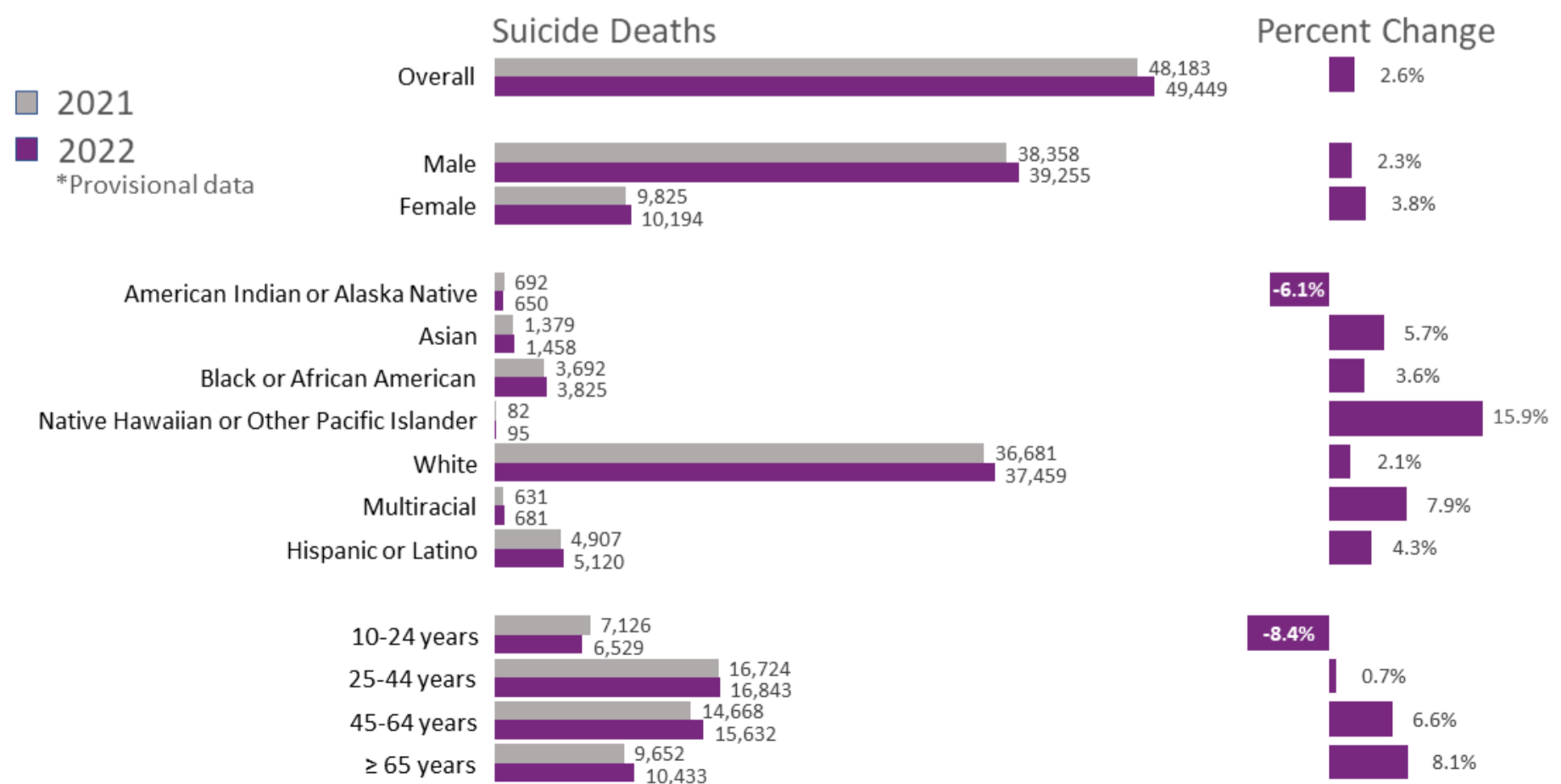
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## Suicide Data and Statistics



Suicide is one of the leading causes of death in the United States. This chart shows the number of suicide deaths by month and year, including the most recent provisional data available. You can access the full interactive chart by clicking on the image or the button below.

Overall, the number of deaths by suicide **increased** 2.6% from 2021 to 2022\*, but **decreased** among American Indian/Alaska Native people and Youth



## Suicide Deaths in the United States Overall and By Select Demographic Characteristics, 2021-2022

	2021 Final Deaths	2022 Provisional Deaths	2021-2022 Percent Change
<b>Overall</b>	48,183	49,449	2.6
<b>Gender</b>			
Male	38,358	39,255	2.3
Female	9,825	10,194	3.8
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>			
<b>Not Hispanic or Latino</b>			
American Indian or Alaska Native	692	650	-6.1
Asian	1,379	1,458	5.7
Black or African American	3,692	3,825	3.6
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	82	95	15.9
White	36,681	37,459	2.1
Multiracial	631	681	7.9
<b>Hispanic or Latino</b>	4,907	5,120	4.3
<b>Age Group</b>			
10-24 years	7,126	6,529	-8.4
25-44 years	16,724	16,843	0.7
45-64 years	14,668	15,632	6.6
≥ 65 years	9,652	10,433	8.1

### Footnotes

-Suicide deaths were identified by using *International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision* underlying cause-of-death codes U03, X60-X84, and Y87.0.

-Data for race and Hispanic or Latino (Hispanic) origin should be interpreted with caution; studies comparing race and Hispanic origin on death certificates and on U.S. Census Bureau surveys have shown inconsistent reporting. This might lead to underestimates for certain racial groups.

-Relative change was calculated using the following equation:  $(2022 \text{ Provisional count} - 2021 \text{ count}) / 2021 \text{ count} \times 100$

-Provisional data are based on death certificate data received, but not yet fully reviewed, by CDC's National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS). Provisional data provide an early estimate of deaths before the release of final data. Complete documentation may be found at

<https://wonder.cdc.gov/mcd-icd10-provisional.html>.

-Data were accessed on CDC WONDER on August 10, 2023 and represent data received as of August 6, 2023.

## In 2021:

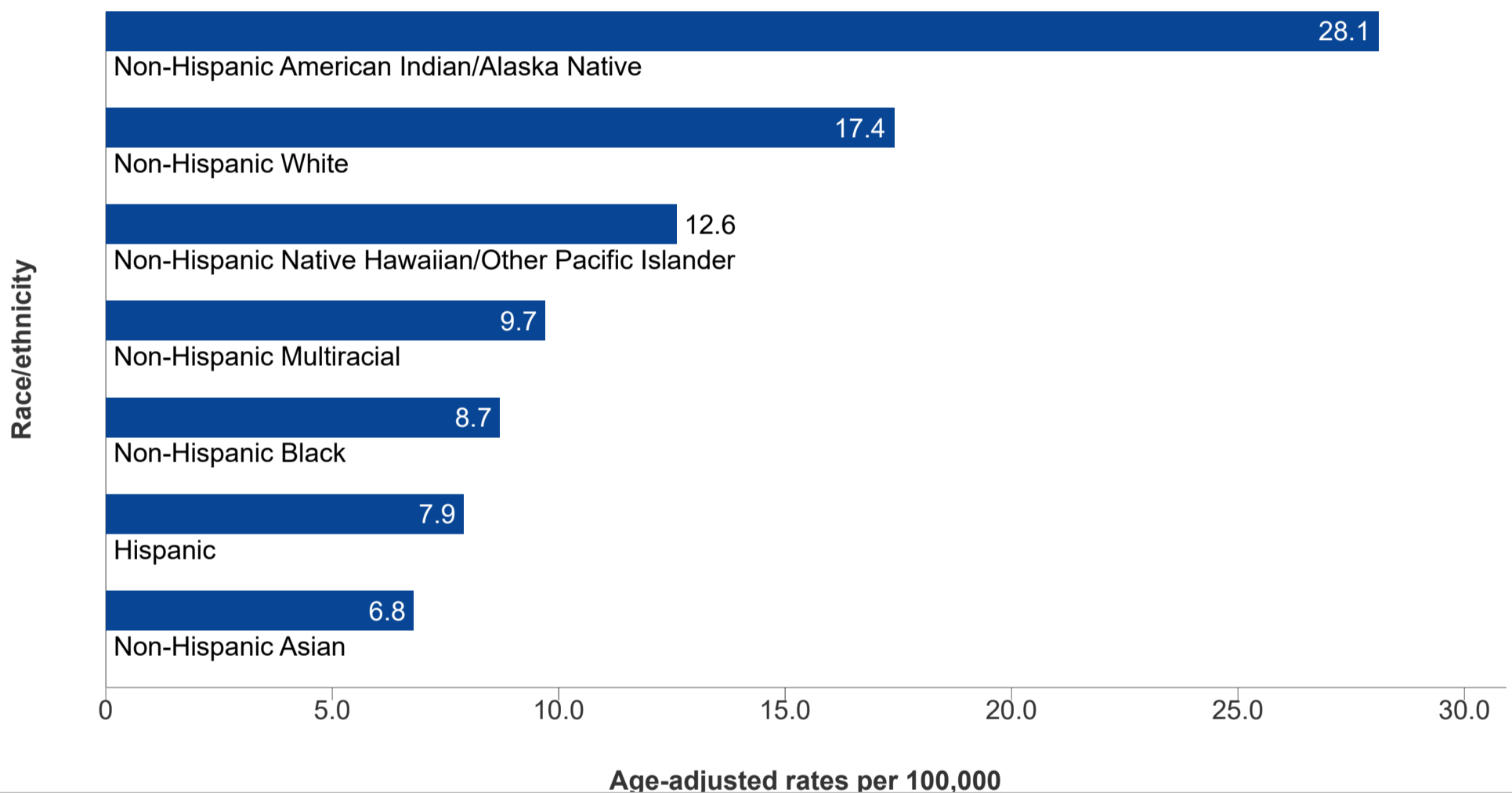
48,183 people died by suicide in the United States.

That is 1 death every 11 minutes.

- ➔ 12.3 million adults seriously thought about suicide
- ➔ 3.5 million adults made a plan
- ➔ 1.7 million adults attempted suicide

Some groups have disproportionately high rates of suicide.

The racial/ethnic groups with the highest rates in 2021 were non-Hispanic American Indian and Alaska Native people and non-Hispanic White people.



### Data Table: Racial/Ethnic Disparities



#### Race/ethnicity

Non-Hispanic American Indian/Alaska Native

#### Rate per 100,000

28.1

#### Race/ethnicity

Non-Hispanic White

**Rate per 100,000**

17.4

**Race/ethnicity**

Non-Hispanic Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander

**Rate per 100,000**

12.6

**Race/ethnicity**

Non-Hispanic Multiracial

**Rate per 100,000**

9.7

**Race/ethnicity**

Non-Hispanic Black

**Rate per 100,000**

8.7

**Race/ethnicity**

Hispanic

**Rate per 100,000**

7.9

**Race/ethnicity**

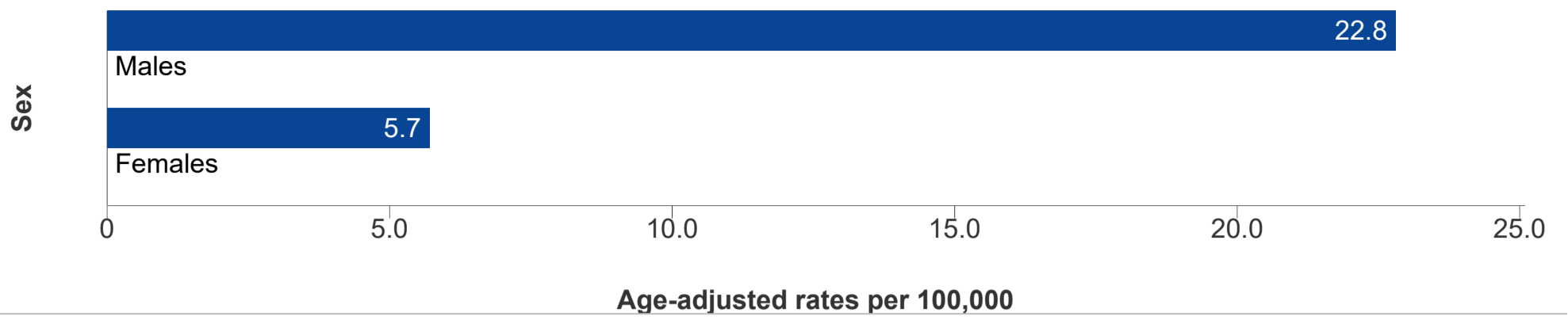
Non-Hispanic Asian

**Rate per 100,000**

6.8

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The suicide rate among males in 2021 was approximately four times higher than the rate among females. Males make up 50% of the population but nearly 80% of suicides.



### Data Table: Sex Disparities



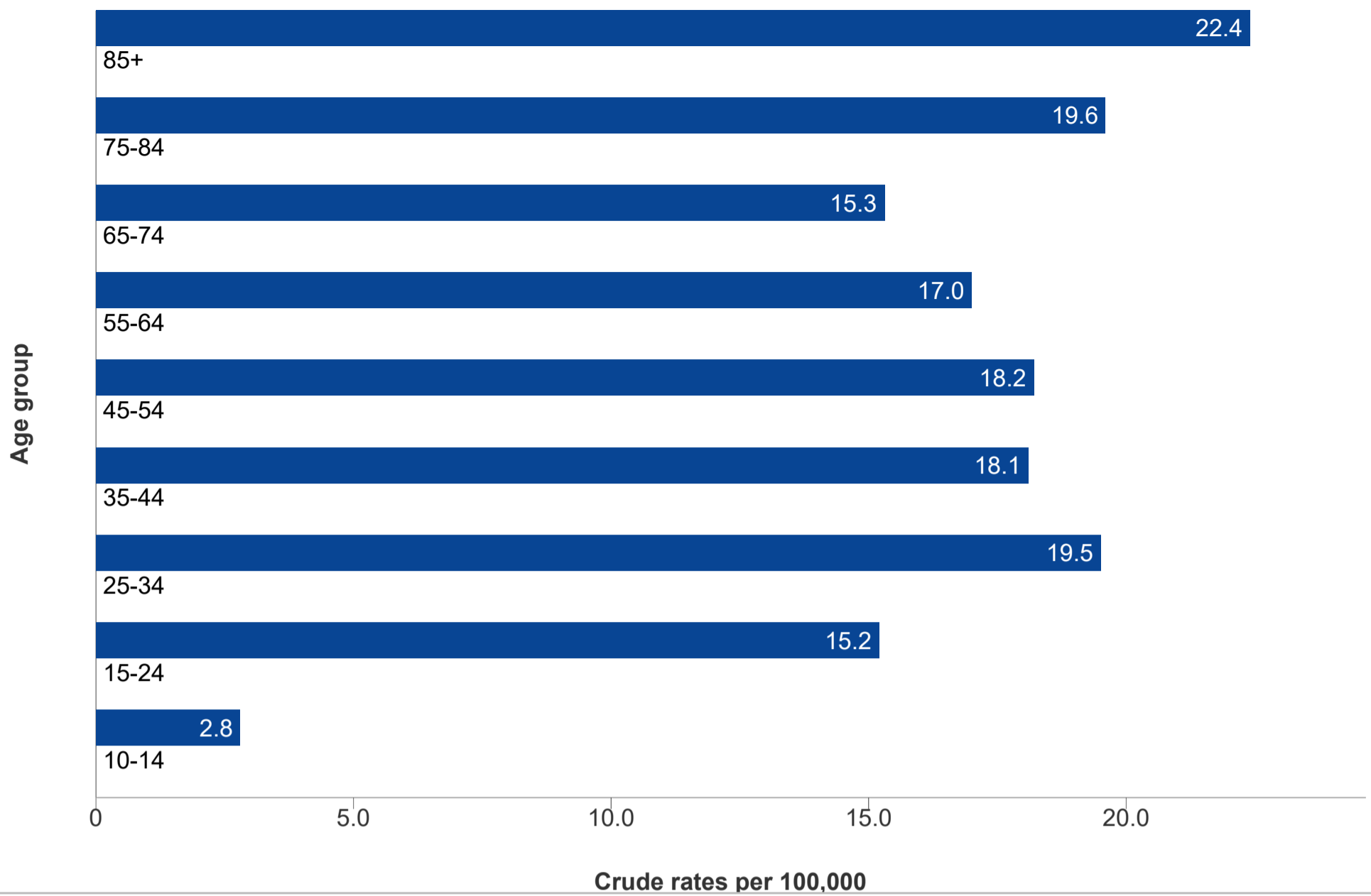
**Sex**  
Males

**Rate per 100,000**  
22.8

**Sex**  
Females

**Rate per 100,000**  
5.7

People ages 85 and older have the highest rates of suicide.



Data Table: Age Disparities



**Age range**

85+

**Rate per 100,000**

22.4

**Age range**

75-84

**Rate per 100,000**

19.6

**Age range**

65-74

**Rate per 100,000**

15.3

**Age range**

55-64

**Rate per 100,000**

17.0

**Age range**

45-54

**Rate per 100,000**

18.2

**Age range**

35-44

**Rate per 100,000**

18.1

**Age range**

25-34

**Rate per 100,000**

19.5

**Age range**

15-24

**Rate per 100,000**

15.2

**Age range**

10-14

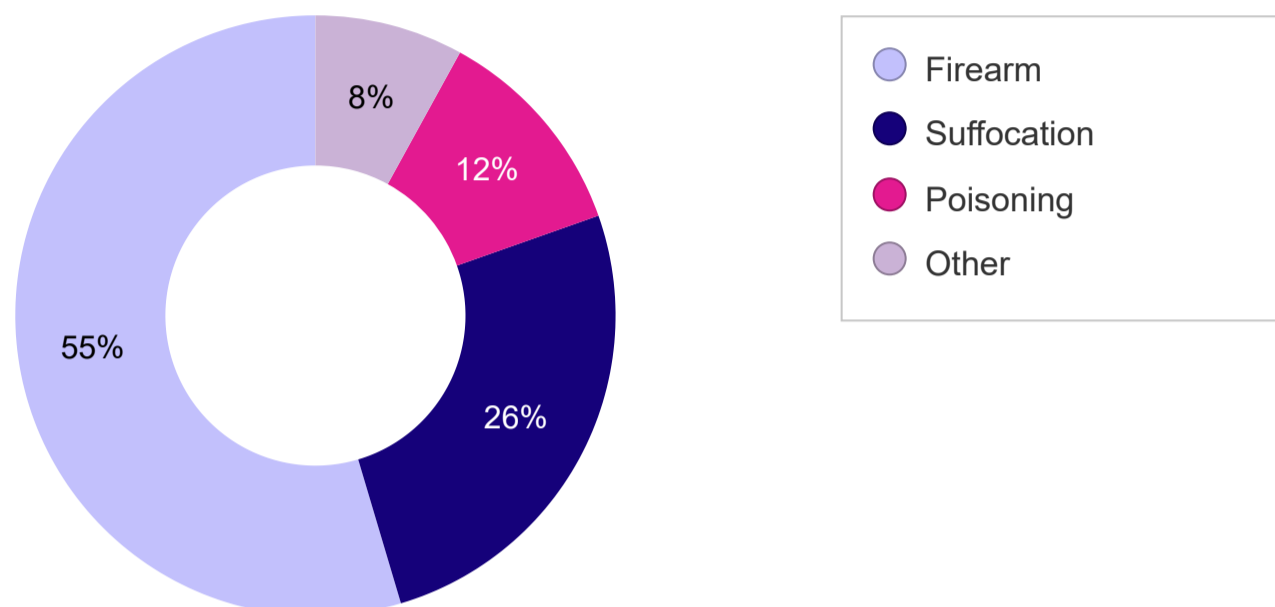
**Rate per 100,000**

2.8

Source: CDC WONDER

Learn more about [disparities in suicide](#).

Firearms are the most common method used in suicides. Firearms are used in more than 50% of suicides.



Data Table: Method of Suicide



**Method**

Firearm

**Percent**

54.6%

**Count**

26,328

**Method**

Suffocation

**Percent**

25.8%

**Count**

12,431



**Method**

Poisoning

**Percent**

11.6%

**Count**

5,568

**Method**

Other

**Percent**

8%

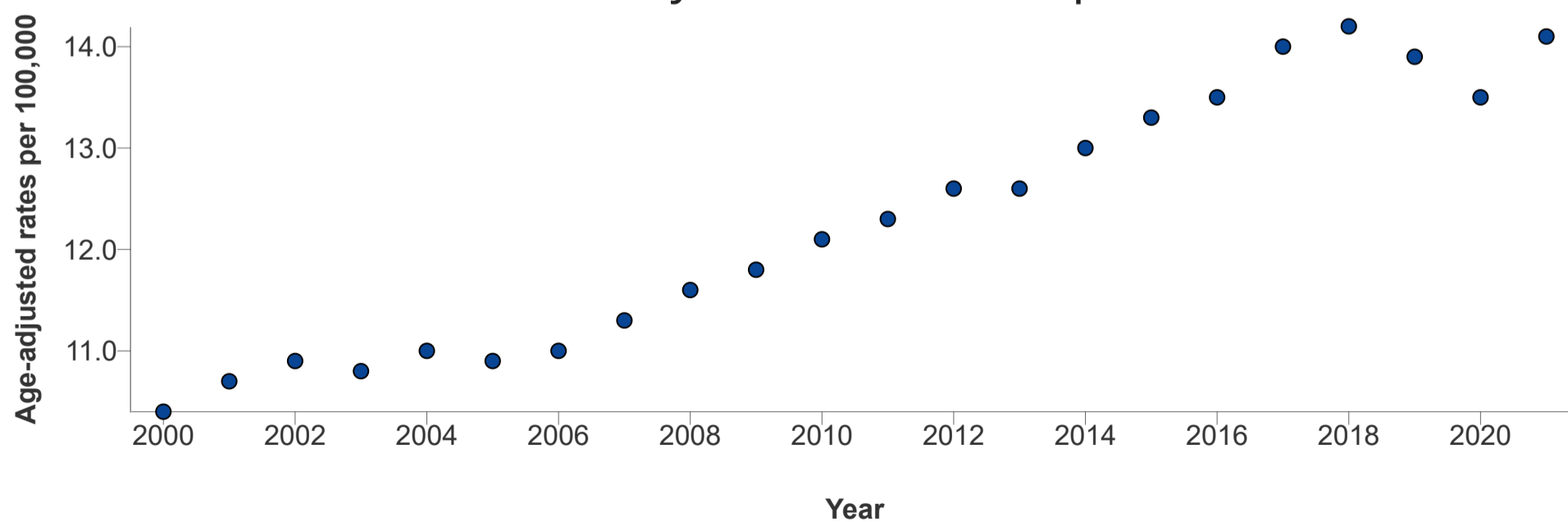
**Count**

3,856

Source: [CDC Vital Statistics](#)

Learn more about [firearm violence](#).

Suicide rates increased 37% between 2000-2018 and decreased 5% between 2018-2020. However, rates nearly returned to their peak in 2021.



[Data Table: Suicide Rates](#)



**Year**

2000

**Rate per 100,000**

10.4

**Count**

29,350

**Year**

2001

**Rate per 100,000**

10.7

**Count**

30,622

**Year**

2002

**Rate per 100,000**

10.9

**Count**

31,655

**Year**

2003

**Rate per 100,000**

10.8

**Count**

31,484

**Year**

2004

**Rate per 100,000**

11.0

**Count**

32,439

**Year**

2005

**Rate per 100,000**

10.9

**Count**

32,637

**Year**

2006

**Rate per 100,000**

11.0

**Count**

33,300

**Year**

2007

**Rate per 100,000**

11.3

**Count**

34,598

**Year**

2008

**Rate per 100,000**

11.6

**Count**

36,035

**Year**

2009

**Rate per 100,000**

11.8

**Count**

36,909

**Year**

2010

**Rate per 100,000**

12.1

**Count**

38,364

**Year**

2011

**Rate per 100,000**

12.3

**Count**

39,518

**Year**

2012

**Rate per 100,000**

12.6

**Count**

40,600

**Year**

2013

**Rate per 100,000**

12.6

**Count**

41,149

**Year**

2014

**Rate per 100,000**

13.0

**Count**

42,826

**Year**

2015

**Rate per 100,000**

13.3

**Count**

44,193

**Year**

2016

**Rate per 100,000**

13.5

**Count**

44,965

**Year**

2017

**Rate per 100,000**

14.0

**Count**

47,173

**Year**

2018

**Rate per 100,000**

14.2

**Count**

48,344

**Year**

2019

**Rate per 100,000**

13.9

**Count**

47,511

**Year**

2020

**Rate per 100,000**

13.5

**Count**  
45,979

**Year**  
2021

**Rate per 100,000**  
14.1

**Count**  
48,183

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Source: [CDC Vital Statistics](#)

Learn more about [suicide rates by state](#).

#### Additional Data Sources

[WISQARS \(Web-based Injury Statistics Query and Reporting System\)](#)

[WISQARS: Leading Causes of Death](#)

[National Violent Death Reporting System](#)

[More Suicide Data Resources](#)

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