

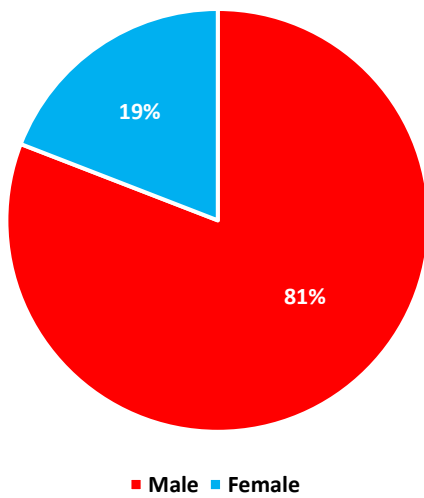
BACKGROUND

Monroe County, Pennsylvania is a rural county with a total combined population of over 504,000 people (249,000 males and 255,000 females) from 2016-2018. During those three years, Monroe County had 68 suicide deaths (55 males and 13 females) at a rate of 13.5 suicide deaths per 100,000 people. The Pennsylvania Violent Death Reporting System (PAVDRS) worked closely with the Bureau of Health Statistics and Registries and the Monroe County Coroner’s Office to gather detailed information about each violent death. Below are some results of those collaborations.

In Monroe County, approximately 2 suicide deaths occurred every month.

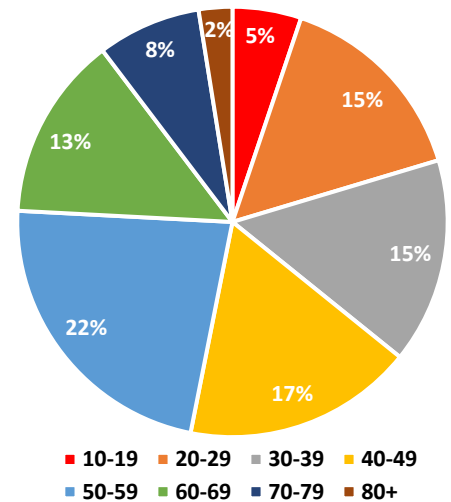
Characteristics of Suicide Victims

Sex of Victims:

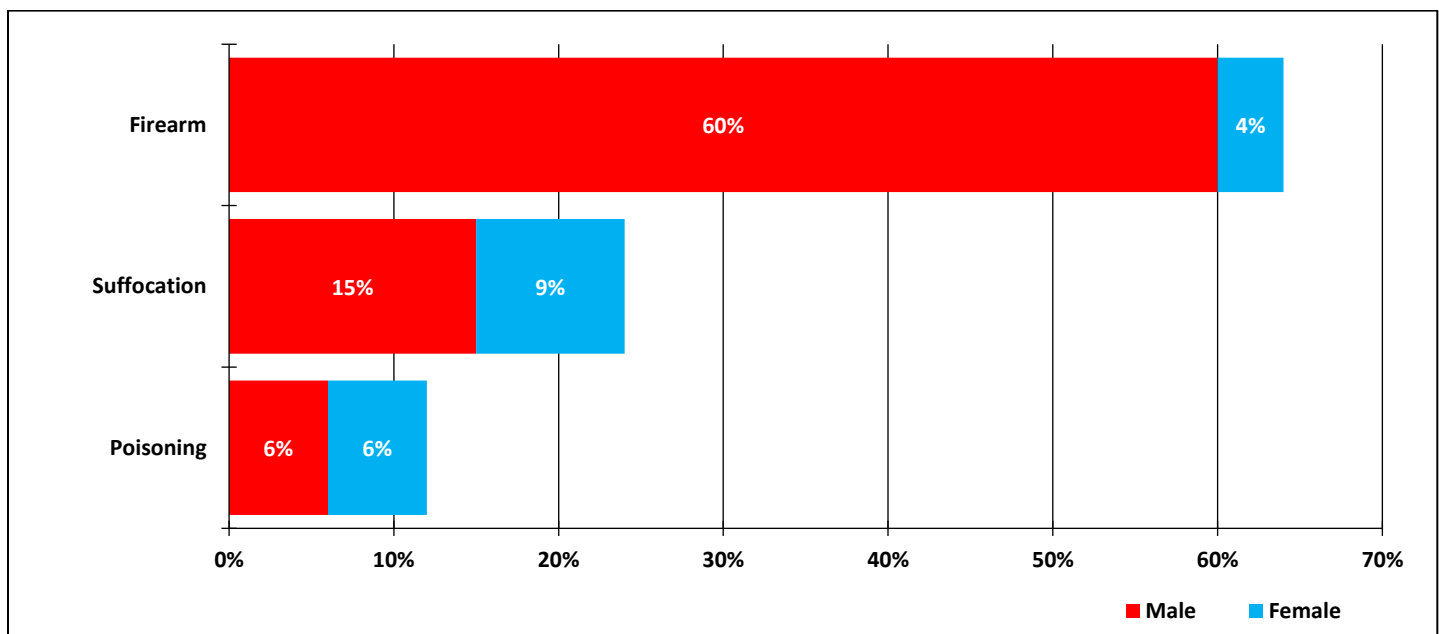


- In Monroe County, males were 4½ times more likely to die by suicide than females.
- Monroe residents, ages 80 and older, were 6½ times more likely to die by suicide than Pennsylvania residents, ages 80 and older.
- Overall, suicide rates in Monroe County were identical with the state average:
Monroe Rates: 13.5 deaths per 100,000 residents (males 22.1 and females 5.1).
Pennsylvania Rates: 13.9 deaths per 100,000 residents (males 21.9 and females 6.2).

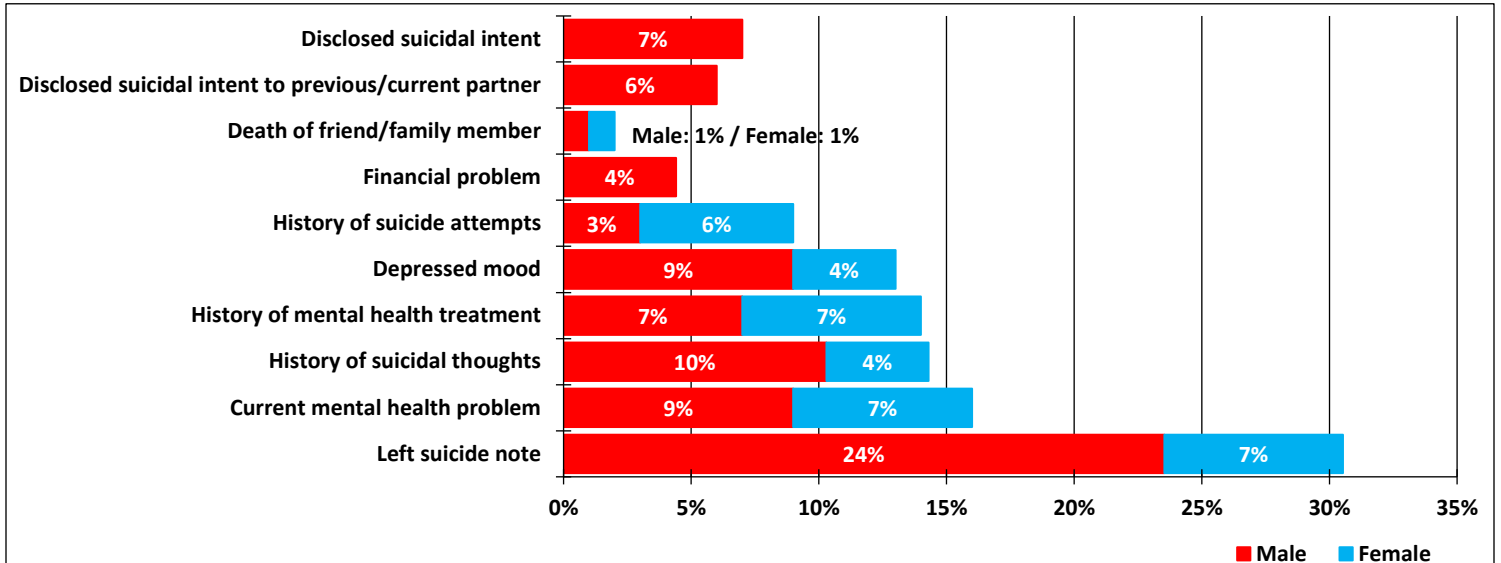
Age of Victims:



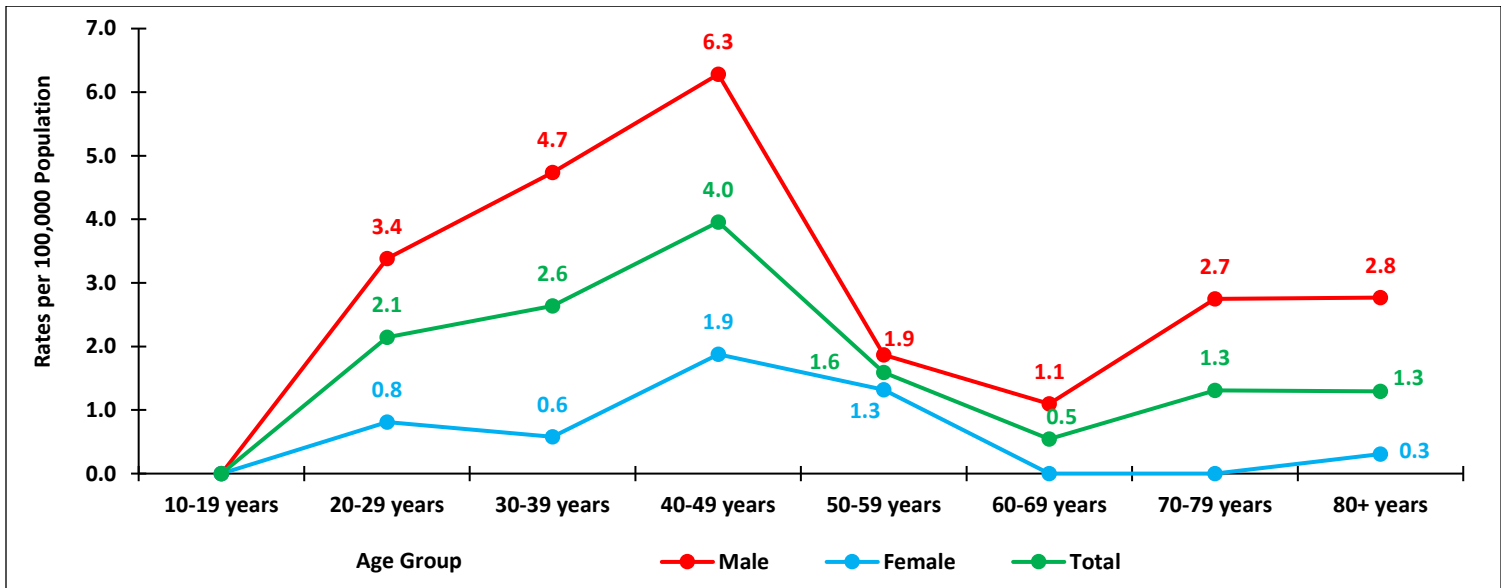
Leading Cause of Suicide Deaths by Sex:



Most Common Precipitating Circumstances:



Age-adjusted Rates:



Percentages may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

The PAVDRS program is a state level surveillance system funded and overseen by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). It is part of the larger National Violent Death Reporting System (NVDRS). There is a Violent Death Reporting System in all 50 states and some US territories. The PAVDRS program collects data on suicides, homicides, deaths of undetermined intent, and accidental firearm deaths. The program is required to collect data directly from death certificates, coroners/medical examiners, and law enforcement. These sources contribute to a comprehensive understanding of each violent death. The program tries to understand what was happening in the victim's life leading up to their death. PAVDRS/NVDRS data is used for research, policymaking, and, ultimately, to develop violence prevention programs and strategies that will enhance community safety. For more information about the PAVDRS program, please call 717-787-5900 or email RA-DHPAVDRS@pa.gov

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