

2020 USA State Suicide Rates: Crude vs. Age-Adjusted Rates

Rank	State	Crude Rate	Rank	State	Age-Adjusted Rate
1	Wyoming	31.3	1	Wyoming	30.5
2	Alaska	27.9	2	Alaska	27.5
3	Montana	27.8	3	Montana	26.1
4	New Mexico	24.5	4	New Mexico	24.2
5	Idaho	22.9	5	Idaho	23.2
6	Colorado	22.4	6	Oklahoma	21.9
7	Oklahoma	21.8	7	Colorado	21.5
8	South Dakota	20.8	8	South Dakota	21.0
9	Utah	20.0	9	Utah	20.8
10	West Virginia	19.8	10	West Virginia	19.4
11	Oregon	19.6	11	Arkansas	19.0
12T	Arkansas	19.2	12	Kansas	18.4
12T	Nevada	19.2	13	Oregon	18.3
14	Vermont	18.8	14T	Missouri	18.2
15	Arizona	18.4	14T	Nevada	18.2
16	Missouri	18.3	14T	North Dakota	18.2
17	Kansas	18.2	17	Vermont	18.1
18	Kentucky	17.9	18	Iowa	18.0
19	Tennessee	17.7	19	Kentucky	17.7
20	North Dakota	17.6	20	Arizona	17.6
21	Iowa	17.4	21	Tennessee	17.2
22	Maine	17.3	22T	Maine	16.4
23	New Hampshire	17.1	22T	New Hampshire	16.4
24	South Carolina	16.6	24	South Carolina	16.3
25	Alabama	16.1	25	Alabama	16.0
26	Washington	15.8	26	Washington	15.2
27	Indiana	15.2	27	Indiana	15.0
28	Wisconsin	14.8	28	Nebraska	14.9
29	Nebraska	14.6	29	Wisconsin	14.5
30	Michigan	14.5	30	Michigan	14.0
31	Florida	14.4	31	Mississippi	13.9
32	Ohio	14.1	32	Ohio	13.8
33	Virginia	14.0	33T	Georgia	13.7
	Nation	14.0	33T	Louisiana	13.7
34	Georgia	13.9	35	Virginia	13.5
35T	Louisiana	13.8		Nation	13.5
35T	Mississippi	13.8	36	Texas	13.3
37	North Carolina	13.6	37T	Florida	13.2
38	Minnesota	13.4	37T	North Carolina	13.2
38	Texas	13.4	39	Minnesota	13.1
40	Pennsylvania	13.3	40	Hawaii	12.9
41	Hawaii	13.1	41	Pennsylvania	12.6
42	Delaware	12.6	42	Delaware	12.3
43	Illinois	10.8	43	Illinois	10.5
44	California	10.5	44	California	10.0
45	Connecticut	10.2	45	Connecticut	9.3
46	Maryland	9.7	46	Maryland	9.2
47	Massachusetts	9.0	47	Rhode Island	8.5
48	Rhode Island	8.9	48	Massachusetts	8.4
49	New York	8.5	49	New York	8.0
50	New Jersey	7.6	50	New Jersey	7.1
51	District of Columbia	5.3	51	District of Columbia	5.5

Data source: CDC's WONDER website, <http://wonder.cdc.gov>

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"Crude Rate" refers to rates per 100,000 population. "Age-Adjusted Rate" refers to rates that are calculated as if the deaths occurred in a population with the same age structures. As the CDC website explains, "Some injuries occur more often among certain age groups than others. For instance, falls are more common among the elderly than among any other age group. Age adjustment enables you to compare injury rates without concern that differences are because of differences in the ages distributions between different populations or for the same population over time." Caution: Crude rates and age-adjusted rates cannot be directly compared to one another (that is, crude rates should only be compared to other crude rates and age-adjusted only to age adjusted).