

# Suicide Facts & Figures:

## Nevada 2019 \*



**On average, one person dies by suicide every 14 hours in the state.**

**Seven times as many people died by suicide in Nevada in 2017 than in alcohol related motor vehicle accidents.**

The total deaths to suicide reflect a total of 11,797 years of potential life lost (YPLL) before age 65.



Suicide cost Nevada a total of **\$593,140,000** combined lifetime medical and work loss cost in 2010, or an average of **\$1,084,351 per suicide death.**

\*Based on most recent 2017 data from CDC. Learn more at [afsp.org/statistics](https://afsp.org/statistics).



## 8th leading cause of death in Nevada

### 2nd leading

cause of death for ages 15-34

### 3rd leading

cause of death for ages 35-44

### 4th leading

cause of death for ages 45-54

### 8th leading

cause of death for ages 55-64

### 13th leading

cause of death for ages 65 & older

## Suicide Death Rates

	Number of Deaths by Suicide	Rate per 100,000 Population	State Rank
Nevada	627	20.25	12
Nationally	47,173	14.00	

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## Suicide Prevention Programs and Initiatives

- Nevada law (NRS § 439.511) establishes the Office of Suicide Prevention (OSP; <http://suicideprevention.nv.gov/>) within the Department of Health and Human Services (DHS) Division of Public and Behavioral Health. OSP created Preventing Suicide One Community at a Time: Nevada Suicide Prevention Plan 2007-2012 (<https://bit.ly/2QJqglx>) and in 2017 released an Action Plan to direct statewide activities from 2017-2019 (<https://bit.ly/2EEpLSi>).
- Nevada law (NRS §§ 439.5102 to 5108) establishes the Committee to Review Suicide Fatalities within DHS, which meets bimonthly: <http://suicideprevention.nv.gov/SP/CRSF/Home>.
- OSP partners with Crisis Support Services of Nevada (formerly Crisis Call Center) to offer TextToday, a 24-hour text-based crisis intervention service - text "CARE" to 839863.
- Nevada law (NRS §§ 388.229 to 388.266) details school requirements for responding to a crisis, emergency, or suicide, to include establishment of a training program for administrators; development of response plans; and adoption of related state board regulations, including training requirements. NRS § 391A.185 allows a governing body of a regional training program to facilitate and coordinate teacher and administrator access to information on student suicide.
- Nevada law (AB 93, adopted 6/8/15) requires certain mental health professionals to receive instruction on suicide prevention and awareness as a condition of license or certificate renewal, and requires professional licensing boards for certain physicians and advance practice registered nurses to encourage licensees to receive training in suicide prevention, detection, and intervention as part of their continuing education.

## Get Involved

The **AFSP Nevada Chapter** brings together people of all backgrounds in communities throughout the state to fight suicide. We help fund research, offer educational programs, advocate for public policy and support those affected by suicide.

For more information or to volunteer, please contact:

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## Become an Advocate

AFSP's Nevada advocacy volunteers build relationships with public officials and advocate on behalf of sound suicide prevention policy.

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