



THE BURDEN OF SUICIDE IN RHODE ISLAND



More than four times as many people die by suicide in Rhode Island than by homicide annually.

On average, one person dies by suicide every **3 days** in the state.

In 2016, suicide was the **11th** leading cause of death in Rhode Island.

In 2010, each suicide death in RI created approximately **\$1,307,717** in combined medical and work-loss costs.

2nd leading cause of death for ages 15-34
4th leading cause of death for ages 35-54
8th leading cause of death for ages 55-64

Sources: Centers for Disease Control, National Violent Death Reporting System
American Foundation for Suicide Prevention 2017 State Fact Sheets

2017 YRBS RI HIGH SCHOOL SURVEY

62.1%

Percentage of high school students who reported their mental health was not good



- 29.4% of high school students felt sad or hopeless
- 15.9% of high school students seriously considered attempting suicide
- 13.6% of high school students made a plan
- 10.5% of high school students attempted suicide

2017 YRBS RI MIDDLE SCHOOL SURVEY

23.3%

Percentage of middle school students who reported feeling sad or hopeless



- 18.0% of middle school students seriously considered attempting suicide
- 11.6% of middle school students made a suicide plan
- 6.5% of middle school students attempted suicide

Source: Rhode Island Department of Health, 2017 Youth Risk Behavior Survey

Suicide Risk In RI Adults

- In 2016, 17.86% of young adult Rhode Islanders (ages 18-25) reported having a substance abuse disorder in the past year.
- 16.48% of young adult Rhode Islanders (ages 18-25) indicated they needed but were not receiving treatment for substance abuse issues.
- 11.17% of young adult Rhode Islanders (ages 18-25) reported a major depressive episode lasting at least two weeks.
- 9.55% of young adult Rhode Islanders (ages 18-25) reported having serious thoughts of suicide in the past year.
- 19.23 % of adult Rhode Islanders (ages 18+) reported being diagnosed with a mental illness of any kind.

Source: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Center for Behavioral Health Statistics and Quality, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2015 and 2016.