Suicide in Colorado and Larimer County



Colorado has one of the nation's highest suicide rates and the number of annual suicides has increased 79 percent since 2000. In 2016, 71 Larimer County residents died by suicide. While there are many effective and promising approaches to prevention, these efforts require coordination and collaboration across sectors including health, education, business, justice, politics, and media.

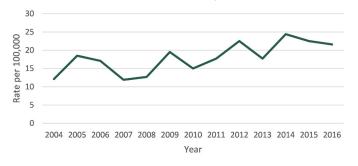
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7.2 % of Larimer County adults reported having considered suicide in the past 12 months

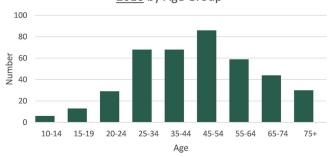
According to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, in 2015 Colorado experienced the highest number of suicides ever recorded in one year.

In Larimer County suicide is ranked second in causes of years of potential life lost by age 65 and is the 7th leading cause of death.

Suicide Rate per 100,000 from 2004-2016 in Larimer County



Number of Suicides in Larimer County from <u>2011-</u> <u>2016</u> by Age Group



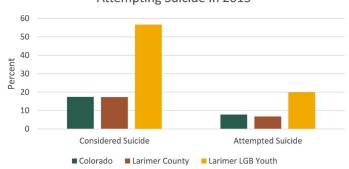
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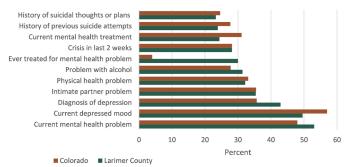
In Colorado, suicide is the leading cause of death among youth ages 10 to 17. Youth who identify as LGBT are more likely to consider or attempt suicide than their peers who do not identify as LGBT.

The causes of suicide are complex. Most people who die by suicide suffer from a mental illness, such as depression or bipolar disorder.

Percent of Youth Who Report Considering or Attempting Suicide in 2015



Percent of Suicides with Selected Characteristics Reported from $\underline{2010\text{-}2015}$



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