

SUICIDE: ILLINOIS 2017 FACTS & FIGURES

Suicide Death Rates

	Number of Deaths by Suicide	Rate per 100,000 Population	State Rank
Illinois	1,363	10.28	44
Nationally	44,193	13.26	



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

Based on most recent 2015 data from CDC



Suicide cost Illinois a total of **\$1,391,865,000** of combined lifetime medical and work loss cost in 2010, or an average of **\$1,181,549** per suicide death.

IN ILLINOIS, SUICIDE IS THE...

1st leading
cause of death
for ages 10-14

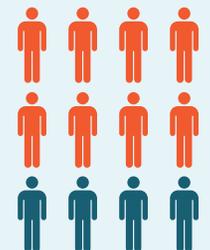
3rd leading
cause of death
for ages 15-24

4th leading
cause of death
for ages 35-54

10th leading
cause of death
for ages 55-64

18th leading
cause of death
for ages 65 & older

Nearly twice as many people die by suicide in Illinois annually than by homicide; the total deaths to suicide reflect a total of **27,889** years of potential life lost (YPLL) before age 65.



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SUICIDE PREVENTION PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES

- The Illinois Suicide Prevention Alliance serves as an advisory board to the Illinois Department of Public Health and is co-chaired by Mental Health America of Illinois and the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority.
- Illinois Department of Public Health was awarded a Garrett Lee Smith grant in 2012; will re-apply in late 2015.
- The Illinois Suicide Prevention Alliance works on suicide prevention strategic planning; develops and organizes suicide prevention training for targeted populations; increases public awareness of the burden of suicide and how individuals and communities can take part in prevention efforts; provides technical assistance for developing coalitions and or partnerships to support local efforts; and analyzes suicide-related data.
- The *Illinois Suicide Prevention Strategic Plan* was created in 2007. The Illinois Suicide Prevention Alliance is currently working on updates to the Strategic Plan.
- In 2010, the “It Only Takes One” campaign was launched to reduce stigma and provide support and resources.
- Illinois law (§105 ILCS 5/34-18.7) requires that school guidance counselors, teachers, social workers, and other personnel who work with grades 7-12 be trained to identify the warning signs of suicidal behavior in adolescents and teens and be taught intervention techniques.
- Illinois law (§105 ILCS 110/3) encourages comprehensive health education programs in all elementary and secondary schools to include suicide prevention.

GET INVOLVED

The AFSP Illinois Chapter brings together people of all backgrounds in communities throughout the state to fight suicide. For more information or to volunteer, please contact:

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BECOME AN ADVOCATE IN ILLINOIS

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

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LEADING THE FIGHT AGAINST SUICIDE

We fund research, offer educational programs, advocate for public policy and support those affected by suicide. Headquartered in New York, AFSP has local chapters in all 50 states.



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