

# YOUTH+TEEN

## SUICIDE STATISTICS



**EACH DAY**

an average of  
**5,400**  
students in grades  
7-12 attempt suicide

Firearms are the  
most common  
method of death  
by suicide

**51%**

The next most common methods are  
suffocation at 24.5% & poisoning at 16%

SUICIDE IS THE

**2ND**  
LEADING  
CAUSE

of death for youth  
aged 10-24

**1 IN 7**

high school students have  
**CONSIDERED SUICIDE**  
within the past school year

**1 IN 14**

high school students have  
**ATTEMPTED SUICIDE**  
within the past school year

IN AMERICA,  
SUICIDE IS THE

**10TH**  
LEADING  
CAUSE

of death for all ages

**90%**

of people who  
die by suicide  
have a

**DIAGNOSABLE  
& TREATABLE**

psychiatric disorder at  
the time of their death

More teenagers and young adults  
die from suicide than from cancer,  
heart disease, AIDS, birth defects,  
stroke, pneumonia, influenza, and  
chronic lung disease...

**COMBINED**

For every youth suicide,  
there are an estimated  
**25 attempts.**



### SOURCES:

American Foundation for  
Suicide Prevention

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CDC WISQARS, 2013

CDC's Youth Risk  
Behavior Survey, 2007

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