

Georgia – Youth Suicide Statistical Impact



According to the latest CDC's WISQARS National Data Reporting (2017):

- ❖ Suicide is the 2nd leading cause of death for ages 10-14 in Georgia.
- ❖ Suicide is the 2nd leading cause of death for ages 12-18 (middle and high school ages) in Georgia.
- ❖ Suicide is the 3rd leading cause of death for college-age youth ages 18-22 in Georgia.
- ❖ When examined as an age group 10-24 comparison, suicide is the 3rd leading overall cause of death for Georgia. In Georgia, every 1.71 days on an average a young person (ages 10-24) is lost to this “Silent Epidemic” of youth suicide.

Georgia 2017 Youth Risk Behavioral Survey (CDC): (Most Recent Released Report)

When young people were asked in Georgia:

- **“Have you experienced the feeling of hopelessness and sadness for a constant period of two weeks or greater during the past twelve months (possible beginning of clinical depression)?”**
31.5% or almost 1 out of every 3 young people (depression is a leading cause of suicide)
This equates to 161,867 youth in the state that will have these feelings in the next 12 months *if nothing is done differently.*
- **“Have you seriously considered suicide in the past twelve months?”**
17.2% answered YES or over 1 out of every 6 young people.
This equates to 88,384 youth in the state that will consider suicide in the next 12 months *if nothing is done differently.*
- **“Have you made a plan to attempt suicide in the past twelve months?”**
13.6% answered YES or almost 1 out of every 7 young people.
This equates to 69,885 youth in the state that will make a plan *if nothing is done differently.*
- **“Have you attempted suicide in the past twelve months?”**
7.4% answered YES or over 1 out of every 14 young people.
This equates to 38,026 youth in the state that will make an attempt in the next 12 months *if nothing is done differently.*
This is an average of 104 per day.

***Georgia did not participate in the 2017 YRBS. Projected using the National 2017 YRBS, which surveys grades 9-12, and the Georgia 2015-16 school state population numbers. If these results were also applied to grades 7 & 8, where suicide is also a major health issue, the impact numbers would be higher.**

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