

## Illinois – Youth Suicide

### Statistical Impact



**According to the latest CDC's WISOARS National Data Reporting (2015):**

- ❖ Suicide is the 1<sup>st</sup> leading cause of death for ages 10-14 in Illinois.
- ❖ Suicide is the 3<sup>rd</sup> leading cause of death for ages 12-18 (middle and high school ages) in Illinois.
- ❖ Suicide is the 3<sup>rd</sup> leading cause of death for college-age youth ages 18-22 in Illinois.
- ❖ When examined as an age group 10-24 comparison, suicide is the 3<sup>rd</sup> leading overall cause of death for Illinois. In Illinois, every 1.73 days on an average a young person (ages 10-24) is lost to this “Silent Epidemic” of youth suicide.

**Illinois 2015 Youth Risk Behavioral Survey (CDC): (Most Recent Released Report)**

**When young people were asked in Illinois:**

- ***“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)?”***  
29.3 % answered YES or almost 1 out of every 3 young people.  
Compared to Nationally – 29.9% (depression is a leading cause of suicide)  
This equates to 272,498 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?”***  
15.9% answered YES or almost 1 out of every 6 young people.  
Compared to Nationally – 17.7%  
This equates to 147,874 youth in the state that will consider suicide in the next 12 months ***if nothing is done differently.***
- ***“Have you made a plan to commit suicide in the past twelve months?”***  
14.5% answered YES or over 1 out of every 7 young people.  
Compared to Nationally – 14.6%  
This equates to 134,854 youth in the state that will make a plan ***if nothing is done differently.***
- ***“Have you attempted suicide in the past twelve months?”***  
9.8% answered YES or almost 1 out of every 10 young people.  
Compared to Nationally – 8.6%  
This equates to 91,142 youth in the state that will make an attempt in the next 12 months ***if nothing is done differently.***  
This is an average of 249 per day.

**\*Projected using the National and State 2015 YRBS and the State 2013-14 School Population for Grades 7-12**

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