

Startling Statistics

Major disappointments . . . rejection . . . failure . . . breaking up with a girlfriend or boyfriend . . . failing a big exam . . . watching family turmoil . . . all of these can lead to feelings of hopelessness, and these feelings lead many teens to consider suicide. Reports and studies show that in 2010 alone . . .

- There were 38,364 suicides in the United States. That works out to 105 suicides per day, or 1 suicide every 14 minutes.
- There were 3.7 male deaths by suicide for every female death.
- There were 959,100 suicide attempts in the United States. That works out to 1 attempt every 32 seconds.
- There were 3 female attempts for every male attempt.
- There were 5,994 people aged 65 and older who committed suicide, or 1 suicide every 1 hour and 28 minutes.
- There were 4,600 people between the ages of 15 and 24 who committed suicide. That means 12 suicides per day, or 1 suicide every 2 hours.
- Suicide is the third leading cause of death for people between the ages of 15 and 24, after accidents and murder.
- Every suicide affects at least 6 other people, which means that the 38,364 suicides in the United States in 2010 affected an estimate 230,184 other people.