

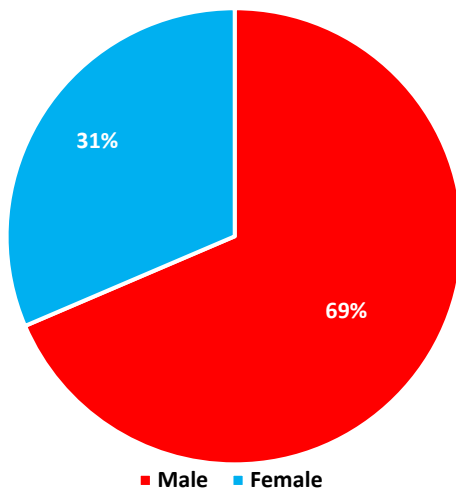
### BACKGROUND

Delaware County, Pennsylvania is an urban county with a total combined population of approximately 1.69 million people (810,000 males and 880,000 females) from 2016-2018. During those three years, Delaware County had 210 suicide deaths (144 males and 66 females) at a rate of 12.4 suicide deaths per 100,000 people. The Pennsylvania Violent Death Reporting System (PAVDRS) worked closely with the Bureau of Health Statistics and Registries, the Delaware County Medical Examiner's Office, and Delaware County law enforcement to gather detailed information about each violent death. Below are some results of those collaborations.

**In Delaware County, approximately 6 suicide deaths occurred every month.**

### Characteristics of Suicide Victims

**Sex of Victims:**

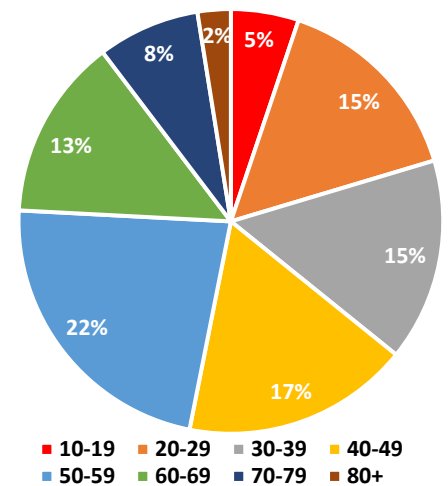


- In Delaware County, males were about 2½ times more likely to die by suicide than females.
- Overall, suicide rates in Delaware County were lower than the state average:

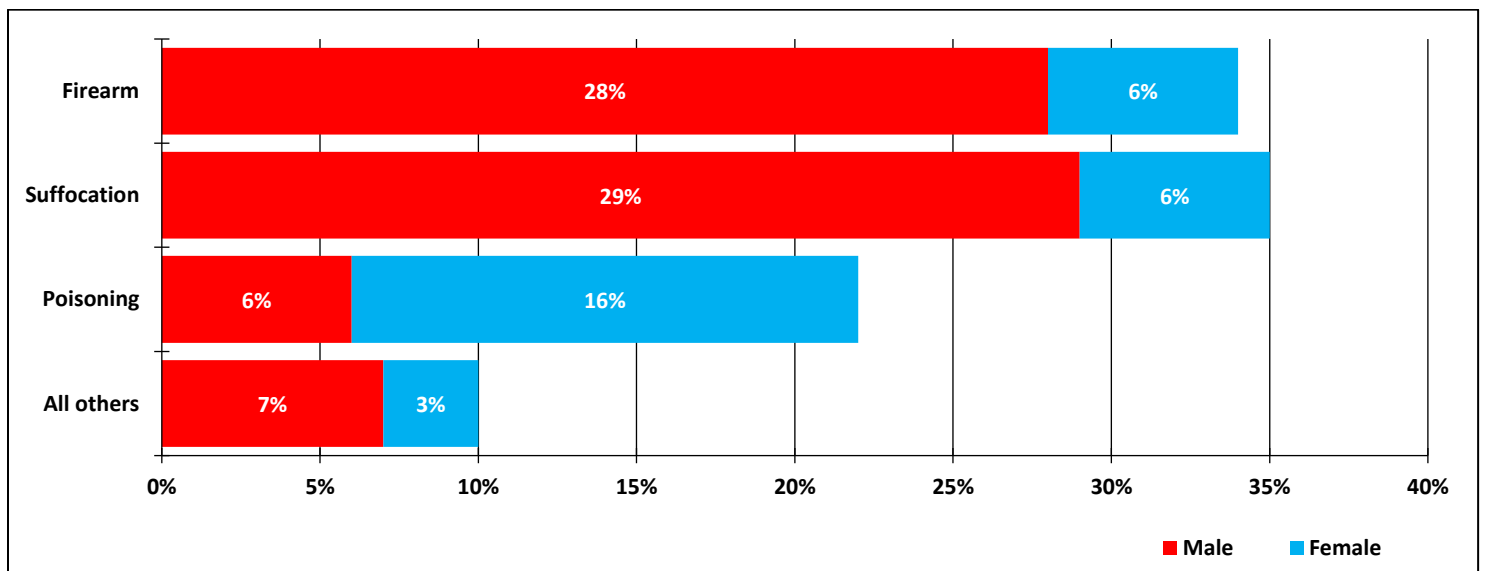
**Delaware Rates:** 12.4 deaths per 100,000 residents (Males 17.7 and Females 7.5).

**Pennsylvania Rates:** 13.9 deaths per 100,000 residents (males 21.9 and females 6.2).

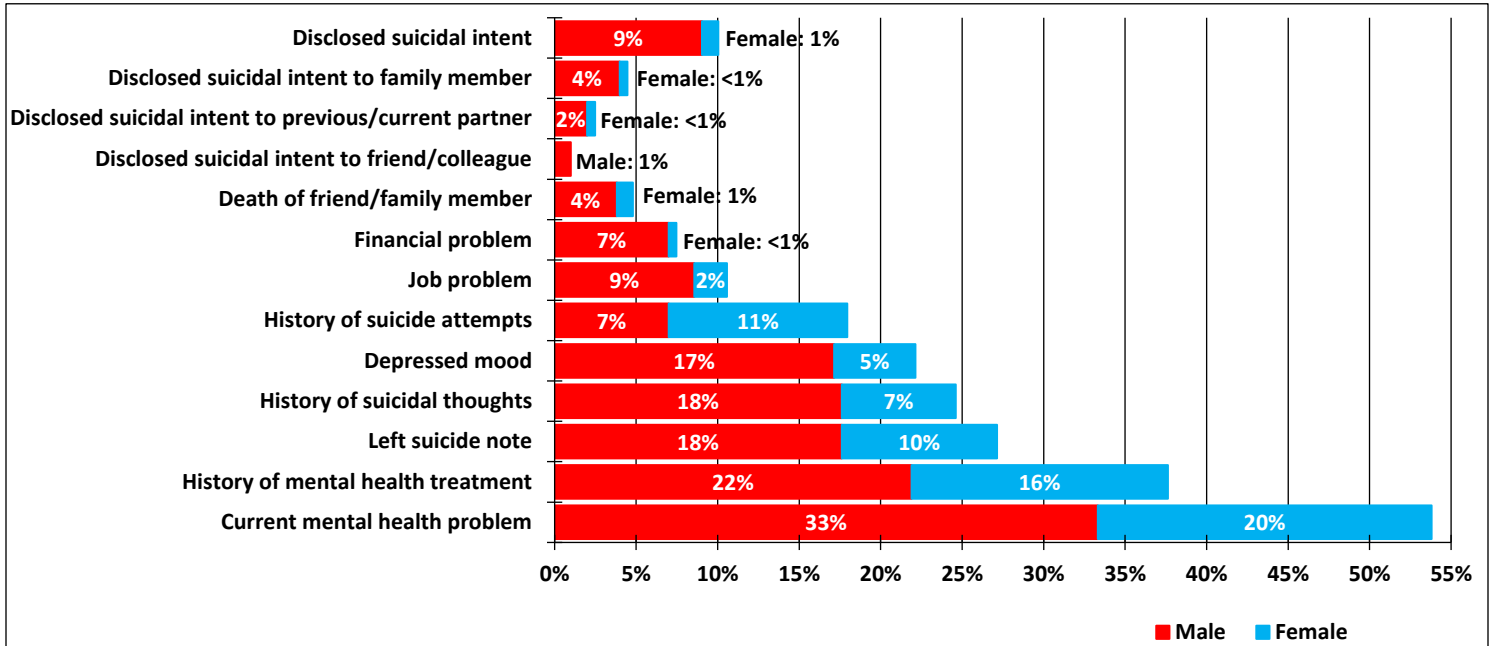
**Age of Victims:**



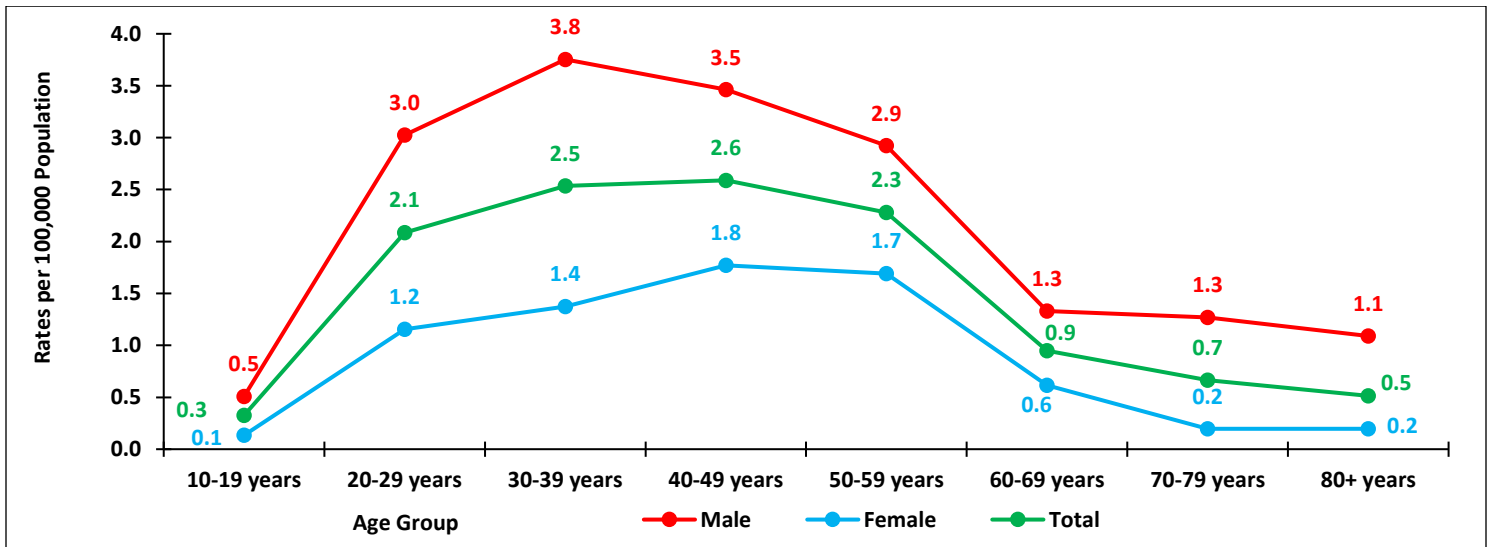
### Leading Cause of Suicide Death by Sex:



**Most Common Precipitating Circumstances:**



**Age-adjusted Rates:**



Percentages may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

PAVDRS is a state level surveillance system funded and overseen by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The program is part of the larger National Violent Death Reporting System (NVDRS). There is now a Violent Death Reporting System in each of the 50 states and some U.S. territories. PAVDRS collects data on suicides, homicides, and deaths of undetermined intent. PAVDRS is required to collect data directly from death certificates, coroners/medical examiners, and law enforcement. The goal is to use these three sources to develop the most comprehensive understanding possible of each violent death. PAVDRS tries to understand what was going on in the victim's life leading up to their death. PAVDRS/NVDRS data is used for research, policy making, and ultimately to develop violence prevention programs and strategies that will enhance community safety. For more information about PAVDRS, please call 717-787-5900 or email RA-DHPAVDRS@pa.gov

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