

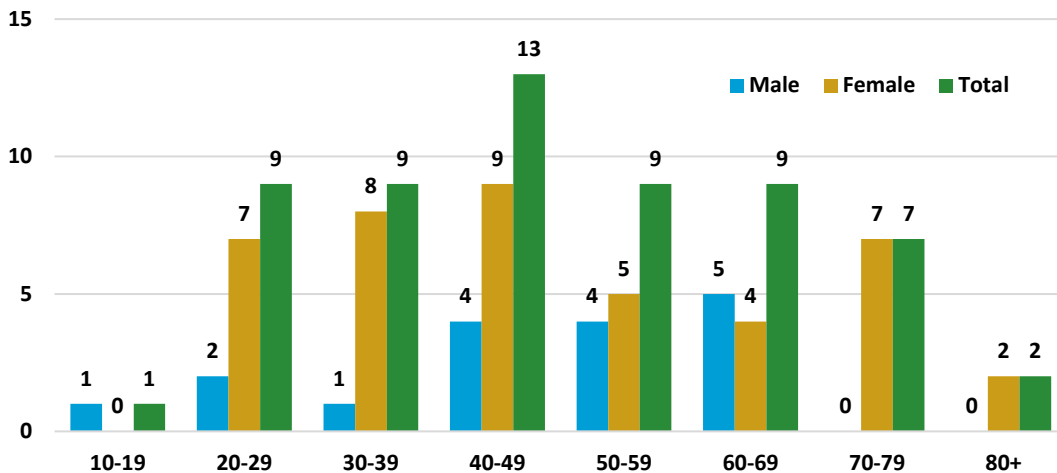
**SUICIDE DEATHS IN CLEARFIELD COUNTY, 2018-2020**

**BACKGROUND**

Clearfield County, Pennsylvania is a rural county with a 2018-2020 combined population of 239,000 people (126,000 males and 113,000 females). During 2018-2020, Clearfield County had 59 suicide deaths (42 males and 17 females) which occurred at a rate of 24.7 suicide deaths per 100,000 people. The Pennsylvania Violent Death Reporting System (PAVDRS) worked closely with the Bureau of Health Statistics and Registries, the Clearfield County Coroner’s Office, and Clearfield County law enforcement to gather detailed information about each violent death. Below are some results of those collaborations. For more information about the PAVDRS program, please call 717-787-5900 or email [RA-DHPAVDRS@pa.gov](mailto:RA-DHPAVDRS@pa.gov)

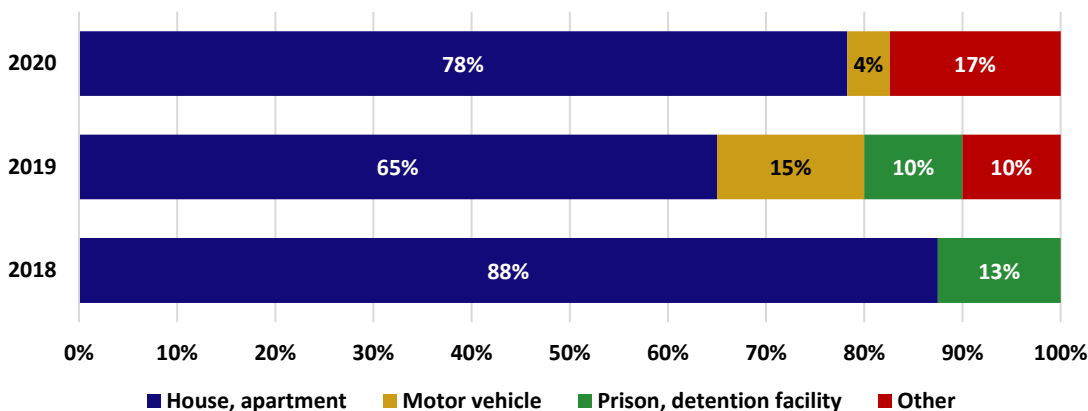
- During 2018-2020, Clearfield County averaged almost 2 suicide deaths per month.
- Males in Clearfield County were 2½ times more likely to die by suicide than females. Nationally, males die by suicide at a rate of approximately 4 times that of females<sup>1</sup>.
- Overall, suicide rates in Clearfield County during this time span were higher than the state average:  
**Clearfield County Crude Rates:** 24.7 deaths per 100,000 population (males 33.3 and females 15.1)  
**Pennsylvania Rates:** 14.6 deaths per 100,000 population (males 23.5 and females 5.9)<sup>1</sup>

**Sex-specific Suicide Counts by Age:**



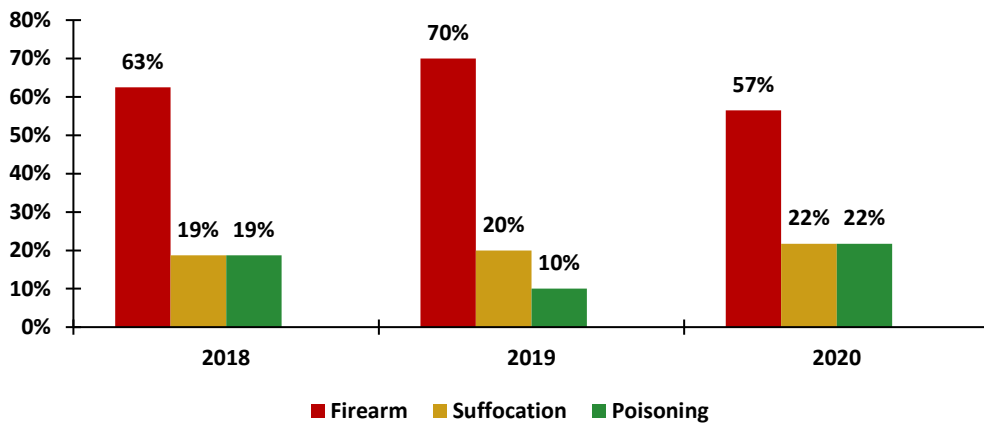
- Males ages 40-49 had the highest number of suicide deaths during 2018-2020.

**Location of Suicide Victims:**



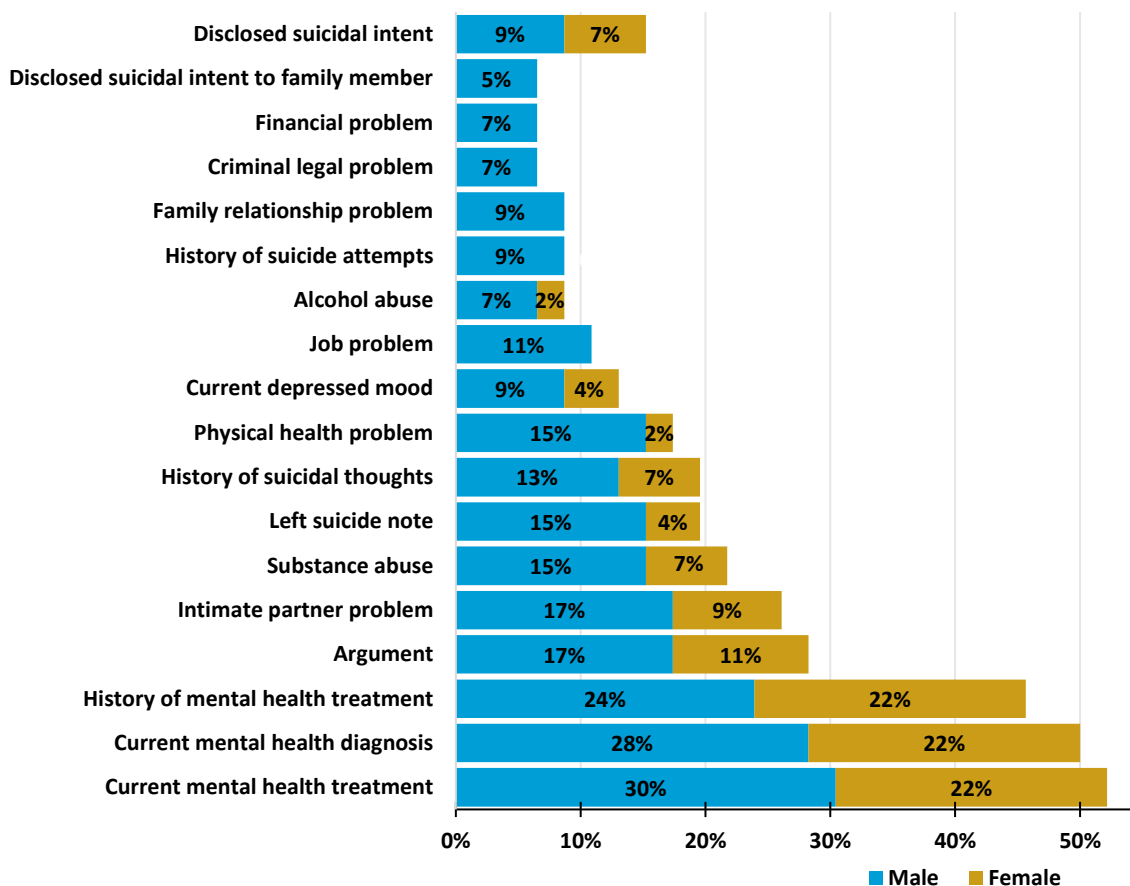
- Four suicides occurred in a prison or detention facility during 2018-2019.

### Leading Cause of Suicide Deaths:



- Suicides by firearm increased by 7% from 2018-2019 and decreased by 13% while suicides by suffocation and hanging, trended upward over the 3-year period.

### Most Common Precipitating Circumstances:



- Sixteen percent of suicide victims disclosed suicidal intent in the month before their death.
- Forty-six percent of suicide victims received mental health or substance abuse treatment in the two months before their death.
- Fifty percent of all suicide victims had a diagnosed mental health problem at the time of death.

Notes: The denominator for Most Common Precipitating Circumstances is the sum of CME and LE records that have information about the circumstances associated with the violent death. Percentages may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

1. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, WISQARS, Fatal Injury Reports, National, Regional and State: <https://wisqars.cdc.gov/fatal-reports>