

DATA FACTSHEET: Self Harm Injuries & Suicide Attempts Treated and Released from Emergency Departments (ED), LA County Residents, 2016-2020

## Overall

- Over 11,000 Los Angeles County residents were treated in EDs for self-harm injuries & suicide attempts between 2016 and 2020.
- On average, this is over 6 ED visits each day, and more than 45 each week.

### Race/ Ethnicity

- Rates of ED visits for Self-harm & suicide attempt were highest among Blacks (39.7 per 100,000).
- Rates were lowest among Asian/Pacific Islanders (8.0 per 100,000).

Sex

• Over half (57%) of ED visits were among females.

# Age Group

- Over half of patients treated in EDs for self-harm injuries or suicide attempts are under the age of 25 (n=6,133).
- Rates peaked among 15-19 year olds (80.0 per 100,000) and then decreased with age.

## Service Planning Area (SPA)

- SPA 1 had the highest ED visit rate (77.0 per 100,000) and SPA 7 had the lowest (16.4 per 100,000).
- The rate of ED visits in SPA 1 is 3 times higher than the SPA with the next highest rate (SPA 6, 25.3 per 100,000).

Weapon

• Poisoning, including drug overdoses, and cut/stab injuries were the most common causes of ED visits.

#### Data sources:

Health Care Access and Information, Emergency Department Data for 2016-2020. Population estimates from County of Los Angeles, Internal Services Department, Information Technology Service, Urban Research-GIS Section.

<sup>\*</sup> We recognize that Asians and Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders are separate races. However, until 2019 these populations were reported as a single group by the data provider. In future updates of this table we will be able to report information separately for these populations.