



Overall

- Over 4,300 Los Angeles County residents died from suicide between 2018 and 2022.
- This means that on average during this time, 16 LA County residents died by suicide each week.

Race/ Ethnicity

• Suicide rates were highest among Whites (12.1 per 100,000) and lowest among Latino/Latinx individuals (5.5 per 100,000).

Sex

• 78% (more than three quarters) of suicide victims were male.

Age Group

- Over half of suicide decedents were over the age of 44 (53%).
- Suicide rates were highest among 55-64 year olds (11.9 per 100,000) and 65+ year olds (11.7 per 100,000).

Service Planning Area (SPA)

- SPA 1 had the smallest number of suicides of any SPA, but the highest rate of suicides per 100,000 residents. This is because SPA 1 has the smallest population of any SPA.
- Suicide rates were lowest in SPA 6 (5.9 per 100,000).

- Suffocation/hanging and firearms were the most common causes of suicide death.
- From 2018-2021, suffocation/hanging was the most common cause of suicide.
- In 2022, firearms were the most common cause of suicide.

Data sources:

Los Angeles County Annual 2018-2022 Data Files, assembled from California Department of Public Health Vital Records Data. Office of Health Assessment & Epidemiology, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health. Population estimates from County of Los Angeles, Internal Services Department, Information Technology Service, Urban Research-GIS Section.