



International Association for Suicide Prevention

WORLD SUICIDE PREVENTION DAY

GLOBAL SUICIDE STATISTICS



More than **720,000** people die by suicide worldwide each year.*

Over **one in every 100** deaths (1.3%) in 2019 were the result of suicide.*



Suicide was the third leading cause of death among 15–29-year-olds; second for females, third for males.

Over half (56%) of all deaths by suicide occur **before the age of 50 years old**.*



Suicide occurs across all regions in the world, however, **over three quarters (73%)** of global suicides in 2021 occurred in **low and middle-income** countries.*

An individual suffering with depression is **twenty times** more likely to die by suicide than someone without the disorder.**

20x



Suicide and attempted suicide is still considered **illegal** in at least **23 countries** worldwide. Criminalising suicide exacerbates the distress for those who attempt suicide, creating an additional layer of fear and stigma.***



*World Health Organization, Suicide worldwide in 2021: global health estimates, May 2025

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