Suicide figures (ABS 2016)

Data in this document has been updated to reflect the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) Catalogue 3303.0 Causes of Death, Australia, 2014 released Tuesday 8 March 2016.

For more information on this data visit the ABS website at www.abs.gov.au

ABS revisions to Causes of Death Data

The ABS began a significant quality assurance process in 2010 to improve the quality of coding of deaths data. This new process has involved revising the Causes of Death data from 2006 onwards by including any subsequently closed coronial cases that had failed to reach a conclusion ahead of the original ABS cut off period for that year.

In 2016, a final revision of 2012 data and a first revision of 2013 data took place. ABS has now also completed the process with final data for 2006 to 2011.

Further information about this data is available from the ABS website at www.abs.gov.au, or contact the National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070.

Notes about using statistics

1. The gap between preliminary and subsequent revisions, has been closing due to the ABS receiving information faster from coronial processes in each state and territory.
2. ABS advises that care should be taken in comparing 2014 suicide data with:
   a. Previous revisions, as some data have been subject to a quality improvement process;
   b. Pre-2006 data as the previous years are not subject to the revision process.
3. Due to the relatively small numbers of suicides in some states and territories, even one or two deaths can have a significant impact on standardised suicide rates. Thus comparisons across Australia must be done cautiously.
4. Data on suicides can be reported in different ways, including: the number of people who died by suicide; the age-standardised suicide rate (e.g. seven per 100,000 people, this allows for the comparison of groups with different age structures and sizes); and as a percentage of deaths from all causes which were due to suicide.
5. The comparison of international suicide statistics can be very difficult due to differences in procedures for coronial reporting and classifying deaths, definitions, time periods, and the level of undercounting.
**Figure 1. Preliminary and Revised Suicide Rates (1989 – 2014)**

- **Preliminary Male**
- **Revised Male**
- **Preliminary Female**
- **Revised Female**

**Figure 2. Preliminary Suicide Rates, 2014**

- **Male Preliminary**
- **Female Preliminary**
Figure 3. Age-standardised Suicide Rates 1989-2014 (15 – 19 year olds)

Figure 4. Age-standardised Suicide Rates 1989-2014 (20 – 24 year olds)
Figure 5. Age-standardised Suicide Rates 1989-2014 (25 – 29 year olds)

Figure 6. Age-standardised Suicide Rates 1989-2014 (30 – 34 year olds)
Figure 7. Age-standardised Suicide Rates 1989-2014 (35 – 39 year olds)

Figure 8. Age-standardised Suicide Rates 1989-2014 (40 – 44 year olds)
Figure 9. Age-standardised Suicide Rates 1989-2014 (45 – 49 year olds)

Figure 10. Age-standardised Suicide Rates 1989-2014 (50 – 54 year olds)
Figure 11. Age-standardised Suicide Rates 1989-2014 (55 – 59 year olds)

Figure 12. Age-standardised Suicide Rates 1989-2014 (60 – 64 year olds)
Figure 13. Age-standardised Suicide Rates 1989-2014 (65 – 69 year olds)

Figure 14. Age-standardised Suicide Rates 1989-2014 (70 – 74 year olds)
Figure 15. Age-standardised Suicide Rates 1989-2014 (75 – 79 year olds)

Figure 16. Age-standardised Suicide Rates 1989-2014 (80 – 84 year olds)

*Note – Statistics available prior to 1997 only show data from 75 years plus age category. 1997 was the first year that the age category 80 – 84 was used.
Figure 17. Age-standardised Suicide Rates 1989-2014 (85+ year olds)

*Note – Statistics available prior to 1997 only show data from 75 or above. 1997 was the first year that the age category 85+ was used.
Figure 18. Preliminary and Final Revision of Suicide Rate, 2012

- Male Preliminary
- Female Preliminary
- Male Final
- Female Final

Suicide rate (per 100,000)

Age category

Figure 19. Preliminary and First Revision of Suicide Rate, 2013
Figure 20. Age standardised death rates by state and territory of usual residence and Sex, 2014

Note: Suicide rate for Tasmania and the Australian Capital Territory (female) was not available. Please refer to ABS (2016) Data Cube, Table 11.6.
Figure 21. Age standardised death rates, by State and territory, 2006 – 2014

- NSW
- Vic.
- Qld
- SA
- WA
- Tas.
- NT
- ACT

Suicide rate (per 100,000)
Table 1. Suicide count and rate by State/Territory and Sex, 2014.

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