

Suicide Facts & Figures: South Carolina 2018*



On average, one person dies by suicide every 11 hours in the state.

Nearly twice as many people die by suicide in South Carolina annually than by homicide.

The total deaths to suicide reflect a total of 15,572 years of potential life lost (YPLL) before age 65.



Suicide cost South Carolina a total of **\$748,610,000** of combined lifetime medical and work loss cost in 2010, or an average of **\$1,175,213 per suicide death.**

*Based on most recent 2016 data from CDC. Learn more at afsp.org/statistics.



10th leading cause of death in South Carolina

2nd leading
cause of death for ages 15-34

4th leading
cause of death for ages 35-54

8th leading
cause of death for ages 55-64

16th leading
cause of death for ages 65 & older

Suicide Death Rates

	Number of Deaths by Suicide	Rate per 100,000 Population	State Rank
South Carolina	815	15.65	23
Nationally	44,695	13.42	

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⁶⁸ S.C. House of Representatives, House Legislative Oversight Committee, “Agency Presentation – Healthcare Services Unit (August 26, 2019),” under “Committee Postings and Reports,” under “House Legislative Oversight Committee,” under “Corrections, Department of,” and under “Meetings,” [https://scstatehouse.gov/CommitteeInfo/HouseLegislativeOversightCommittee/AgencyWebpages/Corrections/SCDC%20Health%20Services%20presentation%20-%20PDF%20\(8.27.19\).pdf](https://scstatehouse.gov/CommitteeInfo/HouseLegislativeOversightCommittee/AgencyWebpages/Corrections/SCDC%20Health%20Services%20presentation%20-%20PDF%20(8.27.19).pdf) (accessed October 9, 2019), slide 101. Hereinafter “Healthcare Presentation.”