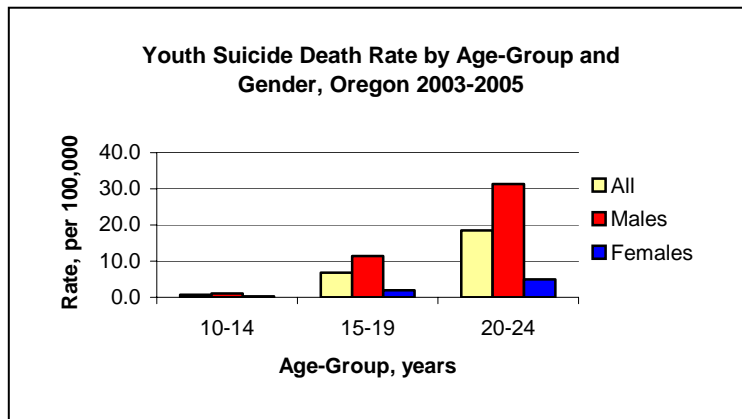


Oregon Youth Suicide Facts

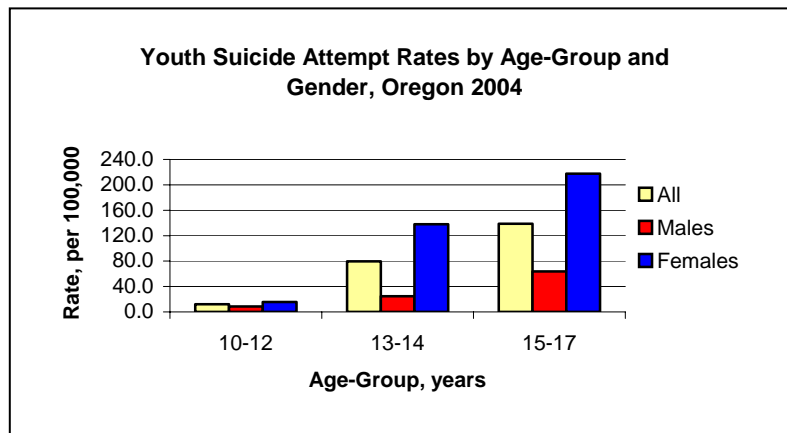
Oregon Youth Suicides¹

- In 2005, suicide was the second leading cause of death among Oregonians aged 10 to 24, following motor vehicle crashes.
- Suicide claimed the lives of 61 Oregon youth aged 10 to 24 years.
- 93% of these suicide deaths were among males.
- Firearms were used in 69% of suicides in these youth.
- There were over twice as many suicides as homicides in this age group.



Oregon Suicide Attempts²

- For every suicide death among youth aged 17 and under, there are an estimated 134 suicide attempts that are treated in hospital emergency rooms.
- An estimated 1800 youth ages 10 through 17 were treated at hospital emergency departments for attempting suicide in 2004.
- 77% of these suicide attempts were among females.



- Over 1 in 20 eighth and eleventh graders reported they had attempted suicide in the past 12 months (5.4% and 5.2% respectively) in the 2006 Oregon Healthy Teens Survey³.

Suicidal Ideation

- Nearly 11% of eighth graders and 12% of eleventh graders responding to the 2006 Oregon Healthy Teens Survey reported seriously considering suicide in the past 12 months³.

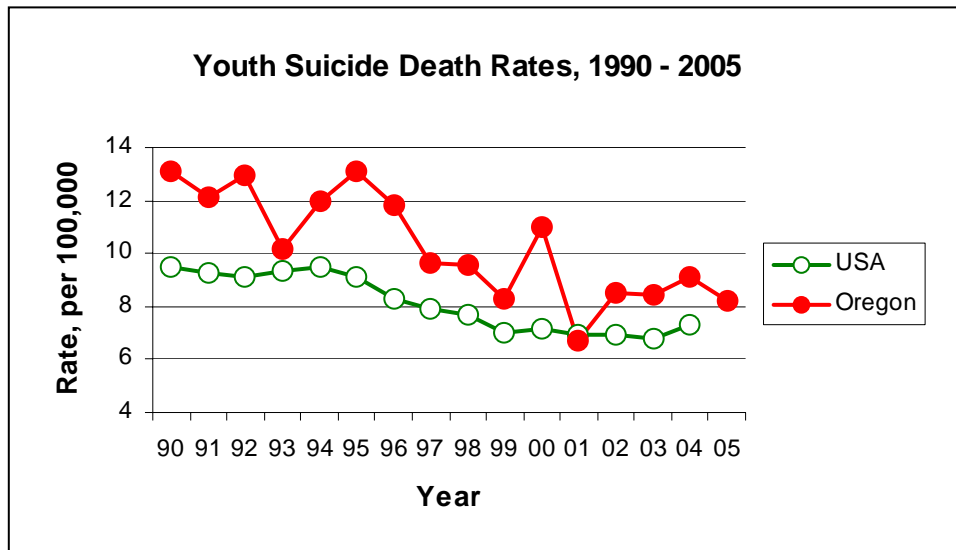
Factors associated with increased risk of suicide include prior suicide attempt, depression, substance abuse, family discord, relationship problems, discipline or legal problems, access to firearms.

Oregon Youth Suicides Compared to National Suicide Data⁴

Oregon's youth suicide rate has been higher than the national rate for decades. Oregon's rate for youth aged 10-24 fell below the national rate in 2001, but since then has risen above the national rate. Oregon's rate in 2004 was 9.41 per 100,000, while the U.S. rate was 7.32 per 100,000.

Oregon's youth suicide rate peaked in the early 1990's. The suicide rate among youth aged 10 to 24 was 13.16 per 100,000 in 1990. It has since declined, and in 2005, the suicide rate among Oregonians 10 to 24 years old was 8.2 per 100,000.

In 2004, Oregon ranked 15th in the nation for youth suicides, ages 10-24 (2004 is the most recent year for which we have national data).



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² Oregon Adolescent Suicide Attempt Data 2004 (<http://www.dhs.state.or.us/dhs/ph/chs/data/arpt/04v2/chp8toc.shtml>)

³ Oregon Healthy Teens Survey 2006, Oregon Center for Health Statistics (<http://www.dhs.state.or.us/dhs/ph/chs/youthsurvey/index.shtml>)

⁴ Centers for Disease Control, National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, WISQARS 2006 (http://webappa.cdc.gov/sasweb/ncipc/mortrate10_sy.html)