

## Wyoming – Youth Suicide

### Statistical Impact



According to the latest CDC's WISQARS National Data Reporting (2019):

- ❖ Suicide is the 1<sup>st</sup> leading cause of death for ages 10-14 in Wyoming.
- ❖ Suicide is the 1<sup>st</sup> leading cause of death for ages 12-18 (middle and high school ages) in Wyoming.
- ❖ Suicide is the 2<sup>nd</sup> leading cause of death for college-age youth ages 18-22 in Wyoming.
- ❖ When examined as an age group 10-24 comparison, suicide is the 2<sup>nd</sup> leading overall cause of death for Wyoming. In Wyoming, every 14.6 days on an average a young person (ages 10-24) is lost to this “Silent Epidemic” of youth suicide.

(\* Wyoming 2019 Youth Risk Behavioral Survey (CDC): (Most Recent Released Report)

When young people were asked in Wyoming:

- ***“Have you experienced the feeling of hopelessness and sadness for a constant period of two weeks or greater during the past twelve months (possible beginning of clinical depression)?”***  
36.7% or over 1 out of every 3 young people (depression is a leading cause of suicide).  
This equates to 10,041 youth in the state that will have these feelings in the next 12 months *if nothing is done differently.*
- ***“Have you seriously considered suicide in the past twelve months?”***  
18.8% answered YES or almost 1 out of every 5 young people.  
This equates to 5,143 youth in the state that will consider suicide in the next 12 months *if nothing is done differently.*
- ***“Have you made a plan to attempt suicide in the past twelve months?”***  
15.7% answered YES or almost 1 out of every 6 young people.  
This equates to 4,295 youth in the state that will make a plan *if nothing is done differently.*
- ***“Have you attempted suicide in the past twelve months?”***  
8.9% answered YES or almost 1 out of every 11 young people.  
This equates to 2,435 youth in the state that will make an attempt in the next 12 months *if nothing is done differently.*  
This is an average of 6 per day.

**\*Wyoming did not participate in the 2019 YRBS. \*Projected using the National 2019 YRBS, which surveys grades 9-12, and the Wyoming 2017-18 school state population numbers. If these results were also applied to grades 7 & 8, where suicide is also a major health issue, the impact numbers would be higher.**

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