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\* To ask the Minister for Health the number of deaths from suicide in County Galway disaggregated by location, city and county, age cohort and gender in each of the years 2017 to 2020.\*

Dear Deputy Farrell,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position;

The most recent Briefing on Central Statistics Office Suicide Figures was issued by the HSE National Office for Suicide Prevention on 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2021 (a link to the relevant page on their website can be found here). An outline of the type of data currently available is shown on page 1.

No data has been published as yet from the Central Statistics Office for 2020. Provisional data is only available for 2019 and, therefore, is subject to change. Suicide rates by age group per 100,000 population are only available nationally. Figures from 2001-2019 are shown on page 7 for males, page 8 for females and total rates on page 9. Three-year moving average rates of suicide per 100,000 population by Galway City and Galway County, from 2004-2019 (excluding late registered deaths), are shown on page 12.



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The number of deaths by suicide in Galway City and County by gender from 2017-2019 are shown in Table 1 below. This information is available from the Central Statistics Office website (see <u>CSO</u>).

## Table 1: Number of deaths by suicide in Galway City and County by gender from 2017-2019

Year	Area of Residence	Sex	Number of Suicides	Type of Data
2017	Galway City	Male	9	
2018	Galway City	Male	7	
2019	Galway City	Male	6	Provisional
2017	Galway City	Female	1	
2018	Galway City	Female	4	
2019	Galway City	Female	5	Provisional
2017	Galway County	Male	15	
2018	Galway County	Male	11	
2019	Galway County	Male	12	Provisional
2017	Galway County	Female	1	
2018	Galway County	Female	6	
2019	Galway County	Female	5	Provisional

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but should you have any further queries, please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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