



National Office for Suicide Prevention

Briefing on Eurostat Suicide Data

Updated: 18 July 2019

In July 2019, Eurostat updated the **overall suicide rate** by country with data for **2016**.

The latest year for which the data by **age-group** is available for is **2015**.

1 - Overall suicide rate	Page 2
2 - Suicide rate of 15-19 year olds (male and female)	Page 4

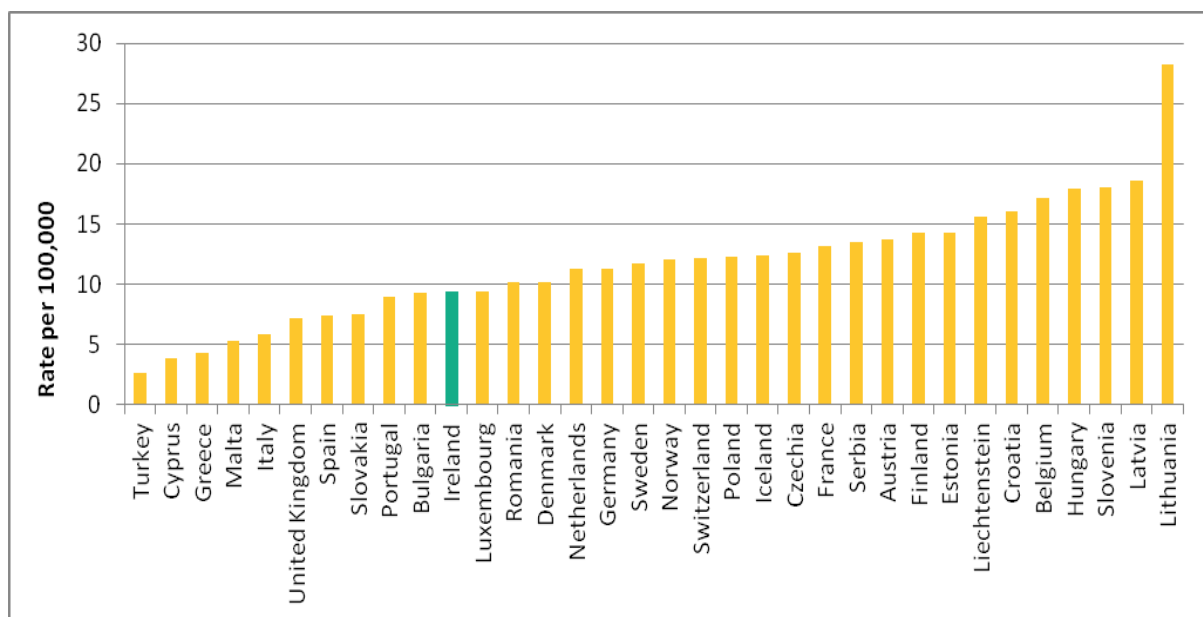


1 - Overall suicide rate

Key points include;

- Ireland's overall suicide rate is not high, by European comparison.
- In **2016**, the total rate of suicide for men and women of all ages in Ireland was 9.37 per 100,000 of the population, the **11th lowest rate** of suicide among the 34 countries for which data was recorded by Eurostat.
- The highest rate was found in Lithuania (28.27 per 100,000 of the population) and the lowest in Turkey (2.64 per 100,000 of the population). The EU 28 average for 2016 was 10.33 per 100,000.

Suicide Rate per 100,000 for males & females, 2016 *¹



* Death rate of a population adjusted to a standard age distribution. The standardised death rates used here are calculated on the basis of a standard European population (defined by WHO).

¹ <https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/tgm/table.do?tab=table&init=1&plugin=1&pcode=tps00122&language=en> (Accessed 18/07/2019)



The table below gives an outline of Ireland's position in relation to the rate of suicide for men and women of all ages across countries for which Eurostat reported data for between 2011 and 2016.

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Rate	12.09 per 100,000	12.12 per 100,000	11.07 per 100,000	10.79 per 100,000	9.47 per 100,000	9.37 per 100,000
Rank	17 th lowest out of 34 countries	17 th lowest out of 34 countries	12 th lowest out of 34 countries	11 th lowest out of 34 countries	11 th lowest out of 34 countries	11 th lowest out of 34 countries

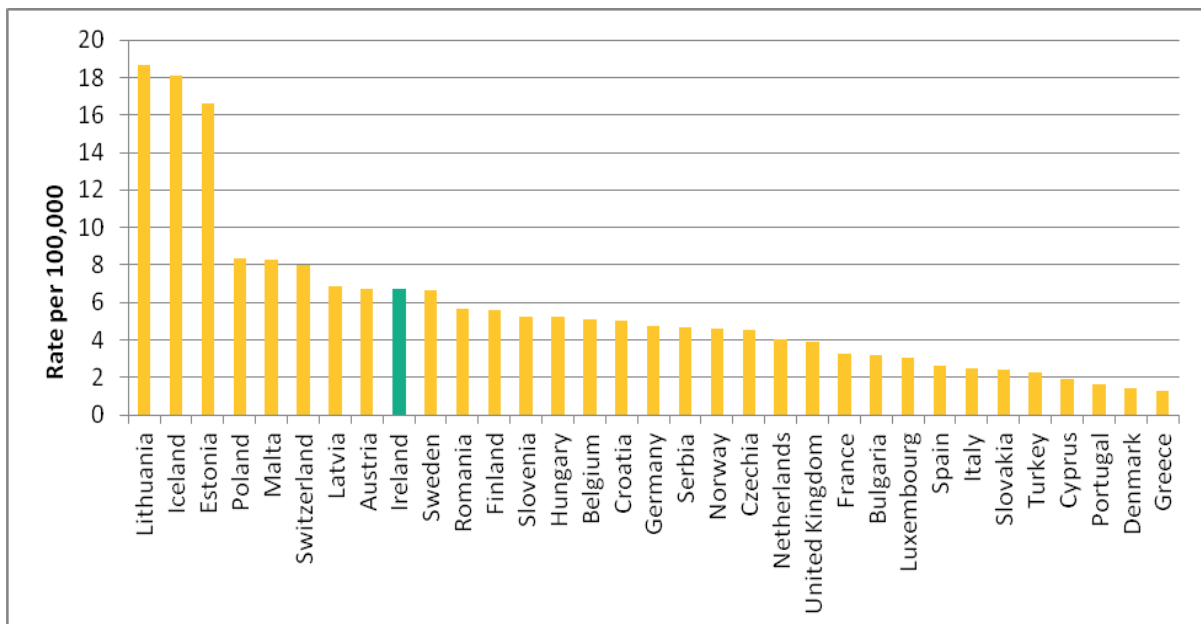


2 - Suicide rate of 15-19 year olds (male and female)

For females and males together, aged 15-19:

- In 2015 Ireland had the **9th highest rate of suicide** across the 33 countries for which data was recorded by Eurostat (6.73 per 100,000).
- The highest rate in 2015 was found in Lithuania (18.64 per 100,000) and the lowest in Greece (1.31 per 100,000).
- The EU 28 average for 2015 was 4.29 per 100,000 amongst this population age-group.

Suicide rate per 100,000 for males and females aged 15-19 years by geographic region, 2015*²



* Data presented as the crude death rate from suicide per 100,000 people. Figures should be interpreted with care as suicide registration methods vary between counties and over time.

² <https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/tgm/table.do?tab=table&init=1&plugin=1&pcode=tps00202&language=en> (Accessed 18/07/2019)



The table below gives an outline of Ireland's position in relation to the rate of suicide for males and females (aged 15-19 years) across countries for which Eurostat reported data on between 2011 and 2015

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Rate	11.72 per 100,000	9.56 per 100,000	7.33 per 100,000	4.45 per 100,000	6.73 per 100,000
Rank	2 nd highest out of 31 countries	3 rd highest out of 31 countries	6 th highest out of 32 countries	21 st highest out of 33 countries	9 th highest out of 33 countries

-----ENDS-----