

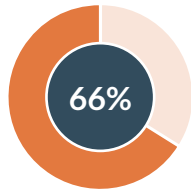


Irish Probable Suicide Deaths Study – IPSDS

2015–2018 Key findings

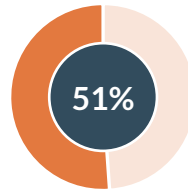
The IPSDS presents information on **2,349** deaths by ‘probable’ suicide from a four year period, 2015 to 2018.

Of these deaths, the highest numbers were of people between the ages of **35 and 54**.



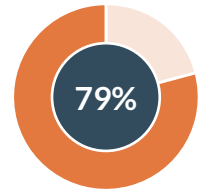
were people with a history of a **mental health condition**

(79% of all women, 62% of all men)



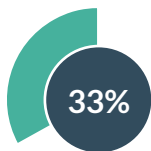
were people known to have been **in contact with medical services** before their death

(63% of all women, 48% of all men)

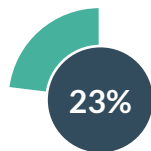


were people with past **adverse life events** or stressors

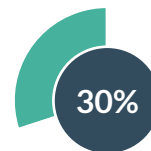
(83% of all women, 78% of all men)



were people who had a lifetime **substance use** history



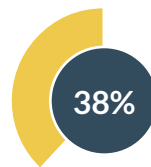
were people who had a history of **previous self-harm**



of their deaths occurred in a **public location**



were people known to be **single** at their time of death



were people known to be **parents**

In this study, deaths by ‘**probable**’ suicide = those proven ‘**beyond a reasonable doubt**’ to be suicide **and** those ‘more likely than not’ to have been suicide - on the ‘**balance of probabilities**’

