



National Office for Suicide Prevention

Briefing on Eurostat Suicide Data

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Eurostat have updated their suicide rate comparisons and now 2015 is the most recent year for which this data is available.

This allows comparison of Irish rates of suicide with other European countries in two categories;

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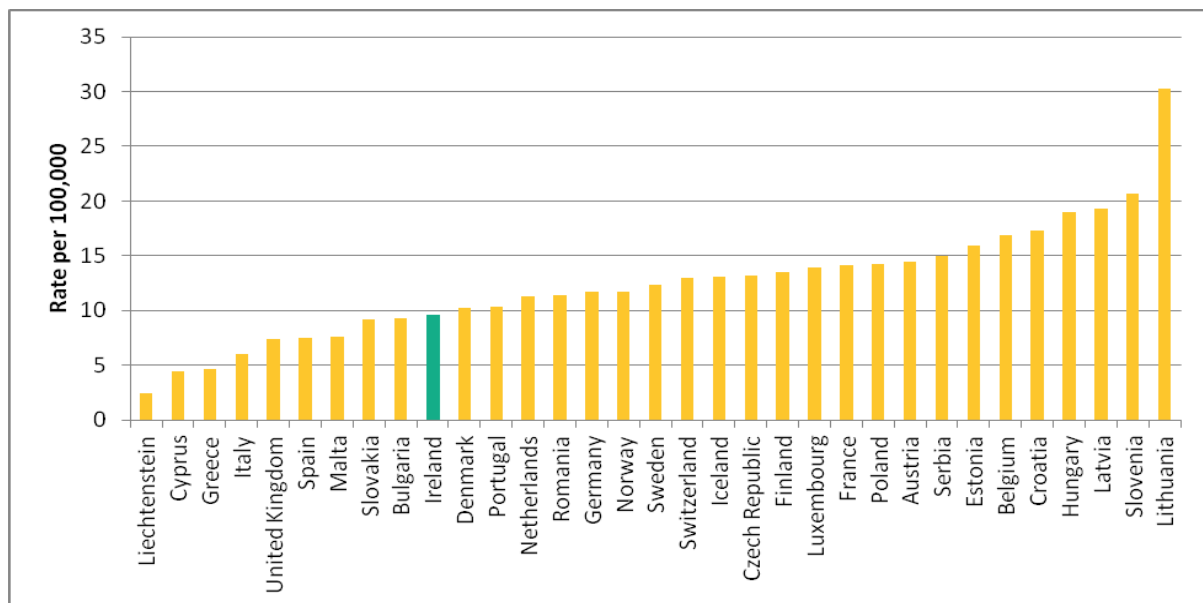


1 - Overall suicide rate

Key points include;

- Ireland's overall suicide rate is not high, by European comparison.
- In 2015, the total rate of suicide for men and women of all ages in Ireland was 9.59 per 100,000 of the population, the **10th lowest rate** of suicide among the 33 countries for which data was recorded by Eurostat.
- The highest rate was found in Lithuania (30.28 per 100,000 of the population) and the lowest in Liechtenstein (2.49 per 100,000 of the population). The EU 28 average for 2015 was 10.91 per 100,000.

Suicide Rate per 100,000 for males & females, 2015 *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 <http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/tgm/table.do?tab=table&init=1&plugin=1&pcode=tps00122&language=en> (Accessed 06/04/2018)



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 2010 and 2015.

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Rate	10.5 per 100,000	12.11 per 100,000	12.18 per 100,000	11.14 per 100,000	11.03 per 100,000	9.59 per 100,000
Rank	11 th lowest out of 30 countries	14 th lowest out of 30 countries	14 th lowest out of 29 countries	11 th lowest out of 33 countries	11 th lowest out of 33 countries	10 th lowest out of 33 countries

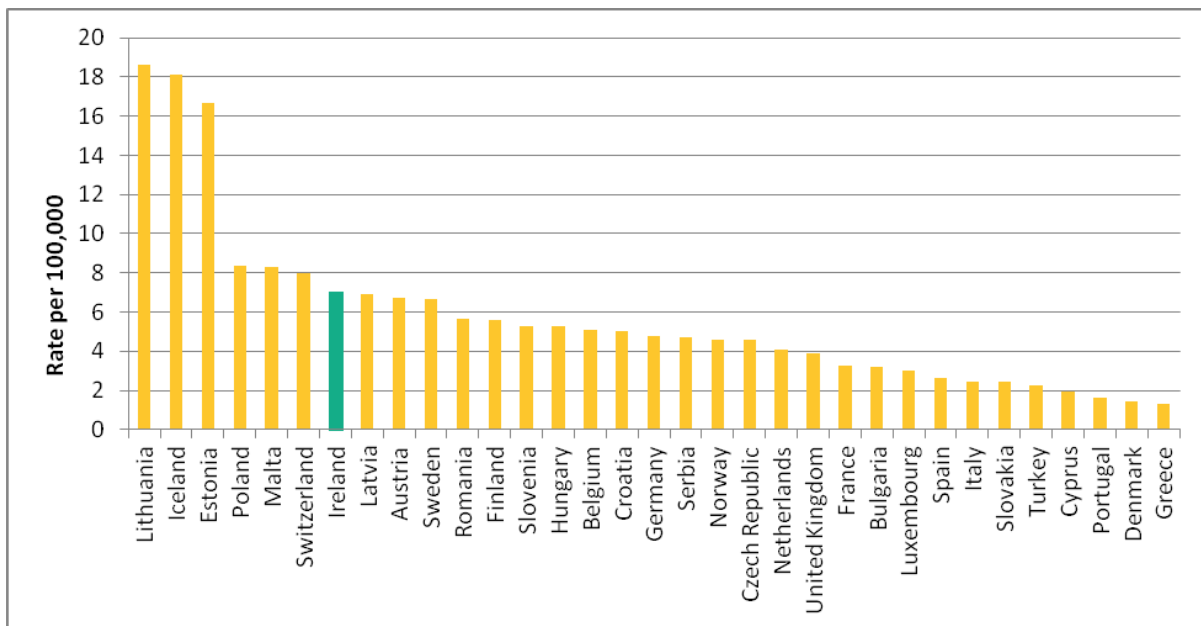


2 - Suicide rate of 15-19 year olds (male and female)

For females and males together, aged 15-19:

- In 2015 Ireland had the **7th highest rate of suicide** across the 33 countries for which data was recorded by Eurostat (7.02 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 <http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/tgm/table.do?tab=table&init=1&plugin=1&pcode=tsdph240&language=en> (Accessed 06/04/2018)



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 2010 and 2015

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Rate	10.5 per 100,000	11.81 per 100,000	9.79 per 100,000	7.6 per 100,000	4.64 per 100,000	7.02 per 100,000
Rank	4 th highest out of 33 countries	2 nd highest out of 33 countries	3 rd highest out of 32 countries	6 th highest out of 33 countries	20 th highest out of 33 countries	7 th highest out of 33 countries

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