

# World Suicide Prevention Day

Working Together to Prevent Suicide

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## Ireland

In Ireland, the Central Statistics Office (CSO) provides mortality data including deaths by suicide. This data is provisional at first, then revised officially and it is then revised again to include late registered deaths.

The following are numbers of deaths by suicide in Ireland, provided by the CSO:

2017	392 - <i>provisional data</i>
2016	399 - <i>provisional data</i>
2015	425 - <i>official data</i>
2014	486 - <i>official data</i>
2013	543 - <i>includes late registrations</i>
2012	576 - <i>includes late registrations</i>

The number of deaths classified as **undetermined** each year, ranges from **27** to **56** for the above years.

Based on the most recent official data (2015), the age categories with the highest rates of suicide are;



**Males** account for approximately **80%** of all deaths by suicide in Ireland. This is a similar proportion in many other countries across the globe.

An increase in the suicide rate in Ireland between 2007 and 2012 can be wholly attributed to an increase in male deaths. This coincided with the onset of economic recession in Ireland.

Sources:

International Association for Suicide Prevention IASP  
WHO Preventing Suicide: a Global Imperative 2014  
Eurostat  
Central Statistics Office

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HSE National Office for Suicide Prevention  
[www.nosp.ie](http://www.nosp.ie) [www.connectingforlifeireland.ie](http://www.connectingforlifeireland.ie)

## Globally

Over **800,000** people die by suicide annually.

Suicide is the **15th leading cause** of death globally, accounting for 1.4% of all deaths.

The global suicide rate is **11.4 per 100,000** population.

For every 1 suicide, it is estimated that **25 people** make a suicide attempt.

It is estimated that **135 people** are affected by each suicide death.

WHO Member States, including Ireland, have committed to work towards the global target of reducing the suicide rate in countries by **10% by 2020**.

## Europe

Ireland's **overall** suicide rate is not high by European comparison:

- In 2015, Ireland's overall suicide rate was **9.59 per 100,000** population.
- This was the **10th lowest** of 33 European countries.

Ireland's suicide rate among **young people** (aged 15-19) is high by European comparison:

- In 2015, Ireland's youth suicide rate was **7.02 per 100,000** population.
- This was the **7th highest** of 33 European countries.