Caucasian Suicide Fact Sheet
Based on 2016 Data (2018)

Overview

- In 2016, 40,164 Caucasian Americans died by suicide. This number accounts for the vast majority of the 44,965 suicides in the US that year. The overall rate per 100,000 was 15.90.¹

- According to the CDC, the rate of Caucasian suicides has climbed since 1999. Over fifteen years, the rate has risen from 11.50 per 100,000 to 15.90.¹

- The majority of Caucasian suicide victims were male, with a rate of 24.79 per 100,000 (compared to a rate of 7.16 for women). The suicide rate was higher for Caucasian men regardless of age.¹

- The suicide rate was highest for Caucasians between the ages of 40 and 64, at 21.92 per 100,000. Men within this demographic and age group had a notably high rate of suicide, at 32.63. The rate of suicide for Caucasian men over the age of 65 was similar, at 34.37 per 100,000.¹

- Caucasian youth (ages 10-19); died by suicide at a rate of 6.65 per 100,000 in 2016. This was the second highest youth rate across other races, with only the American Indian/Alaskan Native rate being higher at 9.65.¹

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