

Suicides in Wales

386

suicides were
registered in
2023

The suicide rate
in 2023 was

14.0

per 100,000



296

Male

77% | 22.0
per 100,000



90

Female

23% | 6.3
per 100,000

The overall, male, and female suicide rates in Wales increased in 2023, compared with 2022.

Males are 3 times more likely to die by suicide in Wales than females.

Age group with highest suicide rate per 100,000

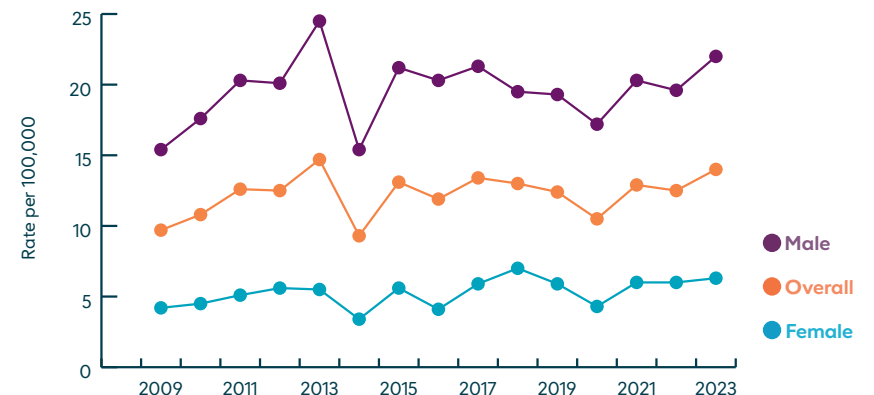


37.6

Male
30–34
years

Many age-specific suicide rates are considered unreliable by the Office for National Statistics (ONS) when they are based on fewer than 20 deaths in an age group. Female age-specific rates are not included here for this reason.

Suicide rate per 100,000 in Wales 2009–2023



Notes about data: Data source – Office for National Statistics (ONS). Suicide refers to deaths where the underlying cause is **intentional self-harm** and **events of undetermined intent**. Data represents suicide registrations. Increases/decreases are based on one year of data. These may not indicate longer term trends and may not be statistically significant. Overall rates for male, female and all persons are age standardised. Rates broken down by age group are crude.

Note about fluctuations shown in graph: Smaller populations often produce rates that are less reliable, therefore differences in the number of suicides may have a bigger impact on the rate than in larger populations. The male and female suicide rates for Wales show a volatile pattern due to the relatively smaller number of deaths.

Appendices

Wales suicide numbers for all persons, males and females and by age group, 2021–2023

Table 1

Wales	2021			2022			2023		
Number of deaths for persons aged 10+	Overall 347	Male 265	Female 82	Overall 339	Male 254	Female 85	Overall 386	Male 296	Female 90
Number of deaths by age group (years)	Overall	Male	Female	Overall	Male	Female	Overall	Male	Female
10-14	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	1
15-19	17	16	1	10	7	3	14	9	5
20-24	22	16	6	18	13	5	16	11	5
25-29	29	23	6	22	20	2	32	27	5
30-34	26	23	3	29	23	6	47	37	10
35-39	36	23	13	43	34	9	38	31	7
40-44	34	29	5	32	23	9	34	25	9
45-49	40	30	10	36	29	7	33	26	7
50-54	40	26	14	29	19	10	41	31	10
55-59	24	18	6	32	24	8	34	24	10
60-64	15	10	5	28	20	8	20	17	3
65-69	12	10	2	13	10	3	25	19	6
70-74	21	15	6	10	4	6	17	15	2
75-79	16	13	3	11	7	4	21	17	4
80-84	12	10	2	12	9	3	6	2	4
85-89	3	3	0	6	5	1	5	4	1
90+	0	0	0	7	6	1	2	1	1

Source: Office for National Statistics

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Table 2

Wales	2021			2022			2023		
Rates per 100,000 for persons aged 10+	Overall 12.9	Male 20.3	Female 6.0	Overall 12.5	Male 19.6	Female 6.0	Overall 14.0	Male 22.0	Female 6.3
Rates per 100,000 by age group (years)	Overall	Male	Female	Overall	Male	Female	Overall	Male	Female
10-14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-19	9.7*	17.7*	-	5.6*	7.6*	3.5*	7.6*	9.4*	5.6*
20-24	11.9	16.9*	6.6*	9.7*	13.6*	5.6*	8.4*	11.0*	5.5*
25-29	15.6	25.1	6.4*	11.7	21.4	-	16.8	28.3	5.2*
30-34	13.3	24.2	3.0*	14.5	23.7	5.8*	23.3	37.6	9.7*
35-39	19.3	25.4	13.5*	22.4	36.4	9.1*	19.1	32.1	6.9*
40-44	19.3	33.7	5.6*	17.6	26.0	9.6*	18.1	27.3	9.3*
45-49	21.8	33.5	10.7*	20.4	33.6	7.8*	19.1	30.8	7.9*
50-54	18.5	24.8	12.6*	13.6	18.3*	9.1*	19.6	30.5	9.3*
55-59	10.8	16.6*	5.3*	14.3	22.0	6.9*	15.2	22.1	8.7*
60-64	7.5*	10.2*	4.9*	13.6	19.8	7.6*	9.5*	16.5*	2.8*
65-69	6.7*	11.6*	-	7.2	11.4	3.2*	13.7	21.5*	6.4*
70-74	11.6	17.1*	6.4*	5.8	4.8	6.7*	10.1	18.4*	-
75-79	12.0*	20.7*	4.2*	7.6*	10.3*	5.2*	13.9	23.8*	5.0*
80-84	13.5*	25.3*	-	13.2*	22.2*	6.0*	6.4*	-	7.7*
85-89	5.6*	13.8*	-	11.0*	22.5*	-	9.0*	17.6*	-
90+	-	-	-	22.9*	60.3*	-	-	-	-

Source: Office for National Statistics.

Age-specific rates were not calculated where there were fewer than 3 deaths and these are marked with "-". It is ONS best practice not to calculate rates based on such small numbers, as they are imprecise and susceptible to inaccurate interpretation. Age-specific rates based on less than 20 deaths are marked with a "*" to warn users that their reliability is low.