Alaska Suicide Facts and Statistics

- Alaska has one of the highest rates of suicide per capita in the country.
- The rate of suicide in the United States was 12.57 suicides per 100,000 people in 2013 (the most recent year available from the Centers for Disease Prevention and Control).
- In 2014, Alaska's rate was 22.3 suicides per 100,000 people.
- Alaska had 1,525 suicides between 2005 and 2014 - an average of 152.5 deaths by suicide per year.
- At least one suicide occurred in 176 Alaskan communities between 2000 and 2009.
- In 2014, 82.6% of suicides in Alaska were by men and 17.4% were committed by women, according to the Bureau of Vital Statistics.
- In 2014, the rate of Alaska Native males that died by suicide was 50.9 suicides per 100,000, nearly four times the national average.
- Youth who are exposed to suicide or suicidal behaviors are more at-risk for attempting suicide, according to the American Association of Suicidology.
- Suicide deaths consistently outnumber homicide deaths by a margin of three to two, according to the American Association of Suicidology.
- More than 90% of people who die by suicide have depression or another diagnosable, treatable mental or substance abuse disorder, according to the American Association of Suicidology.

Information is from the Alaska Bureau of Vital Statistics unless otherwise specified.