

**CRAWFORD COUNTY
SUICIDE
FATALITY REVIEW**

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**SUICIDE & CRISIS
LIFELINE**

**CRAWFORD COUNTY
SUICIDE PREVENTION
COALITION**



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ABOUT SOFR:

The purpose of the Suicide and Drug Overdose Fatality Review (SOFR) is to review and share information about both suicide and unintentional drug overdose deaths to gain a better understanding of the circumstances surrounding these deaths. Strengthening our knowledge improves our ability to take appropriate action.

The objective of the SOFR is to identify possible trends and develop local recommendations based on information collected through the SOFR process to prevent future suicide and drug overdose deaths. The SOFR team interacts periodically, either in person or virtually. All suicide and unintentional drug overdose deaths of Crawford County residents are reviewed by the SOFR team.

Current SOFR membership includes:

- Crawford County Sheriff
- Bucyrus City Fire/EMS
- Crawford County Coroner's Office
- Crawford County Prosecutor's Office
- Crawford County Public Health
- Crawford-Marion ADAMH Board
- Wise Funeral Home

Sources of data include Death Certificates, Coroner/Medical Examiner Reports, Toxicology Reports, Police/Sheriff Reports, Obituaries, News, Social Media, Court Records, Medical Records, Mental Health Records and other treatment information, and EMS Reports.

HIPAA regulations prevent access to or exchange of some protected health information. All SOFR participants are required to maintain confidentiality of information obtained throughout the process. Obtaining EMS records, autopsy and toxicology reports from deaths that occur out of county is often difficult.



NARRATIVE SUMMARY

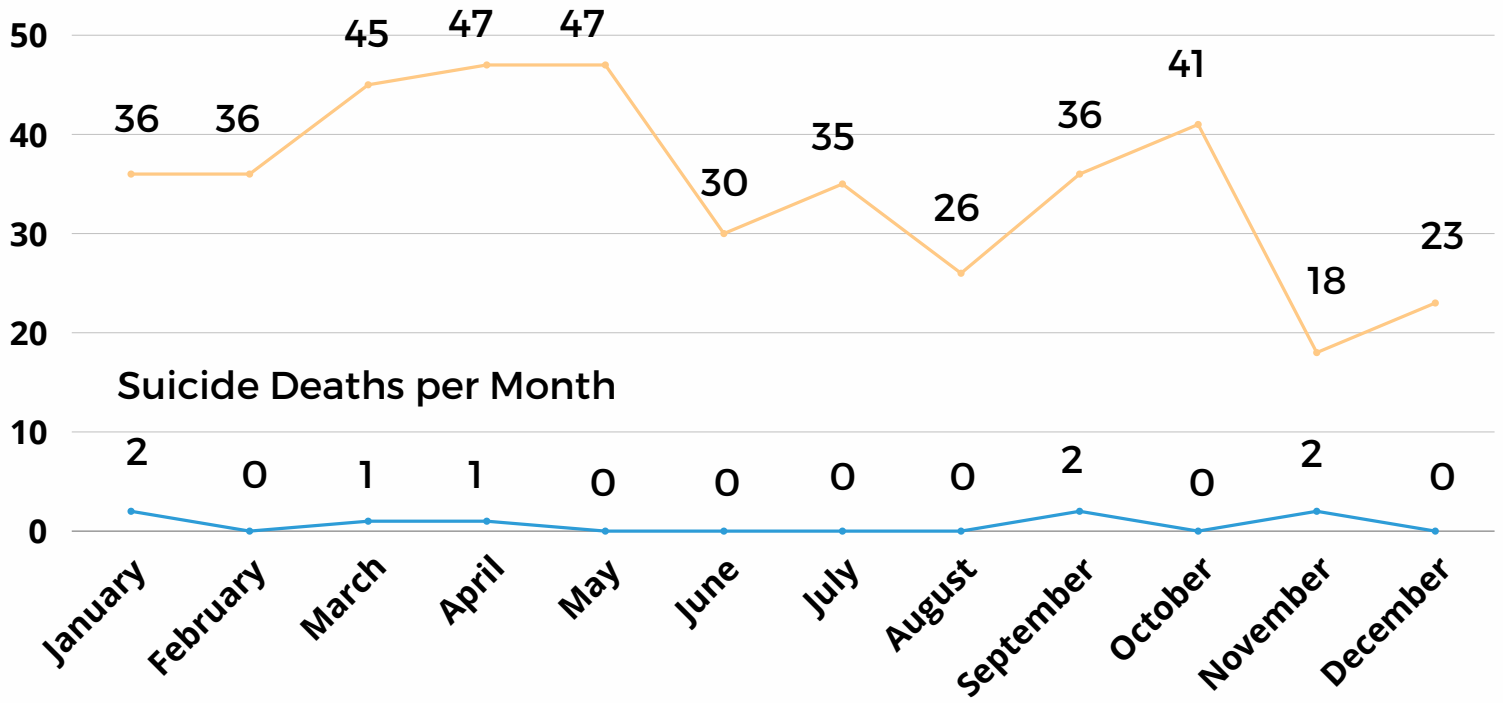
- There were eight (8) suicide deaths in 2024 (6 males and 2 females).
- Five of the decedents lived within the 44833 zip code (Galion area), two from 44820 (Bucyrus area), and one from 44860 (Oceola area).
- Ages of decedents ranged from 14 to 75 years. The average age of decedent was 50 years.
- Home was identified as the most frequent location of injury (7 out of 8 of the instances).
- Seven of the deaths were caused by gunshot wounds and one death was caused by hanging.
- The highest education level obtained for any of decedents was one with a Bachelor's degree. Three of the decedents had received their high school diploma or GED, two had attended 9th through 12th grade but had not received a diploma, one held an associate degree and one listed as having attended some college courses but no degree.
- None of the decedents were veterans.
- Two of the decedents had history with law enforcement (drug offenses).
- Two of the eight decedents had received previous mental health services.
- Half of the deaths (4) occurred between 12:00pm (noon) and 6:00pm.
- Only one of the decedents had left a suicide note. However, one other decedent had left a song playing loudly on repeat (POS by Sueco) and another had posted pictures/videos on TikTok that hinted at depression and suicide.
- Only one of the decedents had been involved in a recent, known crisis at time of death (a break-up with an online romance).
- In 2024, the total number of Crawford County resident suicide ideations/attempts reporting to an ER or urgent care center was 420 instances ranging from 6 to 81 years of age. (Compared to 437 ideations in 2023, 388 ideations in 2022, and 293 ideations in 2021.)





2024 SUICIDE IDEATIONS & DEATHS PER MONTH

Total # Suicide Ideations/Attempts per Month



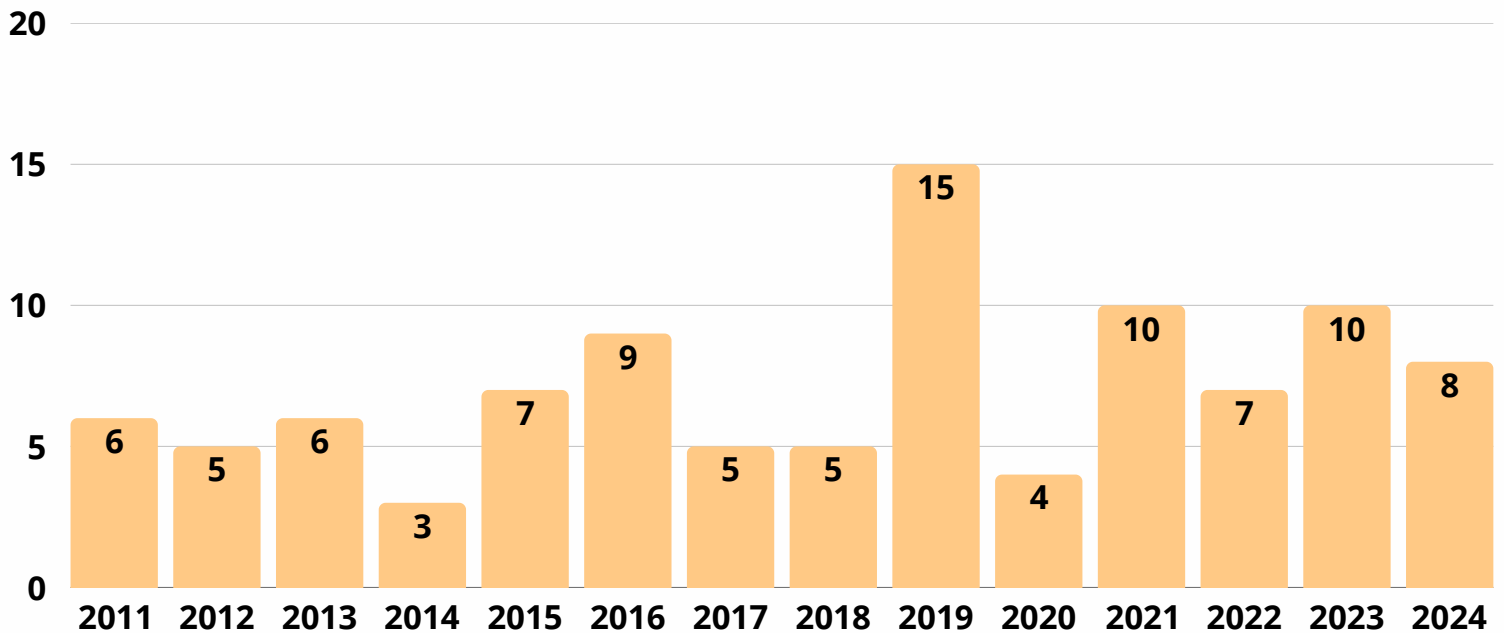
2024	Ideations	Deaths
January	36	2
February	36	0
March	45	1
April	47	1
May	47	0
June	30	0
July	35	0
August	26	0
September	36	2
October	41	0
November	18	2
December	23	0

Suicide Ideation Data was extracted from EpiCenter surveillance system that classified the chief complaint in real-time. This surveillance data captured Crawford County residents that presented to an ER or Urgent Care Center anywhere in Ohio.

Mortality data is provided by the Ohio Department of Health from the Ohio Public Health Data Warehouse. The Department of Health specifically disclaims responsibility for any analyses, interpretations or conclusions.



2011 - 2024 NUMBER OF SUICIDE DEATHS



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2024 SUICIDE IDEATIONS/ATTEMPTS SUMMARY



Males: 180

Females: 240

Overall Minimum Age: 6

Overall Maximum Age: 82

Overall Average Age: 28

Zip Code:

44820: 177

44833: 157

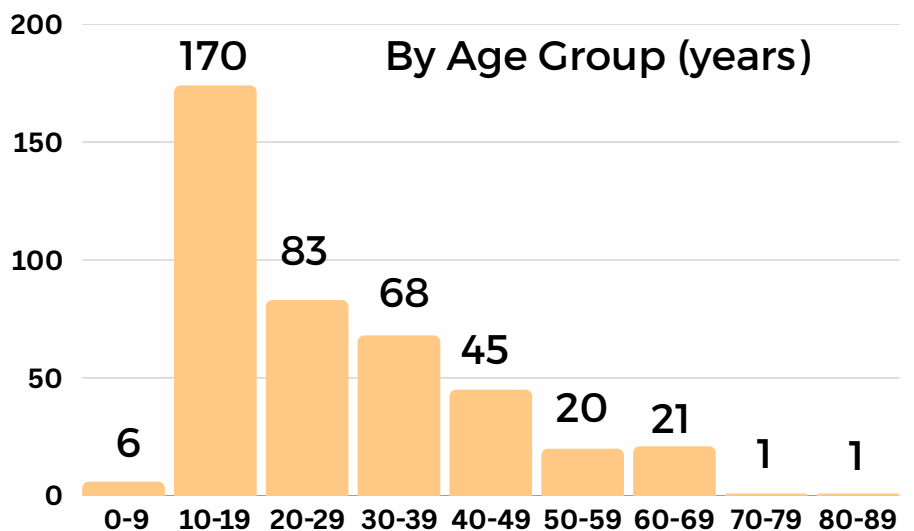
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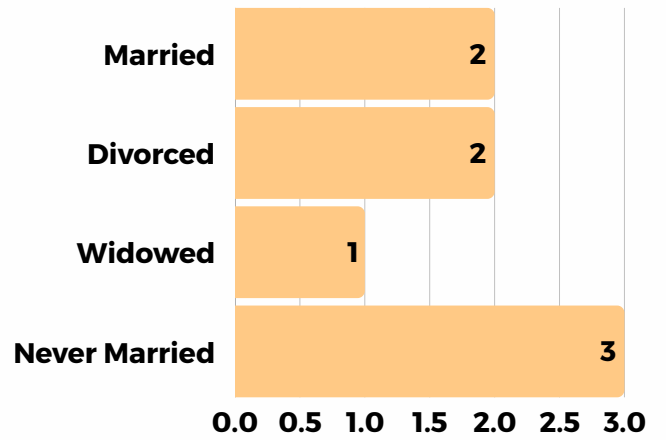
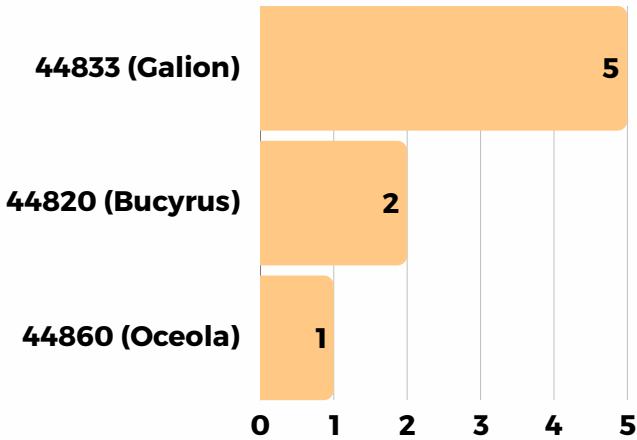
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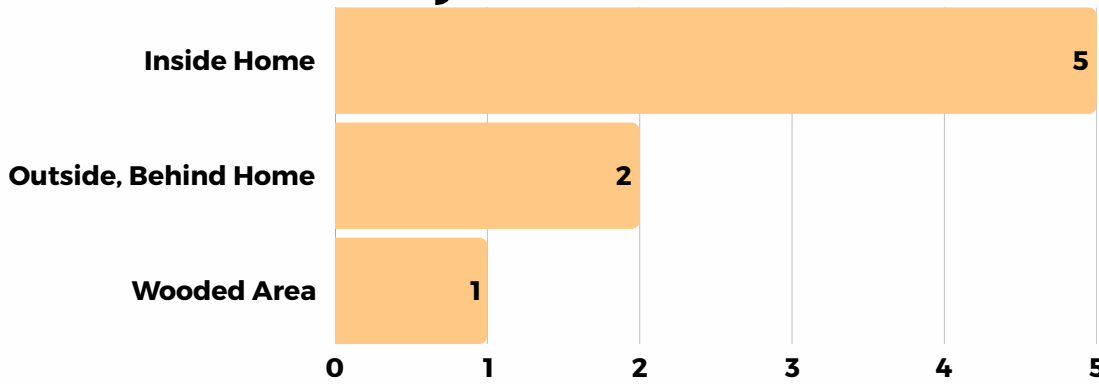




SUICIDE DEATHS - RESIDENCY & RELATIONSHIP STATUS



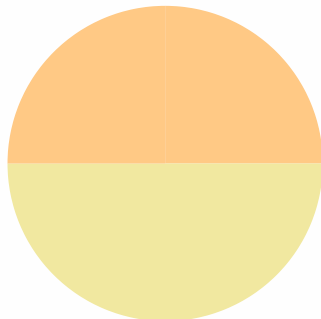
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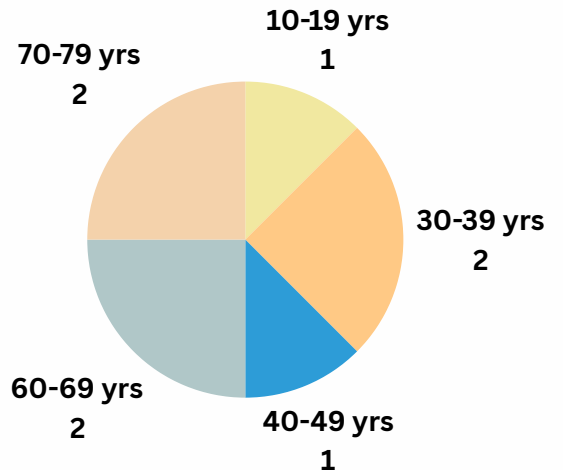
TIME OF DEATH & AGE RANGES OF DECEDENTS

Between 6pm - 12am
2

Between 6am -12pm
2

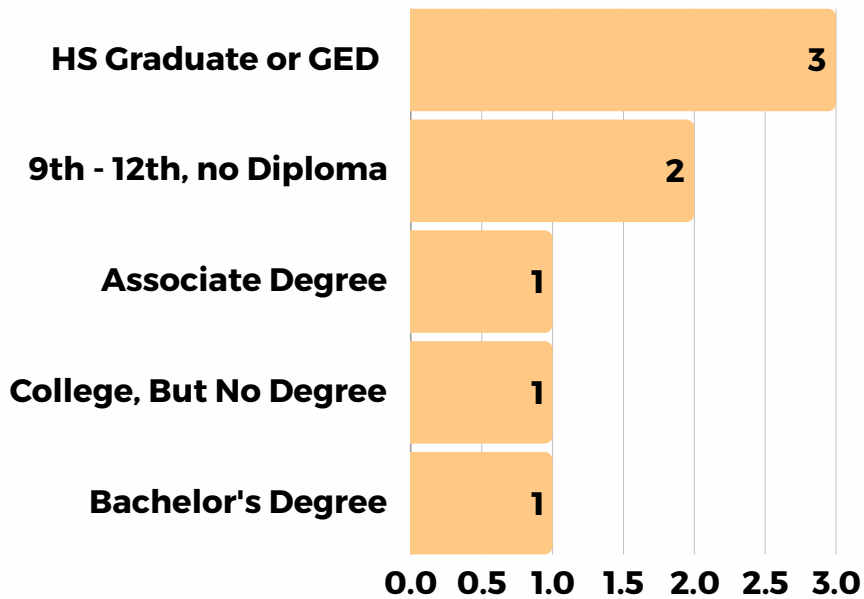


Between 12pm - 6pm
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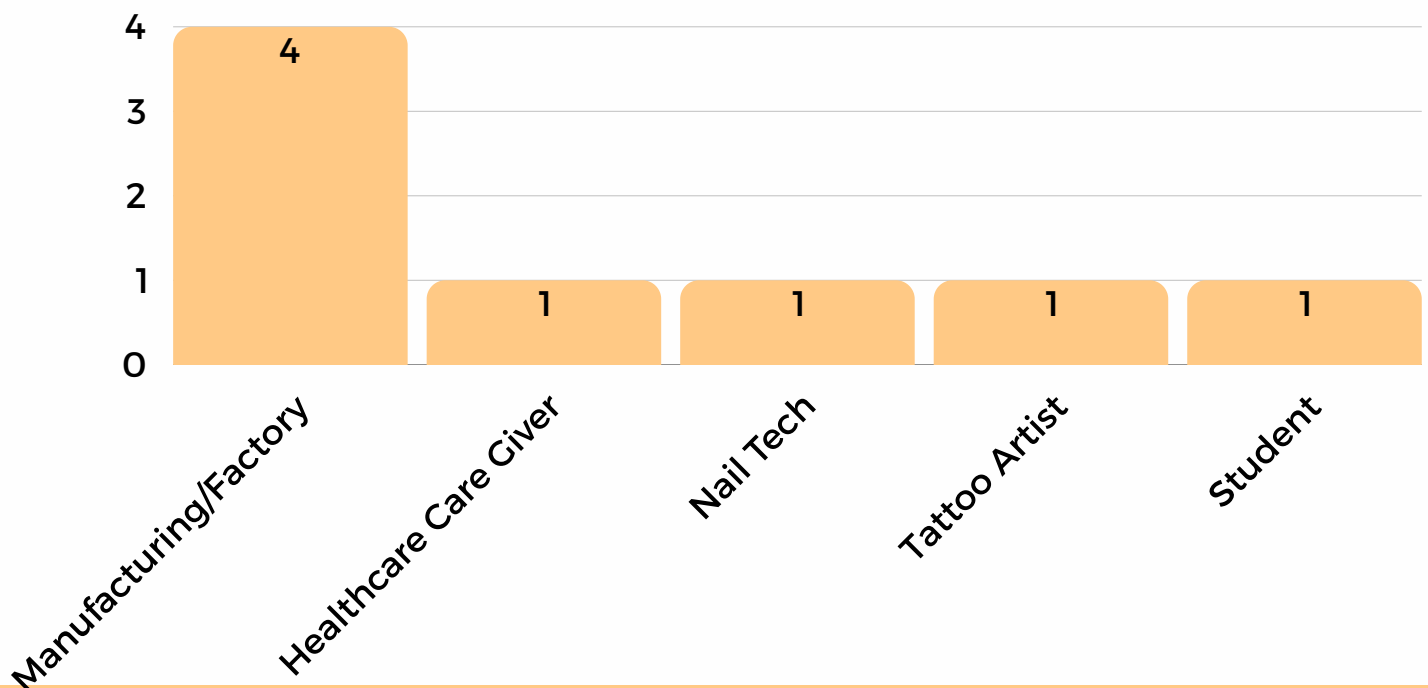


EDUCATION



Three of the decedents had graduated high school or held a GED. Two of the decedents had attended high school, but did not receive a diploma. One of the decedents had attended some college classes, but did not hold a degree. One completed an Associate Degree and one had their Bachelor's Degree.

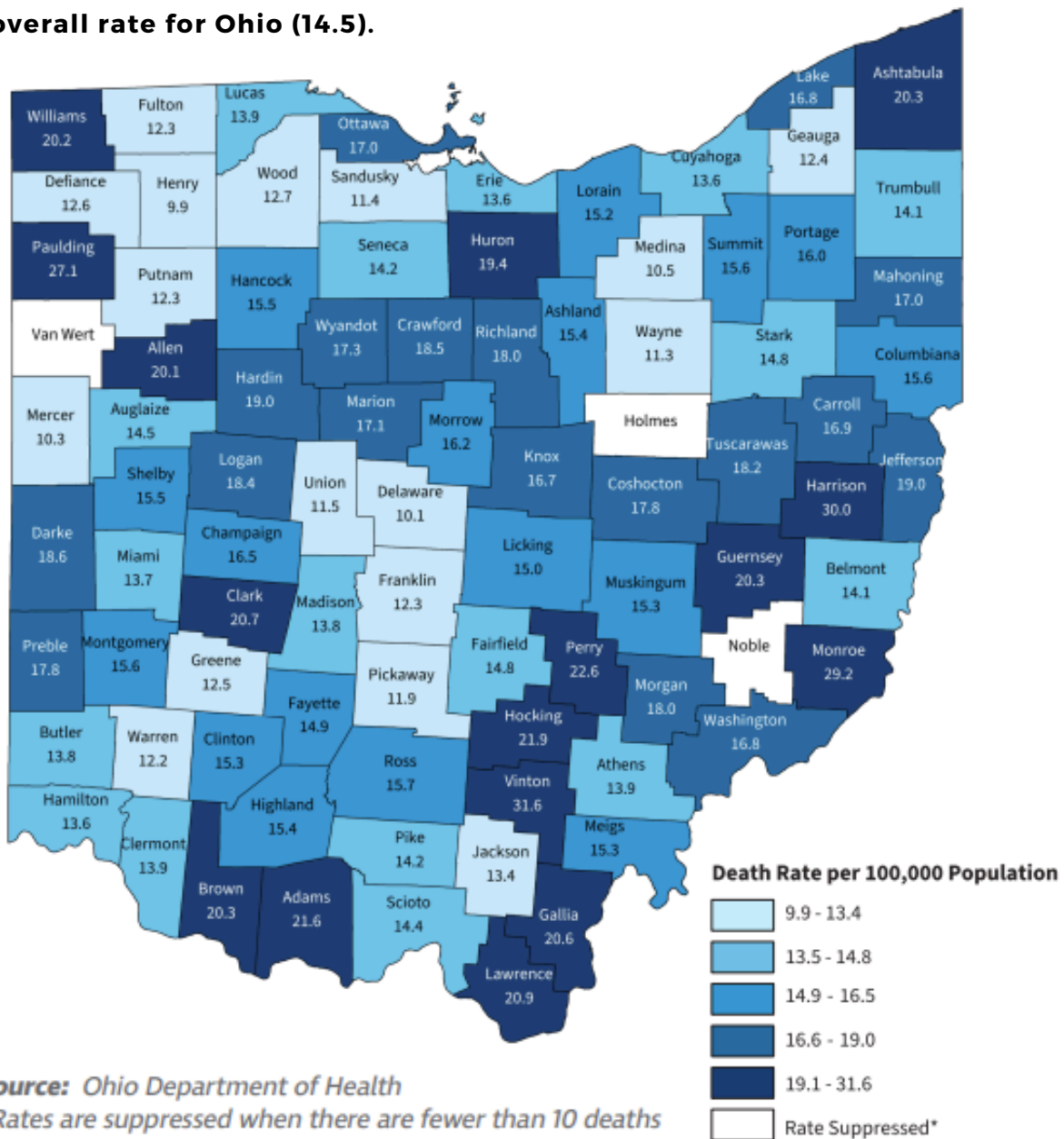
OCCUPATION





OHIO AVERAGE AGE-ADJUSTED SUICIDE DEATH RATE BY COUNTY (2020-2023)

From 2020 to 2023, Vinton County had the highest suicide rate (31.6). Henry County had the lowest suicide rate (9.9). Crawford County had a rate of 18.5 per 100,000 population, higher than the overall rate for Ohio (14.5).



Source: Ohio Department of Health
 *Rates are suppressed when there are fewer than 10 deaths

The 2023 Ohio Suicide Report (ODH, Jan. 2025) indicates suicide was the second-leading cause of death among Ohioans ages 10-14 and 20-34. On average, nearly five Ohioans die by suicide per day, including one individual age 10-24 every 36 hours.

NEXT STEPS

Suicide prevention is an important component of any community. Suicide death is preventable. Connecting to needed mental health treatment and supports are necessary to reduce suicide ideations and deaths.

NOTED TRENDS

Upon reviewing the 2024 information, the fatality review team noted the following:

- Seven of the eight deaths were caused by gunshot wound.
- Only two of the cases (20%) indicated the individual had been referred to treatment previously.
- Home was the most common location listed as place of injury (7 out of 8).
- Seven of the decedents were alone at time of death.
- Four of the deaths (50%) occurred during the hours of 12:00pm and 6:00pm.
- Two of the cases had law enforcement history.
- None of the decedents were a Veteran.
- The number of female ideations is higher than the males, but the death rate is much higher for males.
- The average age for suicide deaths in 2024 was 50 years of age while the average age for suicide ideations reporting to an ER or urgent care center in 2024 was 28 years of age.
- Four of the eight decedents (50%) worked in manufacturing/factory settings.



NEXT STEPS

RECOMMENDATIONS

The SOFR team discussed the following recommendations for the Crawford County community:

- **Explore more options for trainings on social media impacts on youth** for both parents and youth.
- **Promote safe storage** of firearms and explore possible partnerships with local gun shops to assist in raising awareness of safe storage.
- **Continue the QPR trainings** to help employers recognize the signs someone is struggling and empower friends/family members to engage conversations.
- **Promote the Man Therapy Campaign** in collaboration with the local Suicide Prevention Coalition that focuses on men's mental health to support men before they are in crisis.
- **Reduce stigma** towards getting mental health treatment and increase messaging on treatment options available.
- **Promote 988** through a variety of outlets and ensure community partners are sharing the 988 info as well.

CONSIDERATIONS

The Healthy People 2030 target for the United States is to reduce the suicide death rate from 14.1 deaths per 100,000 population to 12.8 per 100,000 population. Ohio's suicide death rate is currently 14.5 and Crawford County is 18.5 deaths per 100,000 populations. (Ohio Department of Health)





WHO CAN HELP PREVENT SUICIDE?

- Friends/family members
- Local community leaders
- Faith-based organizations
- Employers
- School staff
- Coaches
- Mental Health providers
- Social services agencies
- Anyone! You!

Help us bring suicide prevention conversations and services to your neighborhood.

The annual Suicide Prevention awareness walk is the 2nd Saturday of September.

HELP IS 3 NUMBERS AWAY

- 911 EMERGENCIES**
 - Medical
 - Fire
 - Crime
 - Abduction
 - Domestic violence
 - Impaired driving
 - Suspicious activities
- 988 SUICIDE & CRISIS**
 - Thoughts of suicide
 - Mental health crisis
 - Substance use crisis
 - Emotional distress
 - Veterans crisis
- 211 EVERYTHING ELSE**
 - Food
 - Housing
 - Utility assistance
 - Healthcare
 - Legal Services
 - Transportation
 - and More

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United Way United Way of North Central Ohio

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Visit the Crawford County Suicide Prevention Coalition Facebook page for local meeting information and updates. Or call (419)562-7288 to learn more on how you can get involved.