



International Association for Suicide Prevention

WORLD SUICIDE PREVENTION DAY 2021

GLOBAL SUICIDE STATISTICS



An estimated **703,000** people die by suicide worldwide each year.*

Over **one in every 100** deaths (1.3%) in 2019 were the result of suicide.*



The global suicide rate is over **twice as high** among men than women.*

Over half (58%) of all deaths by suicide occur **before the age of 50 years old**.*



Suicide occurs across all regions in the world, however, **over three quarters** (77%) of global suicides in 2019 occurred in **low and middle income** countries.*

An individual suffering with depression is **twenty times** more likely to die by suicide than someone without the disorder.**

20x



Suicide remains **illegal** in over **20 countries**, while people who engage in suicidal behaviour may be punished in some countries that follow Sharia law, involving legal penalties that range from a small fine or short prison sentence to life imprisonment.***



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