

Suicides in England

5,219

suicides were registered in 2021

The suicide rate in 2021 was

10.5

per 100,000



3,852

Male

74% | 15.8 per 100,000



1,367

Female

26% | 5.5 per 100,000

Age groups with highest suicide rate per 100,000



22.5

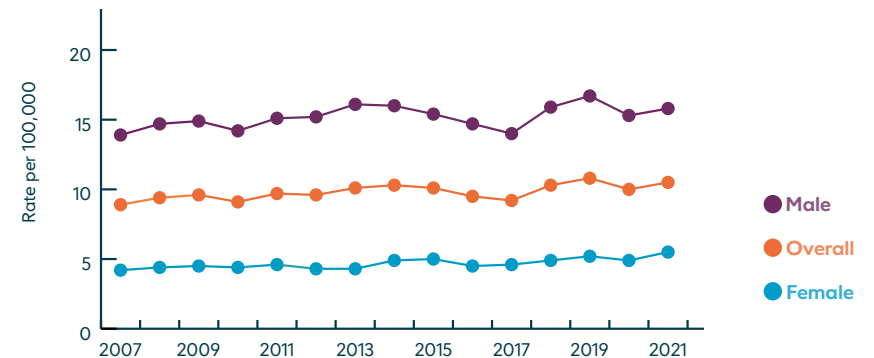
Male
50–54 years



7.6

Female
45–49 years

Suicide rate per 100,000 in England 2007–2021



The overall, male, and female suicide rates in England have increased in 2021, with delayed inquests from 2020 being held. Rates in 2021 are similar to those seen in 2019.

Males are 2.9 times more likely to die by suicide in England than females.

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.

Appendices

England suicide numbers for all persons, males and females and by age group, 2019–2021

Table 1

England	2019			2020			2021		
Number of deaths for persons aged 10+	Overall 5,316	Male 4,017	Female 1,299	Overall 4,912	Male 3,682	Female 1,230	Overall 5,219	Male 3,852	Female 1,367
Number of deaths by age group (years)	Overall	Male	Female	Overall	Male	Female	Overall	Male	Female
10-14	10	5	5	14	7	7	14	6	8
15-19	176	118	58	147	106	41	198	135	63
20-24	379	297	82	307	235	72	372	263	109
25-29	464	349	115	393	288	105	426	321	105
30-34	487	380	107	456	348	108	481	364	117
35-39	473	361	112	489	374	115	496	363	133
40-44	486	372	114	413	318	95	487	360	127
45-49	589	460	129	560	430	130	512	377	135
50-54	585	437	148	533	398	135	575	430	145
55-59	472	357	115	451	337	114	485	366	119
60-64	359	274	85	344	254	90	355	265	90
65-69	218	153	65	221	167	54	259	189	70
70-74	226	169	57	206	154	45	187	144	43
75-79	150	109	41	134	96	38	160	109	51
80-84	119	87	32	109	74	35	92	68	24
85-89	83	62	21	84	60	24	77	61	16
90+	40	27	13	51	36	15	43	31	12

Source: Office for National Statistics

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Table 2

England	2019			2020			2021		
Rate per 100,000 for persons aged 10+	Overall 10.8	Male 16.7	Female 5.2	Overall 10.0	Male 15.3	Female 4.9	Overall 10.5	Male 15.8	Female 5.5
Rate per 100,000 by age group (years)	Overall	Male	Female	Overall	Male	Female	Overall	Male	Female
10-14	0.3*	0.3*	0.3*	0.4*	0.4*	0.4*	0.4*	0.3*	0.5*
15-19	5.7	7.4	3.9	4.7	6.6	2.7	6.2	8.3	4.1
20-24	10.9	16.6	4.8	8.8	13.1	4.3	10.9	15	6.6
25-29	12.2	18.1	6.2	10.4	15.0	5.7	11.4	16.8	5.7
30-34	12.8	20.0	5.6	11.9	18.2	5.7	12.4	18.7	6.1
35-39	12.7	19.5	5.9	13.1	20.2	6.1	13.2	19.4	7.0
40-44	14.2	21.9	6.7	11.9	18.4	5.4	13.7	20.3	7.1
45-49	15.9	25.0	6.9	15.4	23.8	7.1	14.5	21.5	7.6
50-54	15.0	22.7	7.5	13.8	20.8	6.9	14.9	22.5	7.4
55-59	12.9	19.7	6.2	12.0	18.2	6.0	12.7	19.4	6.1
60-64	11.5	17.9	5.4	10.8	16.2	5.5	10.8	16.4	5.3
65-69	7.8	11.3	4.5	7.9	12.4	3.8	9.2	13.8	4.8
70-74	8.1	12.7	3.9	7.3	11.5	3.5	6.6	10.7	2.9
75-79	7.7	12.1	3.9	6.7	10.3	3.5	7.5	11.0	4.5
80-84	8.3	13.7	4.0	7.5	11.6	4.3	6.3	10.6	3.0
85-89	9.4	17.7	4.0	9.5	16.8	4.5	8.5	16.5	3.0*
90+	7.7	16.2	3.7*	9.8	21.2	4.3*	8.0	17.4	3.4*

Source: Office for National Statistics.

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.