Suicide Facts & Figures:
United States 2020

Suicide is a preventable public health problem and a leading cause of death in the United States. More investment in suicide prevention, education and research will prevent the untimely deaths of thousands of Americans each year.

Suicide was the **10th leading cause of death** in the United States.

On average, **132 Americans** died by suicide each day.

1.4 million Americans attempted suicide.

90% of those who died by suicide had a diagnosable mental health condition at the time of their death.

Men died by suicide **3.6x** more often than women. Women were **1.4x** more likely to attempt suicide.

48,344 Americans died by suicide.

- **2nd** leading cause of death for ages 10-34
- **4th** leading cause of death for ages 35-54

In 2017, the suicide rate was **1.5x higher** for Veterans than for non-Veteran adults over the age of 18.

Over **950,000** years of potential life were lost to suicide before age 65.

Firearms accounted for slightly more than half (**50.54%**) of all suicide deaths.

Suicide deaths and attempts cost **$69 billion** in combined work-loss and medical cost in 2015.

10.3% of Americans have thought about suicide

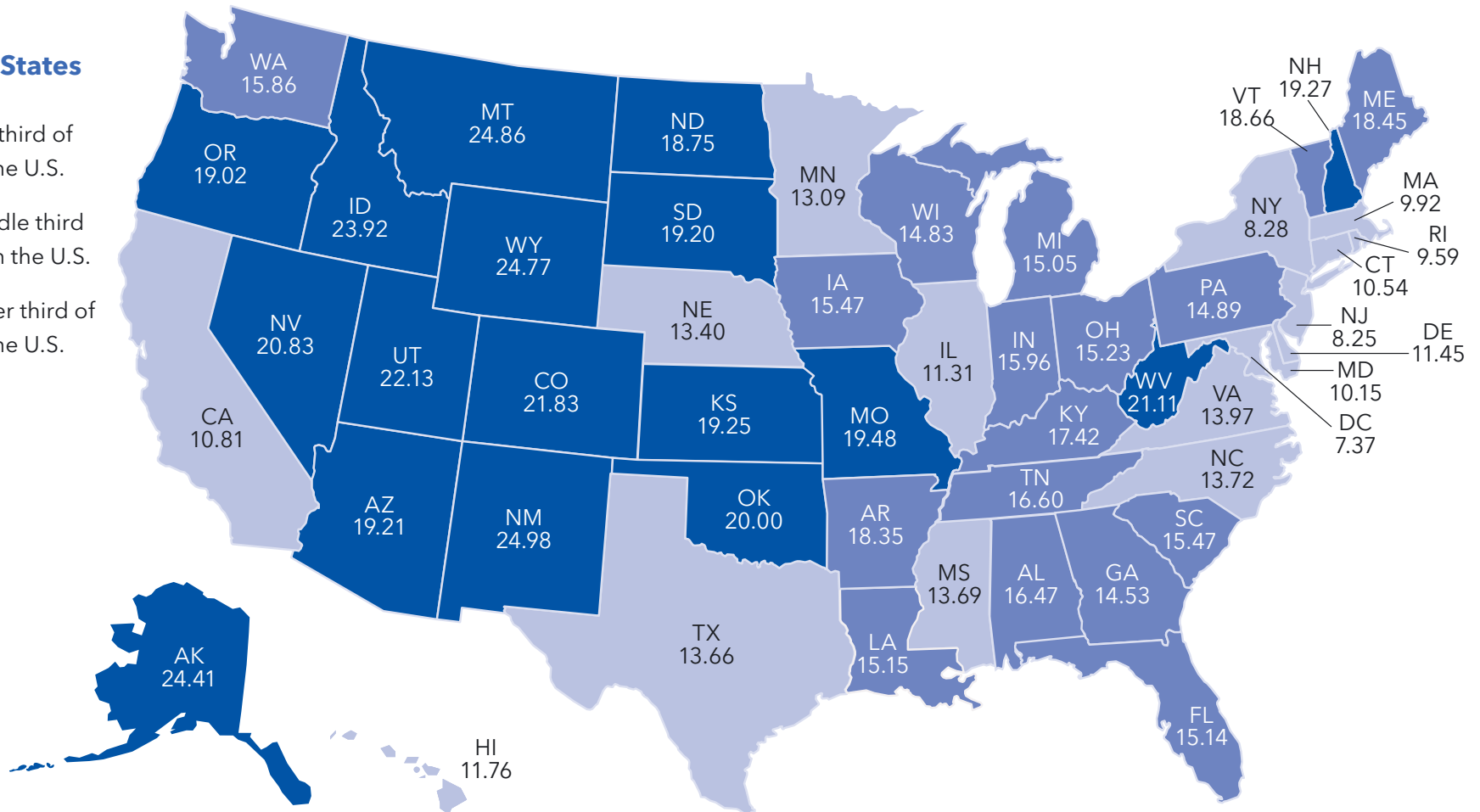**54%** of Americans have been affected by suicide

CDC, 2018 Fatal Injury Reports (accessed from www.cdc.gov/injury/wisqars/fatal.html on 3/1/20). Find additional citation information at afsp.org/statistics.

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Suicide Rates in the United States

- States in the top third of suicide rates in the U.S.
- States in the middle third of suicide rates in the U.S.
- States in the lower third of suicide rates in the U.S.

WA 15.86
OR 19.02
MT 24.86
ND 18.75
MN 13.09
VT 18.66
NH 19.27
ME 18.45
ID 23.92
WY 24.77
SD 19.20
WI 14.83
NY 8.28
MA 9.92
RI 9.59
CT 10.54
NV 20.83
UT 22.13
CO 21.83
NE 13.40
IA 15.47
MI 15.05
PA 14.89
NJ 8.25
DE 11.45
MD 10.15
DC 7.37
CA 10.81
KS 19.25
MO 19.48
IL 11.31
IN 15.96
OH 15.23
WV 21.11
VA 13.97
AZ 19.21
NM 24.98
OK 20.00
AR 18.35
KY 17.42
TN 16.60
NC 13.72
SC 15.47
MS 13.69
AL 16.47
GA 14.53
TX 13.66
LA 15.15
FL 15.14
AK 24.41
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