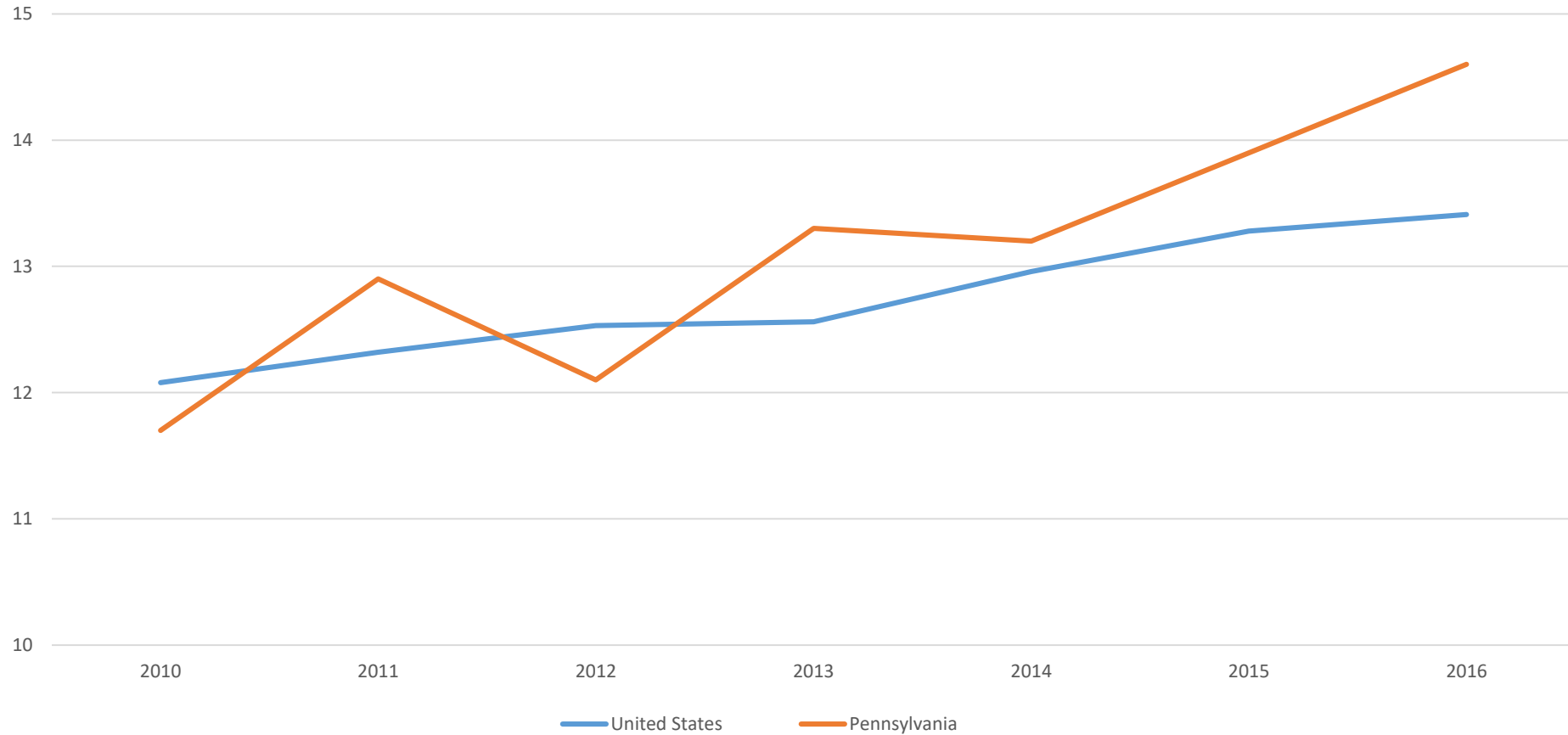


## 10 Leading Causes of Death, United States 2017, All Races, Both Sexes

Rank	Age Groups										All Ages
	<1	1-4	5-9	10-14	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	
1	Congenital Anomalies 4,580	Unintentional Injury 1,267	Unintentional Injury 718	Unintentional Injury 860	Unintentional Injury 13,441	Unintentional Injury 25,669	Unintentional Injury 22,828	Malignant Neoplasms 39,266	Malignant Neoplasms 114,810	Heart Disease 519,052	Heart Disease 647,457
2	Short Gestation 3,749	Congenital Anomalies 424	Malignant Neoplasms 418	Suicide 517	Suicide 6,252	Suicide 7,948	Malignant Neoplasms 10,900	Heart Disease 32,658	Heart Disease 80,102	Malignant Neoplasms 427,896	Malignant Neoplasms 599,108
3	Maternal Pregnancy Comp. 1,432	Malignant Neoplasms 325	Congenital Anomalies 188	Malignant Neoplasms 437	Homicide 4,905	Homicide 5,488	Heart Disease 10,401	Unintentional Injury 24,461	Unintentional Injury 23,408	Chronic Low. Respiratory Disease 136,139	Unintentional Injury 169,936
4	SIDS 1,363	Homicide 303	Homicide 154	Congenital Anomalies 191	Malignant Neoplasms 1,374	Heart Disease 3,681	Suicide 7,335	Suicide 8,561	Chronic Low. Respiratory Disease 18,667	Cerebro-vascular 125,653	Chronic Low. Respiratory Disease 160,201
5	Unintentional Injury 1,317	Heart Disease 127	Heart Disease 75	Homicide 178	Heart Disease 913	Malignant Neoplasms 3,616	Homicide 3,351	Liver Disease 8,312	Diabetes Mellitus 14,904	Alzheimer's Disease 120,107	Cerebro-vascular 146,383
6	Placenta Cord Membranes 843	Influenza & Pneumonia 104	Influenza & Pneumonia 62	Heart Disease 104	Congenital Anomalies 355	Liver Disease 918	Liver Disease 3,000	Diabetes Mellitus 6,409	Liver Disease 13,737	Diabetes Mellitus 59,020	Alzheimer's Disease 121,404
7	Bacterial Sepsis 592	Cerebro-vascular 66	Chronic Low. Respiratory Disease 59	Chronic Low. Respiratory Disease 75	Diabetes Mellitus 248	Diabetes Mellitus 823	Diabetes Mellitus 2,118	Cerebro-vascular 5,198	Cerebro-vascular 12,708	Unintentional Injury 55,951	Diabetes Mellitus 83,564
8	Circulatory System Disease 449	Septicemia 48	Cerebro-vascular 41	Cerebro-vascular 56	Influenza & Pneumonia 190	Cerebro-vascular 593	Cerebro-vascular 1,811	Chronic Low. Respiratory Disease 3,975	Suicide 7,982	Influenza & Pneumonia 46,862	Influenza & Pneumonia 55,672
9	Respiratory Distress 440	Benign Neoplasms 44	Septicemia 33	Influenza & Pneumonia 51	Chronic Low. Respiratory Disease 188	HIV 513	Septicemia 854	Septicemia 2,441	Septicemia 5,838	Nephritis 41,670	Nephritis 50,633
10	Neonatal Hemorrhage 379	Perinatal Period 42	Benign Neoplasms 31	Benign Neoplasms 31	Complicated Pregnancy 168	Complicated Pregnancy 512	HIV 831	Homicide 2,275	Nephritis 5,671	Parkinson's Disease 31,177	Suicide 47,173

# Suicide Death Rates: US and Pennsylvania



# How Does Pennsylvania Compare to the Nation?

## Nation

- 47,173 suicides in 2017
- Rate of 14.5 per 100,000

## Firearms

- 23,854 all ages (50.6%)

Nationally, 60.0% of firearm deaths in 2017 were ruled as suicides.

## Pennsylvania

- 2,023 suicides in 2017
- Rate of 15.8 per 100,000

## Firearms

- 989 all ages (48.9%)

In Pennsylvania, 60.7% of firearm deaths in 2017 were ruled as suicides.

# Youth Suicide in Pennsylvania

**1 in 6 youth seriously considered suicide**



**1 in 8 youth had a suicide plan**



**1 in 10 youth attempted suicide**



(Pennsylvania Youth Survey, 2017)

# Prevent Suicide PA Key Projects



# Pennsylvania Suicide Prevention Plan

## DRAFT GOALS FOR 2020-2024:

- **Goal 1:** Provide training on the prevention of suicide across multiple sectors and settings
- **Goal 2:** Promote screening across sectors, including health care, behavioral health, social services, and educational settings
- **Goal 3:** Provide care and support to individuals affected by suicide deaths and attempt to promote healing and implement community strategies to help prevent further suicides

# Pennsylvania Suicide Prevention Plan

## DRAFT GOALS FOR 2020-2024 (continued):

- **Goal 4:** Improve the capacity to utilize data reporting systems relevant to suicide and improve the ability to collect, analyze, and use the information to promote and support research on suicide and suicide prevention
- **Goal 5:** Promote responsible media reporting on suicide, accurate portrayals of suicide and mental illness in the entertainment industry, and the safety of online content related to suicide.
- **Goal 6:** Promote reduced access to lethal means of suicide among individuals with identified suicide risk

# Public Listening Sessions

## Purpose:

- The Suicide Prevention Task Force will travel to multiple locations across Pennsylvania to hear from stakeholders, mental health professionals, educators, and individuals and families to learn from community members with lived experiences related to suicide and mental health.
- This feedback will help inform the development of the statewide suicide prevention plan, suicide prevention outreach and education, and strategies to fight stigma associated with suicide, suicide attempts, and mental health issues.



# ▶ Listening Session Group Norms

- Timeframe for comments and sharing
- Awareness of language and how to safely talk about suicide
- Confidentiality
- Support and resources

# Listening Sessions: Proposed Questions

- What challenges are we facing in our communities related to suicide awareness, stigma, and prevention, and how can we best address these barriers to expand and improve our efforts?
- How can we strengthen our safety net for individuals across the lifespan who are at risk of suicide, as well as for specific populations known to be at increased risk of suicide (e.g., veterans, LGBTQ+ youth)?
- How can we better support survivors of suicide and those with lived experience in their healing and path to recovery?



For more information, please visit

<http://www.dhs.pa.gov/citizens/SuicidePrevention/>

# Crisis Resources

**CRISIS TEXT LINE |**

**Text PA to 741741**  
**Free, 24/7, Confidential**

**THE TREVOR PROJECT**  
**LGBTQ CRISIS HOTLINE**  
**CALL 1-866-488-7386**

**NATIONAL**  
**SUICIDE**  
**PREVENTION**  
**LIFELINE**  
**1-800-273-TALK (8255)**  
**suicidepreventionlifeline.org**



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prevent suicide, please go to

<https://www.preventsuicidepa.org/>



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