

## Suicide in San Diego County, 2005 - 2006

**Table 1: Suicide Number and Rate by Year,  
San Diego County, 2005 - 2006**

Year	Number	Rate <sup>†</sup>
2005	316	10.36
2006	313	10.21

<sup>†</sup>Rate per 100,000 population

Source: County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency, Emergency Medical Services, Medical Examiner Database

**Table 2: Suicides by Age Group and Gender: San Diego County, 2005 - 2006**

Age Group	Male		Female		Total	
	Number	Rate <sup>†</sup>	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
10-14	2	*	1	*	3	*
15-19	18	7.39	4	*	22	4.73
20-24	47	17.43	5	2.39	52	10.85
25-34	64	13.46	13	2.95	77	8.40
35-44	78	16.77	34	7.36	112	12.08
45-54	98	24.04	40	9.45	138	16.61
55-64	59	22.39	23	8.06	82	14.94
65-74	38	25.61	13	7.35	51	15.68
75-84	48	45.97	6	4.16	54	21.70
85+	27	73.22	7	11.00	34	33.83
Unknown	4	*	0	*	4	*
Total	483	15.80	146	4.77	629	10.28

<sup>†</sup>Rate per 100,000 population

\*Rates not calculated for fewer than 5 observations

Source: County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency, Emergency Medical Services, Medical Examiner Database

**Table 3: Suicide by Race/Ethnicity and Gender: San Diego County, 2005 - 2006**

Race/ Ethnicity	Male		Female		Total	
	Number	Rate <sup>†</sup>	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
White	378	23.88	122	7.78	500	15.86
Black	15	8.72	5	3.27	20	6.16
Hispanic	44	4.98	12	1.35	56	3.16
Asian/Other	42	10.03	7	1.55	49	5.63
Total	483	15.80	146	4.77	629	10.28

<sup>†</sup>Rate per 100,000 population

Source: County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency, Emergency Medical Services, Medical Examiner Database 2005 - 2006

**Table 4: Suicide by Race/Ethnicity and Age Group: San Diego County, 2005 - 2006**

Age	White		Non-White								Total	
			Black		Hispanic		Asian/Other		Total Non-White			
	Deaths	Rate <sup>†</sup>	Deaths	Rate	Deaths	Rate	Deaths	Rate	Deaths	Rate	Deaths	Rate
Less than 15	1	*	0	*	0	*	2	*	2	*	3	*
15-24	44	10.91	7	11.66	15	4.40	8	5.69	30	5.54	74	7.83
25-64	317	18.13	12	7.16	40	4.71	37	8.08	89	6.04	409	12.69
65+	135	27.59	1	*	1	*	2	*	4	*	139	20.60
Unknown	3								0		4	
Total	500	15.86	20	6.16	56	3.16	49	5.63	125	4.21	629	10.28

<sup>†</sup>Rate per 100,000 population

\* Rates not calculated on fewer than 5 incidents

Source: County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency, Emergency Medical Services, Medical Examiner Database 2005 - 2006

**Table 5: Suicides by Age Group and Marital Status: Total Age 15 and Older  
San Diego County, 2005 - 2006**

Marital Status	15-19		20-34		35-64		65+		Total 15+	
	Number	Rate <sup>†</sup>	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Single	21	4.61	95	13.19	113	35.09	16	65.63	245	16.65
Married	0	*	21	3.46	107	6.69	55	14.63	183	6.96
Divorced	0	*	5	7.34	95	28.23	27	32.99	127	25.74
Widowed	0	*	0	*	8	16.41	34	17.67	42	17.00
Unknown	1		8		9		7		25	
Total	22	4.73	129	9.24	332	14.39	139	20.60	622	12.85

<sup>†</sup>Rate per 100,000 population

\*Rates not calculated for fewer than five incidents

Note: Rates calculated based on the estimated marital status distribution from U.S. Census Bureau, 2005 American Community Survey

Source: County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency, Emergency Medical Services, Medical Examiner Database 2005 – 2006

**Table 6: Suicides by Age Group and Marital Status: Men Age 15 and Older  
San Diego County, 2005 - 2006**

Marital Status	15-19		20-34		35-64		65+		Total 15+	
	Number	Rate <sup>†</sup>	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Single	17	7.07	86	20.28	81	43.40	14	123.93	198	24.04
Married	0	*	15	5.16	76	9.38	48	22.95	139	10.33
Divorced	0	*	4	*	66	50.64	17	59.28	87	45.03
Widowed	0	*	0	*	4	*	28	69.05	32	60.23
Unknown	1	*	6		8		6		21	
Total	18	7.39	111	14.90	235	20.68	113	39.01	477	19.75

<sup>†</sup>Rate per 100,000 population

\*Rates not calculated for fewer than five incidents

Note: Rates calculated based on the estimated marital status distribution from U.S. Census Bureau, 2005 American Community Survey

Source: County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency, Emergency Medical Services, Medical Examiner Database 2005 – 2006

**Table 7: Suicides by Age Group and Marital Status: Women Age 15 and Older  
San Diego County, 2005 - 2006**

Marital Status	15-19		20-34		35-64		65+		Total 15+	
	Number	Rate <sup>†</sup>	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Single	4	*	9	3.00	32	23.70	2	*	47	7.23
Married	0	*	6	1.92	31	3.93	7	4.19	44	3.43
Divorced	0	*	1	*	29	14.04	10	18.82	40	13.40
Widowed	0	*	0	*	4	*	6	3.96	10	5.21
Unknown	0	*	2	*	1	*	1	*	4	*
Total	4	*	18	2.77	97	8.29	26	6.75	145	5.97

<sup>†</sup>Rate per 100,000 population

\*Rates not calculated for fewer than five incidents

Note: Rates calculated based on the estimated marital status distribution from U.S. Census Bureau, 2005 American Community Survey

Source: County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency, Emergency Medical Services, Medical Examiner Database 2005 – 2006

**Table 8: Suicide Method by Age Group**

Method	Age Group						Total	
	10 to 24		25-64		65+			
<b>Drug/Poison</b>	6	(7.79%)	97	(23.72%)	19	(13.67%)	122	(19.40%)
<b>Hang/Asphyxia</b>	24	(31.17%)	105	(25.67%)	17	(12.23%)	147	(23.37%)
<b>Firearm</b>	25	(32.47%)	129	(31.54%)	87	(62.59%)	243	(38.63%)
<b>Jump</b>	12	(15.58%)	32	(7.82%)	7	(5.04%)	51	(8.11%)
<b>Other</b>	10	(12.99%)	46	(11.25%)	9	(6.47%)	66	(10.49%)
<b>Total</b>	77	(100%)	409	(100%)	139	(100%)	629	(100%)

Source: County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency, Emergency Medical Services, Medical Examiner Database, 2005 - 2006

**Table 9: Suicide Method by Age Group: Men**

Method	Age Group						Total	
	10 to 24		25-64		65+			
<b>Drug/Poison</b>	3	(4.48%)	47	(15.72%)	7	(6.19%)	57	(11.80%)
<b>Hang/Asphyxia</b>	20	(29.85%)	87	(29.10%)	12	(10.62%)	120	(24.84%)
<b>Firearm</b>	23	(34.33%)	110	(36.79%)	81	(71.68%)	216	(44.72%)
<b>Jump</b>	12	(17.91%)	19	(6.35%)	5	(4.42%)	36	(7.45%)
<b>Other</b>	9	(13.43%)	36	(12.04%)	8	(7.08%)	54	(11.18%)
<b>Total</b>	67	(100%)	299	(100%)	113	(100%)	483	(100.00%)

Source: County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency, Emergency Medical Services, Medical Examiner Database, 2005 - 2006

**Table 10: Suicide Method by Age Group: Women**

Method	Age Group						Total	
	10 to 24		25-64		65+			
<b>Drug/Poison</b>	3	(30.00%)	50	(45.45%)	12	(46.15%)	65	(44.52%)
<b>Hang/Asphyxia</b>	4	(40.00%)	18	(16.36%)	5	(19.23%)	27	(18.49%)
<b>Firearm</b>	2	(20.00%)	19	(17.27%)	6	(23.08%)	27	(18.49%)
<b>Jump</b>	0	(0.00%)	13	(11.82%)	2	(7.69%)	15	(10.27%)
<b>Other</b>	1	(10.00%)	10	(9.09%)	1	(3.85%)	12	(8.22%)
<b>Total</b>	10	(100.00%)	110	(100.00%)	26	(100.00%)	146	(100.00%)

Source: County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency, Emergency Medical Services, Medical Examiner Database, 2005 - 2006