Georgians deaths from suicide and non-suicide firearm deaths by age and sex.

**Types of Violent Deaths in Georgia**
- Nearly all (96%) violent deaths occurring in Georgia in 2013-2014 were classified as suicide or homicide.
- Suicide was the most common manner of violent death in Georgia (N=2556, 63%), occurring twice as often as homicide (N=1313, 33%).
- The remaining deaths from violence were attributed to undetermined manner (N=85, 2%), legal intervention (N=50, 1%) and unintentional firearm death (N=25, 1%).

**Suicide in Georgia**
- **State rates.** Georgia’s suicide rate* in 2013-2014 was 12.7 per 100,000 residents, a 21% increase from 10.5 in 2004-2005 and an 8% increase from 11.8 in 2009-2010.
- **State/U.S. comparison.** The suicide rate in Georgia was 4% lower than the U.S. suicide rate (13.2) and was the fifth lowest of all NVDRS states.
- **Race/ethnicity.** Suicide victims were 80% White, 13% Black, 2% Hispanic, 2% Asian/Pacific Islander, 2% other/two or more races, and 1% unknown.
- **Sex.** Males accounted for 77% of suicide victims (23.5 per 100,000 ages 10+) and females accounted for 23% (6.4 per 100,000 ages 10+). The suicide rate among males was highest for those ages 65+ (31.6/100,000). For females, the suicide rate was highest among those ages 45-64 (9.9/100,000).

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*Percents in this state profile may not equal 100% due to rounding.

*All rates in this profile are occurrence ratios based on the number of resident and non-residents deaths that occurred in the state per 100,000 resident population.*
SUICIDE METHODS
- A firearm was used in 62% of suicides, followed by hanging/strangulation/suffocation (19%) and poisoning (12%).
- Use of a firearm was the most common method for both males (66%) and females (48%). Males ages 65+ had the highest firearm suicide rate (27.0/100,000). (See infographic)

ADDITIONAL SUICIDE DEMOGRAPHICS
- Veterans. Sixteen percent (16%) of victims were identified as veterans (served in the U.S. Armed Forces) on the death certificate, including 34% of victims ages 65+.
- Sexual orientation. Eighteen (18) victims were identified as gay, lesbian, or bisexual.
- Homeless status. Fourteen (14) victims were identified as homeless at the time of death.
- Marital status. Thirty-four percent (34%) of victims were married, 26% were never married, 18% were divorced, 5% were widowed, and 16% had another or unknown marital status.
- Education level. Among victims ages 25+, 51% had an unknown or missing education level, 18% were a high school or GED graduate, 6% had less than a high school education, and 24% had some college credit or a college degree.

SUICIDE CIRCUMSTANCES
- In 79% of Georgia’s deaths by suicide, circumstances were documented in the records (N=2027).
- The most frequently cited circumstances were relationship problems (35%), current mental health problem (34%), current depressed mood (33%), a recent/imminent crisis (31%), and intimate partner problem (28%). A suicide note was left in 27% of the incidents.
- The most frequent or notable circumstances by age group are shown in the chart below.