



### A Continuing Public Health Issue

Suicide is a substantial and persistent public health issue in Travis County. Suicide is preventable. This data brief summarizes deaths by suicide and attempted suicides that resulted in hospitalizations among Travis County residents.

Suicide is the seventh cause of death in Travis County. For those aged 15-34 years, suicide is the second leading cause of death (*2017 Critical Health Indicators Report*). Between 2006 and 2015, there were over 1,200 suicides in Travis County (figure 1). In 2015, there were 156 suicides.

Figure 1. Suicide Mortality by Year, Travis County, 2006-2015

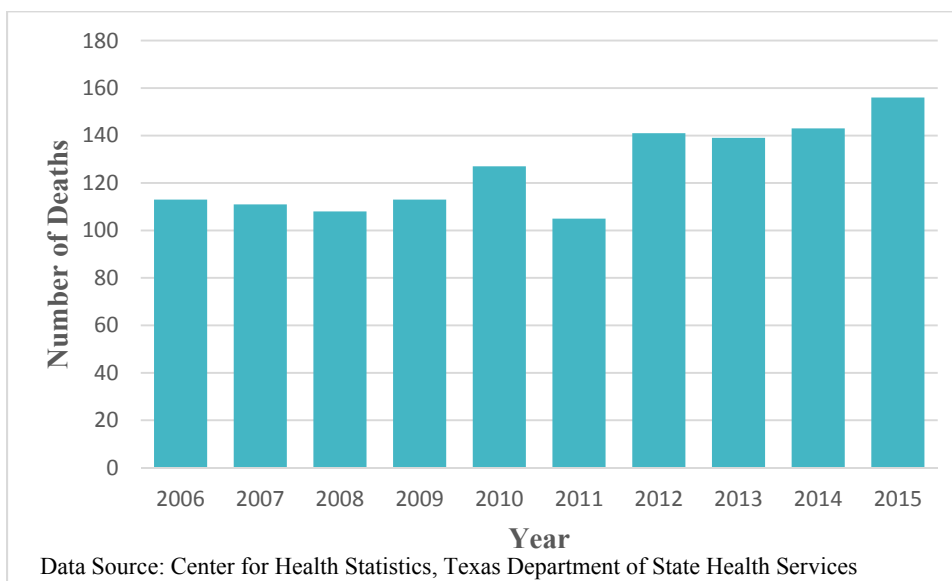


Table 1. Suicide Mortality by Gender and Age Group, Travis County, 2015

		Number	Percent
<b>Gender</b>	<b>Male</b>	116	74%
	<b>Female</b>	40	26%
<b>Age (in years)</b>	<b>&lt;5</b>	0	0
	<b>5-14</b>	*	-
	<b>15-24</b>	24	15%
	<b>25-34</b>	23	15%
	<b>35-44</b>	33	21%
	<b>45-54</b>	27	17%
	<b>55-65</b>	25	16%
	<b>65-74</b>	18	12%
	<b>75-84</b>	*	-
<b>85+</b>	*	-	

Footnote: Total number of deaths from 1 to 9 are masked with asterisks (\*).

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## Special Emphasis Report: Suicide and Suicide Attempt Hospitalizations, Travis County



Data on hospitalizations for Travis County residents for the years 2010 – 2014 were obtained and analyzed. For the five year period, there were 1,803 hospitalizations as a result of self-inflicted injuries.

Table 2. Suicide Attempt Hospitalizations, Travis County, 2010-2014

		Number	Percent
<b>Total Count</b>		1,803	
<b>Age (in years)</b>	<b>0-17</b>	179	18%
	<b>18-44</b>	552	56%
	<b>45-64</b>	203	21%
	<b>65-74</b>	27	3%
	<b>75+</b>	17	2%
<b>Patient Status on Discharge</b>			
	<b>To psychiatric hospital or psychiatric distinct part of a hospital</b>	1,050	58%
	<b>To home or self-care (routine discharge)</b>	549	30%
	<b>Left against medical advice</b>	35	2%
	<b>To other short term general hospital</b>	26	1%
	<b>Died</b>	25	1%
	<b>To home health service</b>	17	1%
	<b>Other</b>	45	7%
<b>Charges</b>			
	<b>Total (for years 2010-2014)</b>	\$66,533,659	
	<b>Average</b>	\$36,902	
<b>Average Length of Stay</b>		3.6 days	
<b>Payment Sources</b>	<b>Uninsured</b>	521	29%
	<b>Private Health Insurance</b>	430	24%
	<b>Medicare</b>	317	18%
	<b>Medicaid</b>	281	16%
	<b>Other</b>	253	14%

Data source: Texas Hospital Inpatient Discharge Public Use Data. Missing frequency: age (825), discharge status (56), payment sources (1). Missing age group due to suppression of age among cases with a diagnosis of HIV or alcohol/drug use.

### PREVENTION RESOURCES:

**Integral Care:** 24/7 Hotline: 512-472-4357 (HELP)  
[www.integralcare.org](http://www.integralcare.org)

**Know the warning signs to prevent someone from dying by suicide –**  
<http://www.youthsuicidewarningsigns.org/>  
<http://www.suicidology.org/resources/warning-signs>

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