

# SUICIDE AMONG SOUTH DAKOTA YOUTH

## SUICIDE FACTS

Suicide is the **LEADING CAUSE** of death among ages 10 to 19  
2020

Males account for **63%** of youth suicides,  
Females **37%**  
2011-2020

American Indian youth suicide rates are **6x HIGHER** than White youth rates  
2020

## THE MEANS

**64%**  
Hanging/Suffocation  
2011-2020

**28%**  
Firearms  
2011-2020

**5%**  
Poisoning  
2011-2020

## SUICIDE ATTEMPTS

**23.1%**  
of SD students seriously considered attempting suicide  
YRBS 2019

**19.4%**  
of SD students made a plan about how they would attempt suicide  
YRBS 2019

**12.3%**  
of SD students attempted suicide  
YRBS 2019

## THE RESOURCES

- Visit the South Dakota Suicide Prevention website: [sdsuicideprevention.org](https://sdsuicideprevention.org)
- Visit Bethe1SD website: [bethe1sd.com](https://bethe1sd.com)
- Text for Hope Program: text "icare" to 898211
- Need help? Call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-8255(TALK) or use the National Crisis Text Line: Text 'Hello' to 741-741
- Find Treatment resources at: <https://dss.sd.gov/behavioralhealth/default.aspx> or call 211
- Visit the Great Plains Tribal Chairmen's Health Board Behavioral Health website: [bhr.gptchb.org](https://bhr.gptchb.org)



1.800.273.8255 help available 24/7



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