

COST OF SUICIDE IN SOUTH DAKOTA

In 2021...

Suicide was the 10th leading cause of death in South Dakota.

202 South Dakotans died by suicide

South Dakota had the 6th highest suicide rate in the nation

The economic toll of suicide on society is immense.

In 2020...



Avg. Medical Costs = **\$6,419**
Total Medical Costs = **\$1.19 Million**



Avg. Value of Statistical Life = **\$10.69 Million**
Total Value of Statistical Life = **\$1.99 Billion**



Avg. Combined Costs = **\$10.69 Million**
Total Combined Costs = **\$1.99 Billion**

Avg. costs = average cost per suicide

All costs represent 2020 data for South Dakota from DOH Vital Statistics and CDC WISQARS

HOW CAN YOU HELP PREVENT SUICIDE?

Suicides are preventable. Help is available 24/7. Call or text 988 or [chat online](#).

Know the Warning Signs

Talk: Being a burden to others, killing themselves, feeling trapped, having no reason to live

Mood: Loss of interest, depression, rage, anxiety, empty, hopeless

Behavior changes: Acting recklessly, withdrawing from activities, increase use of alcohol or drugs, sleeping too much or too little, giving away prized possessions, looking for ways to kill themselves

Know the Risk Factors

- Mental disorders
- Alcohol or other substance use
- Hopelessness
- History of trauma or abuse
- Previous suicide attempts
- Major physical illness
- Financial loss
- Loss of relationships
- Easy access to lethal means
- Lack of social support and sense of isolation

Take Action

1. Request a free suicide prevention training or suicide prevention materials for your workplace at www.sdsuicideprevention.org
2. Implement worksite wellness. Visit <https://goodandhealthysd.org/resources/workplace-wellness-toolkit/> to learn more.
3. Ensure all staff know what resources are available to them by calling 211 or visiting <https://www.helplinecenter.org/2-1-1/> for resources in your area.
4. Pledge to be StigmaFree by visiting [Pledge to Be StigmaFree | NAMI: National Alliance on Mental Illness](#)



For additional warning signs, risk factors and more general information related to suicide prevention, please visit sdsuicideprevention.org

To find a local provider, please call 211, visit dss.sd.gov, or scan here:

