

Decade-Long Suicide Rate Spikes Among US Adolescents

The suicide rate in the U.S. has been increasing for a decade and rising sharply among children aged 10-14, according to a [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) report published Oct. 17.

From 2007 to 2017, the U.S. suicide rate (the number of persons per 100,000 population who committed suicide annually) rose from 6.8 to 10.6 - a 56% increase - among 10- to 24-year-olds.

While the rate for all age groups rose during this time period, more drastic increases were seen among certain age groups:

- 10- to 14-year-olds: 0.9 to 2.5 per 100,000 - up 178%.
- 15- to 19-year-olds: 6.7 to 11.8 per 100,000 - up 76%.

The rate among 20- to 24-year-olds increased 36%, moving from 12.5 to 17 per 100,000.

“In 2017, suicide and homicide were the second and third leading causes of death for persons aged 15-19 and 20-24 and ranked second and fifth among persons aged 10-14,” the report said.

The full report is available [here](#).

The National Suicide Prevention Hotline can be reached at 1-800-273-8255, and an online chat feature is available on the hotline’s [website](#).