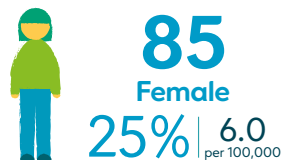
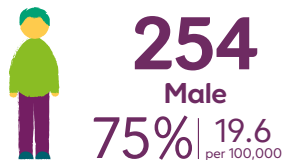


Suicides in Wales



The overall and male suicide rates in Wales decreased slightly in 2022, and the female suicide rate remained the same. Rates in 2022 are similar to those seen in 2021 and 2019.

Males are **3 times more likely** to die by suicide in Wales than females.

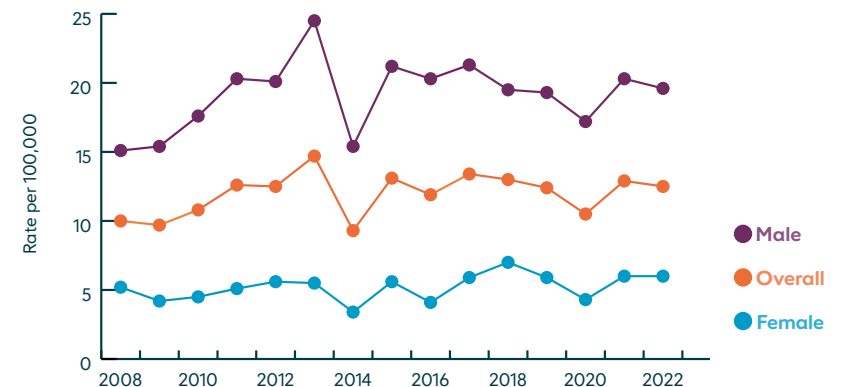
Age group with highest suicide rate per 100,000



Male
35-39
years

Many age-specific suicide rates are considered unreliable by the Office for National Statistics (ONS) when they are based on fewer than 20 deaths in an age group. Female age-specific rates are not included here for this reason.

Suicide rate per 100,000 in Wales 2008-2022



Notes about data: Data source – Office for National Statistics (ONS). Suicide refers to deaths where the underlying cause is **intentional self-harm** and **events of undetermined intent**. Data represents suicide registrations. Increases/decreases are based on one year of data. These may not indicate longer term trends and may not be statistically significant. Overall rates for male, female and all persons are age standardised. Rates broken down by age group are crude.

Note about fluctuations shown in graph: Smaller populations often produce rates that are less reliable, therefore differences in the number of suicides may have a bigger impact on the rate than in larger populations. The male and female suicide rates for Wales show a volatile pattern due to the relatively smaller number of deaths.

Appendices

Wales suicide numbers for all persons, males and females and by age group, 2020–2022

Table 1

Wales	2020			2021			2022		
Number of deaths for persons aged 10+	Overall 285	Male 225	Female 60	Overall 347	Male 265	Female 82	Overall 339	Male 254	Female 85
Number of deaths by age group (years)	Overall	Male	Female	Overall	Male	Female	Overall	Male	Female
10-14	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
15-19	12	8	4	17	16	1	10	7	3
20-24	24	21	3	22	16	6	18	13	5
25-29	24	19	5	29	23	6	22	20	2
30-34	20	18	2	26	23	3	29	23	6
35-39	23	16	7	36	23	13	43	34	9
40-44	24	19	5	34	29	5	32	23	9
45-49	32	25	7	40	30	10	36	29	7
50-54	35	28	7	40	26	14	29	19	10
55-59	21	16	5	24	18	6	32	24	8
60-64	22	16	6	15	10	5	28	20	8
65-69	14	13	1	12	10	2	13	10	3
70-74	11	9	2	21	15	6	10	4	6
75-79	6	5	1	16	13	3	11	7	4
80-84	6	3	3	12	10	2	12	9	3
85-89	5	4	1	3	3	0	6	5	1
90+	6	5	1	0	0	0	7	6	1

Source: Office for National Statistics

Appendices

Wales suicide rates for all persons, males and females and by age group, 2020–2022

Table 2

Wales	2020			2021			2022		
Rate per 100,000 for persons aged 10+	Overall 10.5	Male 17.2	Female 4.3	Overall 12.9	Male 20.3	Female 6.0	Overall 12.5	Male 19.6	Female 6.0
Rate per 100,000 by age group (years)	Overall	Male	Female	Overall	Male	Female	Overall	Male	Female
10-14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-19	7.0*	9.0*	4.8*	9.7*	17.7*	-	5.6*	7.6*	3.5*
20-24	12.6	21.5	3.2*	11.9	16.9*	6.6*	9.7*	13.6*	5.6*
25-29	12.7	20.3*	5.2*	15.6	25.1	6.4*	11.7	21.4	-
30-34	10.3	19.1*	-	13.3	24.2	3.0*	14.5	23.7	5.9*
35-39	12.4	17.8*	7.3*	19.3	25.4	13.5*	22.4	36.4	9.1*
40-44	13.9	22.4*	5.7*	19.3	33.7	5.6*	17.6	26.0	9.6*
45-49	16.6	26.5	7.1*	21.8	33.5	10.7*	20.4	33.6	7.8*
50-54	16.2	26.7	6.3*	18.5	24.8	12.6*	13.6	18.3*	9.1*
55-59	9.5	14.9*	4.4*	10.8	16.6*	5.3*	14.3	22.0	6.9*
60-64	11.2	16.7*	6.0*	7.5*	10.2*	4.9*	13.6	19.8	7.6*
65-69	7.9*	15*	-	6.7*	11.6*	-	7.2	11.4	3.2*
70-74	6.1*	10.3*	-	11.6	17.1*	6.4*	5.8	4.8	6.7*
75-79	4.6*	8.2*	-	12.0*	20.7*	4.2*	7.6*	10.3*	5.2*
80-84	6.7*	7.6*	6.1*	13.5*	25.3*	-	13.2*	22.2*	6.0*
85-89	9.4*	18.9*	-	5.6*	13.8*	-	11.0*	22.5*	-
90+	20.0*	52.3*	-	-	-	-	22.9*	60.3*	-

Source: Office for National Statistics.

Age-specific rates were not calculated where there were fewer than 3 deaths and these are marked with "-". It is ONS best practice not to calculate rates based on such small numbers, as they are imprecise and susceptible to inaccurate interpretation. Age-specific rates based on less than 20 deaths are marked with a "*" to warn users that their reliability is low.