Suicide in the United States - The Problem

- More people die from suicide than from homicide.

- Overall, suicide is the eighth leading cause of death for all Americans, and is the third leading cause of death for young people aged 15-24.

- Males are four times more likely to die from suicide than are females. However, females are more likely to attempt suicide than are males.

- White males and white females accounted for over 90% of all suicides.

- Suicide rates are generally higher than the national average in the western states and lower in the eastern and midwestern states.

- Nearly 3 of every 5 suicides (58%) were committed with a firearm.

Source: National Center for Injury Prevention & Control