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Suicide rate (per 100,000 persons in each age group) for persons 15 to 24 years of age

By age group and sex, United States, 1950, 1960, 1970, 1980, 1990-94

	1950	1960	1970	1980	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994
15 to 19 years of age	2.7	3.6	5.9	8.5	11.1	11.1	10.8	10.9	11.1
Male	3.5	5.6	8.8	13.8	18.1	18.0	17.8	17.6	18.2
Female	1.8	1.6	2.9	3.0	3.7	3.7	3.4	3.8	3.5
20 to 24 years of age	6.2	7.1	12.2	16.1	15.1	14.9	14.9	15.8	16.4
Male	9.3	11.5	19.2	26.8	25.7	25.5	25.6	26.8	28.5
Female	3.3	2.9	5.6	5.5	4.1	3.9	3.9	4.4	3.9

Note: These data are based on information from all death certificates filed in the 50 States and the District of Columbia. The mortality data files are maintained by the National Center for Health Statistics at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Rates for 1950-90 were calculated from U.S. Bureau of the Census decennial census counts; population estimates produced by the Census Bureau were used for noncensus years.

Source: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, "Programs for the Prevention of Suicide Among Adolescents and Young Adults," *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report* (Washington, DC: USGPO, Apr. 22, 1992), p. 3; and data provided by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention [Online]. Available: <http://www.cdc.gov/ncipc/osp/us9491/suic.htm> [Apr. 17, 1997]. Table adapted by SOURCEBOOK staff.