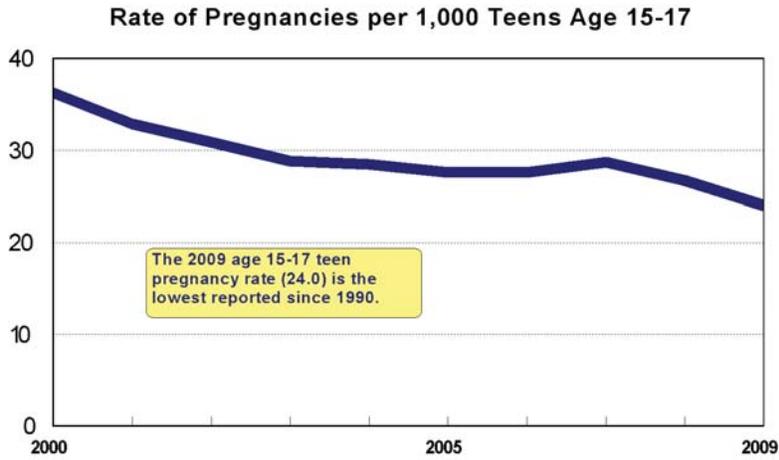
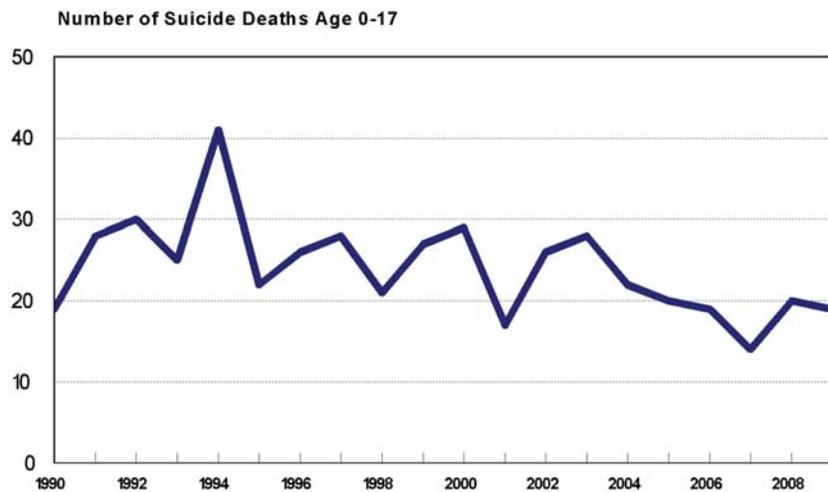


Graph 13
Teen Pregnancy Rates in Washington State
2000 - 2009



Source: Center for Health Statistics, Department of Health, "Total Pregnancies by Woman's Age and County of Residence," updated 9/2010; population data obtained from OFM, "Intercensal and Postcensal Estimates of County Population by Age and Sex: 1980-2009").

Graph 14
Youth Suicide Deaths in Washington State
1990 - 2009



Source: Data provided by the Washington State Department of Health, Center for Health Statistics, "Residence Suicide Deaths by Gender in Washington, Age 0-17," updated November 2010.

Youth Suicide

The number of suicides by youth in Washington varies from year to year. In 2009, there were 19 suicides by youth. During the five years 2005-2009 the number of Washington youth committing suicide has ranged from a high of 20 in 2005 and 2008 to a low of 14 in 2007. The average number of youth deaths due to suicide for the five-year period 2005-2009 is just over 18.

The number of males who commit suicide is generally higher than the number of females. In recent years, the ratio of males to females has been approximately 4 to 1, however in 2009 the ratio was much lower with 8 females and 11 males having committed suicide.

According to Washington's Department of Health, suicide is the second leading cause of death among our state's young people 15-19 years old. In the most recent survey of adolescent behaviors conducted by Washington's Department of Health, one-fifth of Washington's students in grades 9 through 12 reported that they had seriously considered suicide. Of these, 80 percent had made a suicide plan, 40 percent had made a suicide attempt, and 20 percent had made an attempt that required medical attention.

The American Association of SUICIDOLOGY indicates that suicide is the third leading cause of death for young people (ages 15-19 and 15-24; only accidents and homicides occur more frequently. According to the Centers for Disease Control, in 2002, 1,327 youth between the ages of 10 and 18 committed suicide. Most of these youth, nearly 81 percent, were males (1070).

The National Center for Policy Analysis, 2001, reports that, "Young white males are more likely to kill themselves than blacks—though the rate for black males has risen sharply since 1980. The highest rate of all is among young Native American males." Equivalent data regarding ethnicity is not collected in Washington.

In 1994, the Washington State Legislature directed the Department of Health to develop a youth suicide prevention plan. The Department has developed a three-tiered prevention approach: a public education program, "Gatekeeper" training (provides training to adult front-line caregivers to recognize risk factors, screen youth, communicate and make referrals) and crisis service enhancements. Washington's Suicide Prevention Plan is considered a national model of state sponsored suicide prevention programs.

Attempted suicide is a risk factor for future completed suicide, and a potential indicator of other health problems. Many adolescents who have committed suicide or attempted suicide have been in contact with the juvenile justice system (or law enforcement). Incarcerated youth are at an extreme risk for suicide (OJJDP, "Conditions of Confinement" report).

TABLE 30

**Youth Suicide Deaths in Washington State
by County of Residence, Age 0-17 Years from 2000-2009**

County	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000
Adams										
Asotin		1								
Benton		1		1			2		1	2
Chelan	1	1								
Clallam					1	1		1		1
Clark		1	2	1		2	1	1	2	4
Columbia						1				
Cowlitz					1					3
Douglas				1						
Ferry										
Franklin										
Garfield										
Grant					1					
Grays Harbor										
Island			1	1	1		1	1		
Jefferson										
King	7	4	2	2	3	2	6	6	3	5
Kitsap	1		2	4	1	1	2	1	1	
Kittitas						1				
Klickitat						1				
Lewis		1				1	2			
Lincoln						1				
Mason										
Okanogan								1	2	
Pacific	1							1		
Pend Orielle										
Pierce	3	7		2	3	4	8	4	3	3
San Juan										
Skagit	1		1					1		2
Skamania				1				2		
Snohomish		3	1	2	1	1	4	1	3	2
Spokane	1			1	3	4	2	2		3
Stevens			1		1			2		1
Thurston	1	1	2	2	1			1	1	1
Wahkiakum					1					
Walla Walla	1									
Whatcom	1		1	1						1
Whitman										
Yakima	1		1		2	2		1	1	1
TOTAL	19	20	14	19	20	22	28	26	17	29

Source: Data provided by the Washington State Department of Health, Center for Health Statistics; updated November 2010, "Residence Suicide Deaths by Gender in Washington: 2009, Age 0-17."

TABLE 31

Youth Suicide Deaths in Washington State by Gender Age 0-17 Years, from 2005 - 2009

County	2009			2008			2007			2006			2005			Total 2005-2009
	F	M	Total													
Asotin	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Benton	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2
Chelan	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Clallam	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
Clark	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	4
Cowlitz	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
Douglas	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1
Grant	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
Island	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	3
King	4	3	7	0	4	4	1	1	2	1	1	2	0	3	3	18
Kitsap	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	2	2	2	4	0	1	1	8
Lewis	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Pacific	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Pierce	0	3	3	1	6	7	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	3	3	15
Skagit	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Skamania	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Snohomish	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	1	1	0	2	2	0	1	1	7
Spokane	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	3	3	5
Stevens	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	2
Thurston	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	2	2	0	2	2	0	1	1	7
Wahkiakum	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
Walla Walla	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Whatcom	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	3
Yakima	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	2	4
TOTAL	8	11	19	7	13	20	2	12	14	5	14	19	1	19	20	92

Source: Data provided by the Washington State Department of Health, Center for Health Statistics; updated November 2010, "Residence Suicide Deaths by Gender in Washington: 2009, Age 0-17."