

# Suicide in Virginia: 2003-2012

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## Data Source

The Virginia Violent Death Reporting System (VVDRS)

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- Part of the CDC's National Violent Death Reporting System
- Located in the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (OCME) in the Virginia Department of Health (VDH)

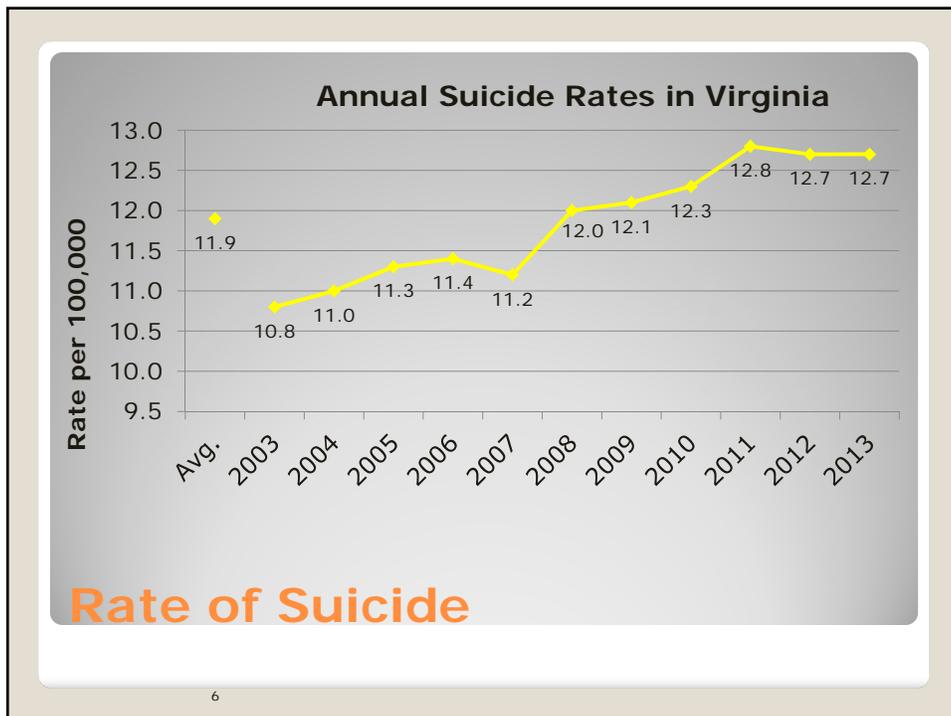
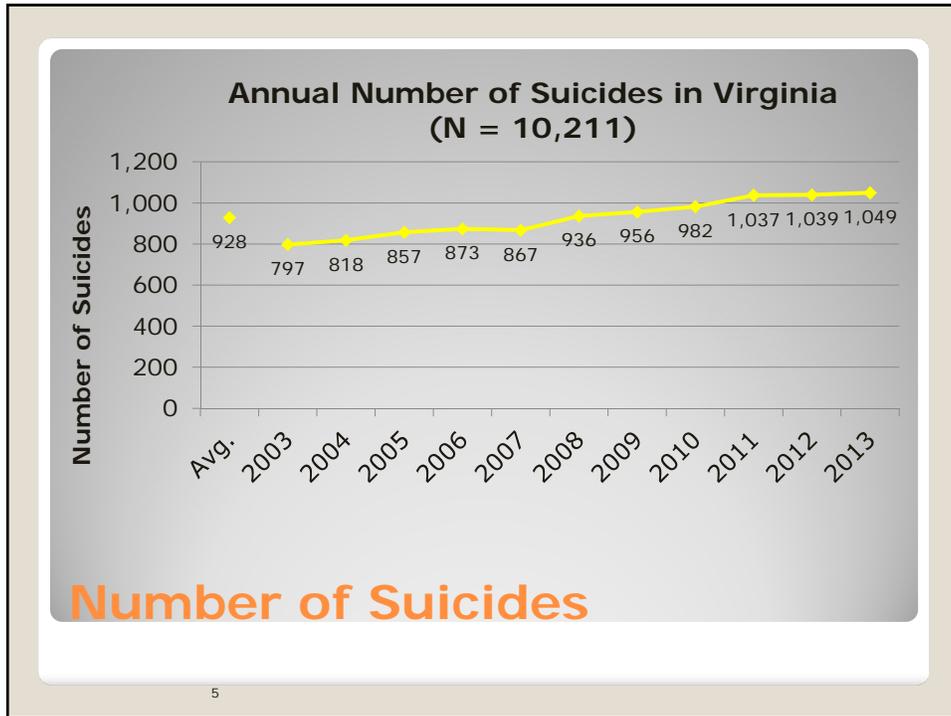
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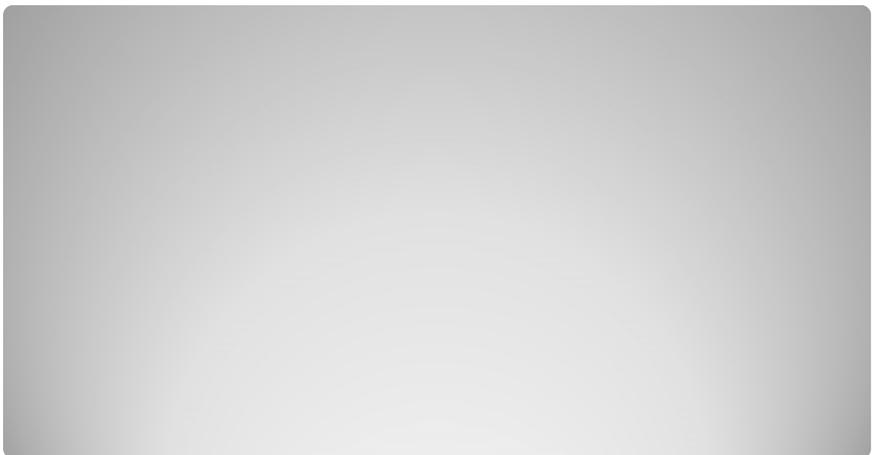
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## Annual numbers and rates

Examining trends over an 11-year period

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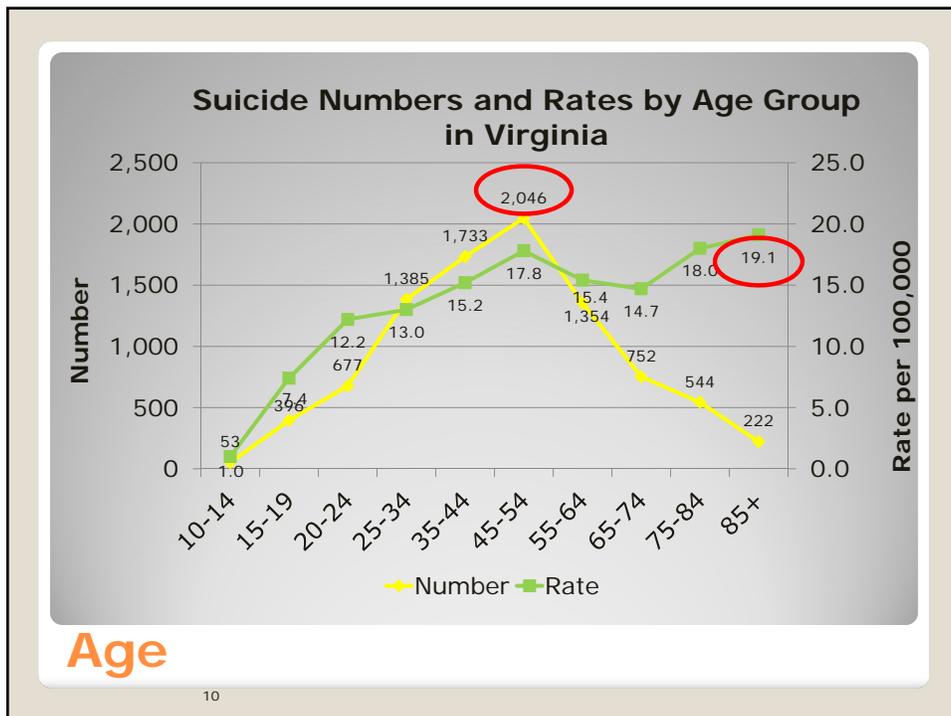
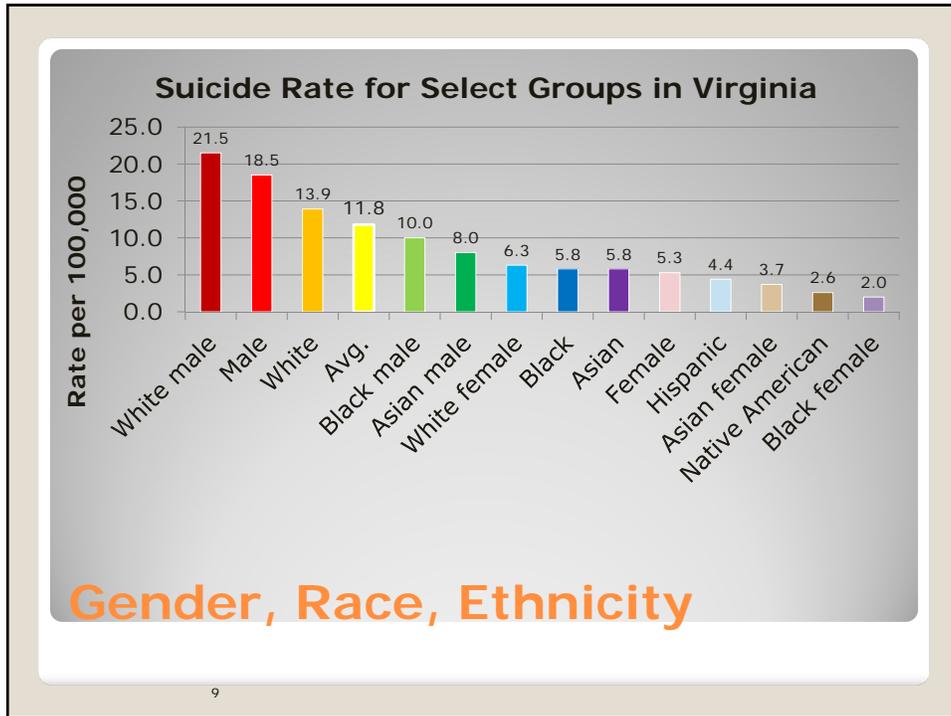
**Who is at risk**  
Gender, race, ethnicity, and age

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- Males (77%)
- Whites (87%)
- White males (67%)

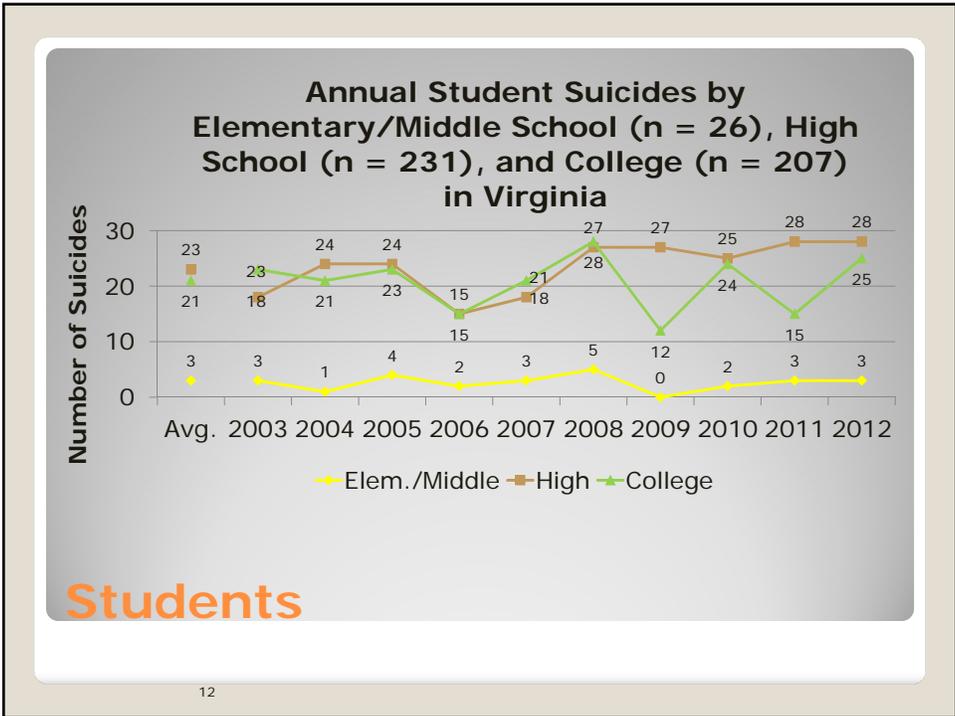
**Gender and Race**

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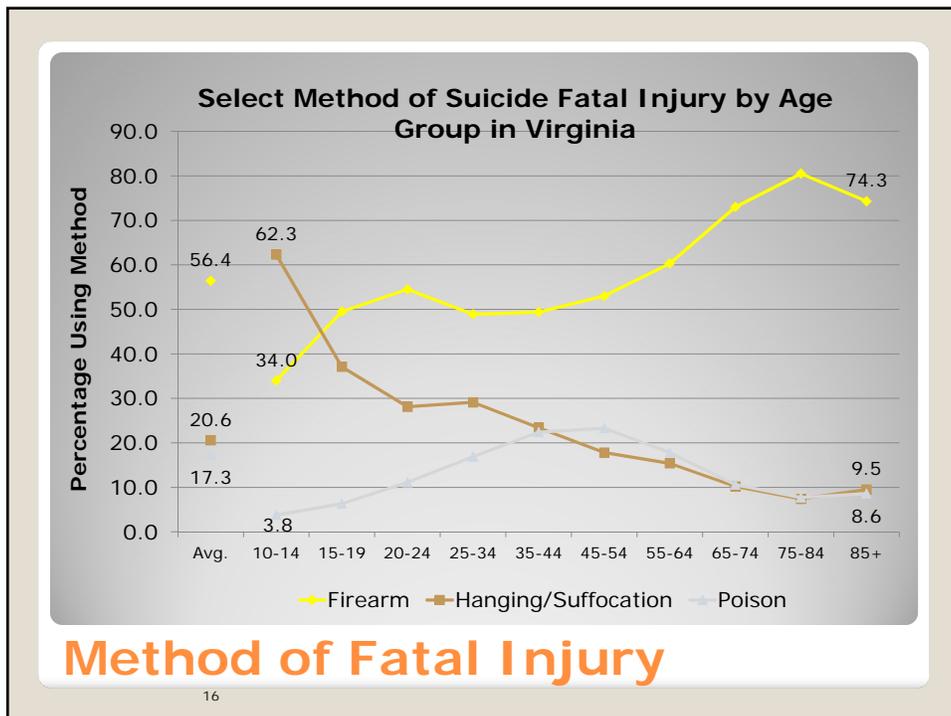
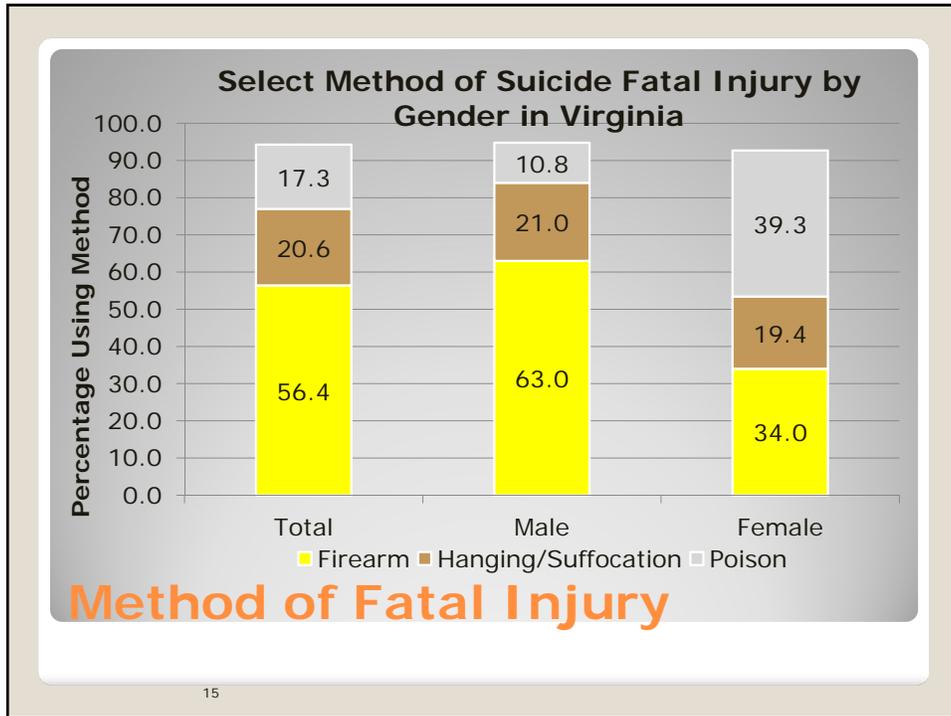
Gender	College Students	All Others
Male	69%	77%
Female	31%	23%
Race		
White	78%	87%
Black	12%	10%
Asian	9%	3%
Age		
Median age (years)	21	47
Method of Fatal Injury		
Firearm	39%	57%
Hanging/Suffocation	32%	20%
Poison	18%	17%

**College Students**

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**Method of fatal injury**  
 How the fatal suicide was carried out

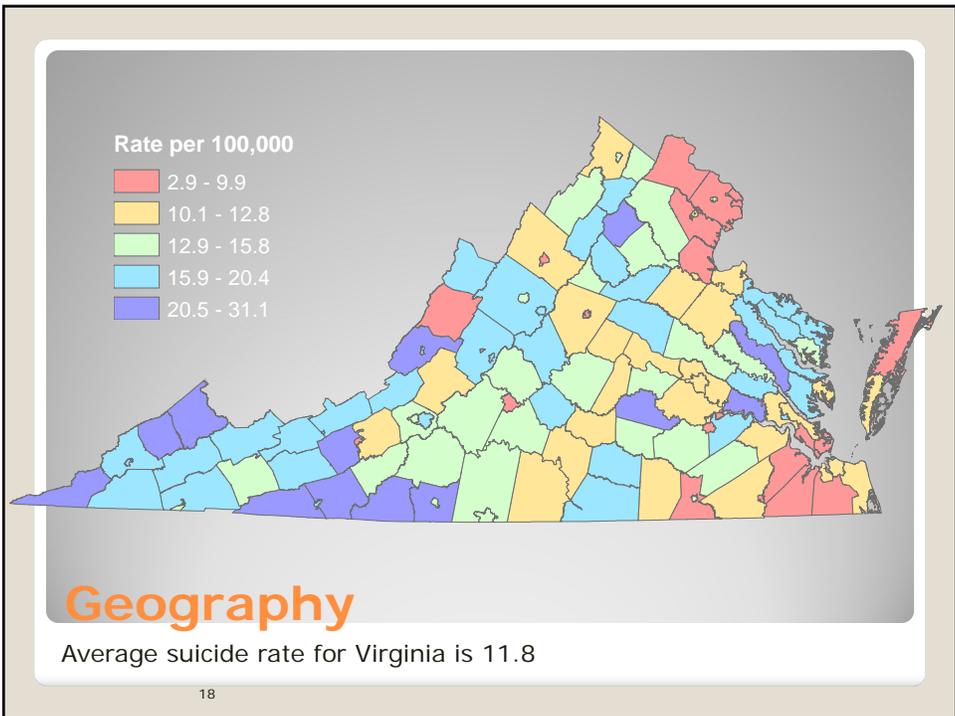
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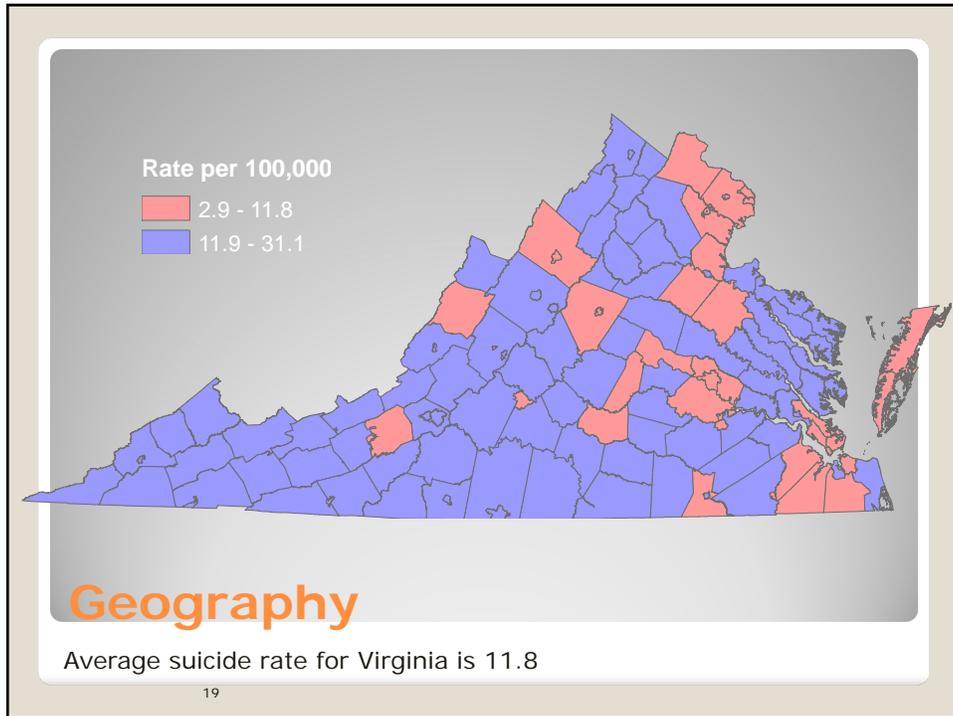


Geography

How suicide is distributed across the Commonwealth

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**Further Information**

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