

Suicide, homicide rates up among youth aged 10 to 24

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(HealthDay)—Suicide rates increased from 2007 to 2017 among youth

aged 10 to 24 years, according to an October data brief published by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention National Center for Health Statistics.

Using data from the National Vital Statistics System, Sally C. Curtin and Melonie Heron, Ph.D., from the National Center for Health Statistics in Hyattsville, Maryland, calculated trends for 2000 to 2017 in suicide and homicide death rates for persons aged 10 to 24 years.

The researchers found that from 2000 to 2007, suicide rate trends were stable, while from 2007 to 2017, suicide rates increased for persons aged 10 to 24 years (6.8 to 10.6 per 100,000 persons). There was a decrease in [homicide rates](#) from 2007 to 2014, followed by an increase through 2017. For persons aged 10 to 14 years, the suicide rate decreased from 2000 to 2007 and then increased from 2007 to 2017 (1.5 to 0.9 to 2.5); from 2000 to 2017, the homicide rate declined 18 percent (from 1.1 to 0.9). Suicide and homicide death rates increased more recently during the period from 2000 to 2017 among those aged 15 to 19 and 20 to 24 years; the increase in [suicide rates](#) began earlier than for homicide rates.

"In 2017, suicide and homicide were the second and third leading causes of death for persons aged 15 to 19 and 20 to 24 and ranked second and fifth among persons aged 10 to 14," the authors write.

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