

2021 Ottawa County Deaths by Suicide: preliminary data update through 1/14/2022

Age Group	Count	%	Method	Count	%	Month	Count	%
<20	1	3%	Gun	17	55%	January	3	10%
20-29	4	13%	Hanging	5	16%	February	3	10%
30-39	6	19%	OD/Poison	4	13%	March	2	6%
40-49	8	26%	Asphyxia	0	0%	April	5	16%
50-59	7	23%	Drowning	1	3%	May	1	3%
60-69	1	3%	Other	4	13%	June	4	13%
70-79	2	6%	TOTAL	31	100%	July	0	0%
80+	2	6%				August	6	19%
TOTAL	31	100%				September	1	3%
						October	2	6%
Race/Ethnicity	Count	%	Marital Status	Count	%	November	2	6%
White	24	77%	Divorced	6	19%	December	2	6%
Hispanic	2	6%	Married	12	39%	TOTAL	31	100%
Asian	1	3%	Never Married	11	35%			
Black	2	6%	Separated	0	0%	Quadrant*	Count	%
Other	2	6%	Widowed	2	6%	NW	3	10%
TOTAL	31	100%	Unknown	0	0%	NE	5	16%
			TOTAL	31	100%	SW	17	55%
						SE	6	19%
Gender	Count	%	Veteran	Count	%	TOTAL	31	100%
Male	28	90%	Yes	8	26%	*Of residence		
Female	3	10%	No	23	74%			
TOTAL	31	100%	Unknown	0	0%			
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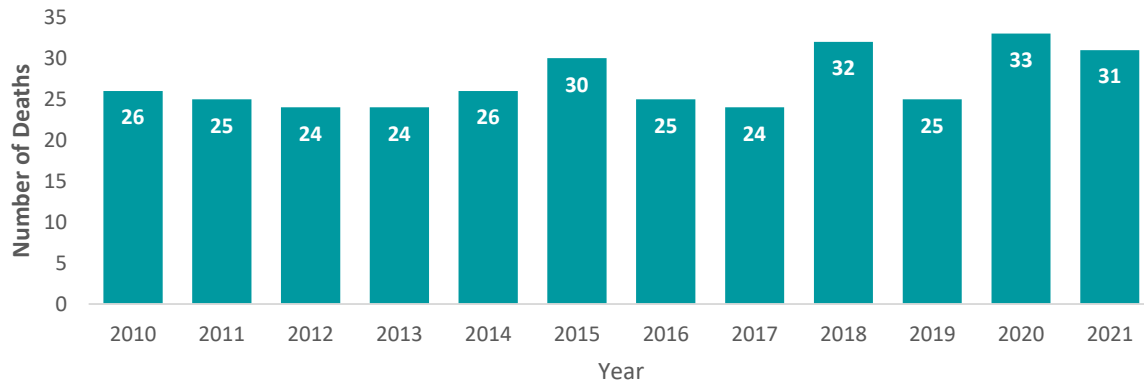
Notes - as of January 14, 2022:

Data for 2021 includes cases recorded by MDHHS Vital Records as of 1/14/2022 with Manner of Death listed as suicide. From January 1 - December 31, there were 31 deaths by suicide in 2021, and 33 deaths by suicide in that same time period in 2020 (per MDHHS Vital Records).

There was one teen suicide (4%) in 2021, compared to three in 2020 (9%).

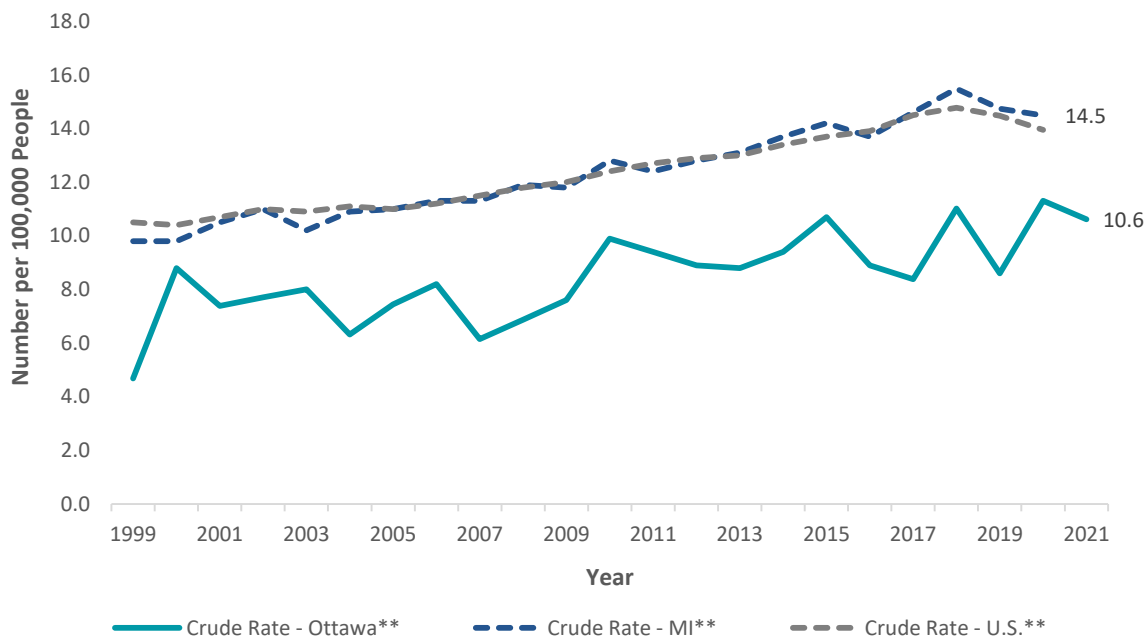
The incidence of suicide by gender is predominantly male in 2021 -- 90%, which is higher than 72% male in 2020 (through the whole year).

Ottawa County Suicides by Year



Source: 2010-2021 Ottawa data from MDHHS Vital Records.

Comparison of Suicide Rates from 1999-2021



Source: **MI and U.S. data from CDC Wonder. 2010-2021 Ottawa data from MDHHS Vital Records.

NOTE: While the rate of death by suicide remains lower in Ottawa County than in the State of Michigan or the United States, preliminary data indicates that as of 2020, there is a significant increase in the *rate of suicide* in Ottawa County over the past 32 years. Suicides are over-represented among white men in the southwest quadrant of Ottawa County. Teenage suicides remain in line with past years, with three deaths in 2020 and one death in 2021.

Table Data: MDHHS Vital Records

Chart Data: Michigan and United States crude rate of suicide per 100,000 population from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's WONDER database of underlying causes of mortality. Data available from 1999-2020. Ottawa County data for 2021 is preliminary and from MDHHS Vital Records. 2010-2020 data is from MDHHS Vital Records as of January 2022.