

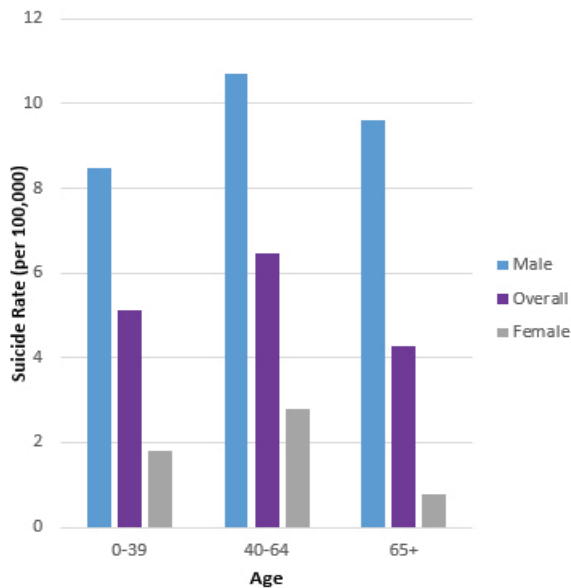


## AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF SUICIDOLOGY

### African American Suicide Fact Sheet Based on 2012 Data (2014)

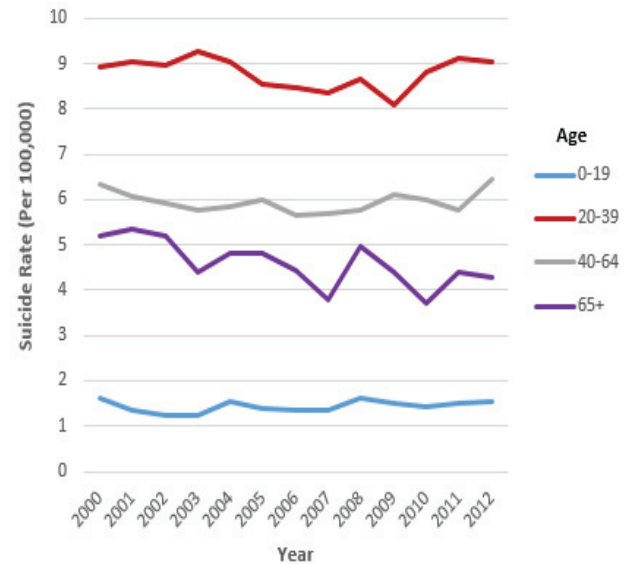
#### Overview

- In 2012, 2,357 African Americans completed suicide in the U.S. Of these, 1,908 (80.95%) were males (rate of 9.23 per 100,000). The suicide rate for females was 1.99 per 100,000. The overall rate was 5.46 per 100,000.



- In 2012, there were 449 African American female suicides. The ratio of African American male to female was 4.25 to 1. The suicide rate among African American females was the lowest of all racial/gender groups.
- As with all racial groups, African American females were more likely than males to attempt suicide and African American males were more likely to die by suicide.
- From 1993 to 2002, the rate of suicide for African Americans (all ages) showed a small but steady decline. In 2002, the rate has remained fairly flat, varying only between 4.9 and 5.25 per 100,000 annually.

- The suicide rate for African Americans ages 10-19 was 2.98 per 100,000.



- For African American youth (aged 10-19), the rate of male suicides (4.42 per 100,000) was 3.08 times higher than that of females (1.49 per 100,000).
- Males accounted for 89.1% of African American elderly (65 and older) suicides. Whereas, males accounted for 83.8% of Caucasian elderly suicides.
- Firearms were the predominant method of suicide among African Americans regardless of gender or age, accounting for 48.45% of all suicides. Suffocation was the second most commonly used method (26.69%).