

**Here is excerpted information on suicide from the MMWR on the YRBS 2005 survey results
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Seriously Considered Attempting Suicide

Nationwide, 16.9% of students had seriously considered attempting suicide during the 12 months preceding the survey ([Table 16](#)). Overall, the prevalence of having seriously considered attempting suicide was higher among female (21.8%) than male (12.0%) students; higher among white female (21.5%), black female (17.1%), and Hispanic female (24.2%) than white male (12.4%), black male (7.0%), and Hispanic male (11.9%) students, respectively; and higher among 9th grade female (23.9%), 10th grade female (23.0%), 11th grade female (21.6%), and 12th grade female (18.0%) than 9th grade male (12.2%), 10th grade male (11.9%), 11th grade male (11.9%), and 12th grade male (11.6%) students, respectively. Overall, the prevalence of having seriously considered attempting suicide was higher among white (16.9%) and Hispanic (17.9%) than black (12.2%) students; higher among white female (21.5%) and Hispanic female (24.2%) than black female (17.1%) students; and higher among white male (12.4%) and Hispanic male (11.9%) than black male (7.0%) students. Overall, the prevalence of having seriously considered attempting suicide was higher among 9th grade (17.9%) and 10th grade (17.3%) than 12th grade (14.8%) students and higher among 9th grade female (23.9%) and 10th grade female (23.0%) than 12th grade female (18.0%) students. Prevalence of having seriously considered attempting suicide ranged from 12.7% to 20.7% across state surveys (median: 16.0%) and from 10.8% to 17.9% across local surveys (median: 13.8%) ([Table 17](#)).

Made a Suicide Plan

During the 12 months preceding the survey, 13.0% of students nationwide had made a plan about how they would attempt suicide ([Table 16](#)). Overall, the prevalence of having made a suicide plan was higher among female (16.2%) than male (9.9%) students; higher among white female (15.4%), black female (13.5%), and Hispanic female (18.5%) than white male (9.7%), black male (5.5%), and Hispanic male (10.7%) students, respectively; and higher among 9th grade female (17.6%), 10th grade female (18.1%), 11th grade female (16.3%), and 12th grade female (12.0%) than 9th grade male (10.2%), 10th grade male (10.3%), 11th grade male (9.5%), and 12th grade male (9.0%) students, respectively. Overall, the prevalence of having made a suicide plan was higher among white (12.5%) and Hispanic (14.5%) than black (9.6%) students; higher among Hispanic (14.5%) than white (12.5%) students; higher among Hispanic female (18.5%) than black female (13.5%) students; and higher among white male (9.7%) and Hispanic male (10.7%) than black male (5.5%) students. Overall, the prevalence of having made a suicide plan was higher among 9th grade (13.9%), 10th grade (14.1%), and 11th grade (12.9%) than 12th grade (10.5%) students and higher among 9th grade female (17.6%), 10th grade female (18.1%), and 11th grade female (16.3%) than 12th grade female (12.0%) students. Prevalence of having made a suicide plan ranged from 9.6% to 17.2% across state surveys (median: 13.1%) and from 8.7% to 16.1% across local surveys (median: 11.7%) ([Table 17](#)).

Attempted Suicide

Nationwide, 8.4% of students had actually attempted suicide one or more times during the 12 months preceding the survey ([Table 18](#)). Overall, the prevalence of having actually attempted suicide was higher among female (10.8%) than male (6.0%) students; higher among white female (9.3%), black female (9.8%), and Hispanic female (14.9%) than white male (5.2%), black male (5.2%), and Hispanic male (7.8%) students, respectively; and higher among 9th grade female (14.1%), 10th grade female (10.8%), 11th grade female (11.0%), and 12th grade female (6.5%) than 9th grade male (6.8%), 10th grade male (7.6%), 11th grade male (4.5%), and 12th grade male (4.3%) students, respectively. Overall, the prevalence of having actually attempted suicide was higher among Hispanic (11.3%) than white (7.3%) and black (7.6%) students; higher among

Hispanic female (14.9%) than white female (9.3%) and black female (9.8%) students; and higher among Hispanic male (7.8%) than white male (5.2%) students. Overall, the prevalence of having actually attempted suicide was higher among 9th grade (10.4%) than 11th grade (7.8%) and 12th grade (5.4%) students; higher among 10th grade (9.1%), and 11th grade (7.8%) than 12th grade (5.4%) students; higher among 9th grade female (14.1%) than 10th grade female (10.8%) and 12th grade female (6.5%) students; higher among 10th grade female (10.8%) and 11th grade female (11.0%) than 12th grade female (6.5%) students; and higher among 10th grade male (7.6%) than 11th grade male (4.5%) and 12th grade male (4.3%) students. Prevalence of having actually attempted suicide ranged from 6.2% to 13.1% across state surveys (median: 8.8%) and from 7.2% to 13.8% across local surveys (median: 9.9%) ([Table 19](#)).

Suicide Attempt Treated by a Doctor or Nurse

During the 12 months preceding the survey, 2.3% of students nationwide had made a suicide attempt that resulted in an injury, poisoning, or overdose that had to be treated by a doctor or nurse ([Table 18](#)). Overall, the prevalence of having made a suicide attempt that required medical attention was higher among female (2.9%) than male (1.8%) students; higher among white female (2.7%) than white male (1.5%) students; and higher among 9th grade female (4.0%), 11th grade female (2.9%), and 12th grade female (2.2%) than 9th grade male (2.1%), 11th grade male (1.4%), and 12th grade male (1.0%) students, respectively. Overall, the prevalence of having made a suicide attempt that required medical attention was higher among Hispanic (3.2%) than white (2.1%) students. Overall, the prevalence of having made a suicide attempt that required medical attention was higher among 9th grade (3.0%) than 12th grade (1.6%) students; higher among 9th grade female (4.0%) than 10th grade female (2.4%) and 12th grade female (2.2%) students; and higher among 10th grade male (2.2%) than 12th grade male (1.0%) students. Prevalence of having made a suicide attempt that required medical attention ranged from 1.0% to 5.1% across state surveys (median: 2.7%) and from 2.2% to 5.5% across local surveys (median: 3.3%) ([Table 19](#)).