

— GEORGIA —

DEPRESSION & SUICIDE FACTS

2013 GEORGIA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT (AGE 14-18 YEARS)



14%

seriously considered attempting suicide during the past 12 months.

28%

felt so sad or hopeless almost every day for **two weeks or more in a row** that they stopped doing some usual activities during the past 12 months.



12%

made a plan about how they would attempt suicide during the past 12 months.

The annual suicide death rate among Georgia 14-18 year olds was 4.7 per 100,000 people from 2008 to 2012. Males had a suicide death rate **4 times greater** than females. **64** Georgia 14-18 year olds experienced self-inflicted traumatic injury from 2008 to 2012. Students who felt so sad or hopeless almost every day for two weeks or more in a row were more likely to think about and attempt suicide.

9%

actually attempted suicide one or more times during the past 12 months.



3%

made a suicide attempt during the past 12 months that required treatment by a doctor or nurse.

**THE
IDEA
SPOT**

- Engage school staff, community partners, parents, and students in developing a suicide prevention program.
- Train school staff to recognize and respond to students at risk of suicide.
- Promote students' sense of connectedness to the school.

DATA SOURCE: The Georgia Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) monitors students' health risks and behaviors in six categories: unintentional injury and violence, tobacco use, alcohol and other drug use, dietary behavior, and physical activity. The YRBS is conducted every two years among a representative group of Georgia public school students in grades 9-12.

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