Youth Suicide in Deschutes County
Ages 10-24
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Deschutes County has the **6th highest** youth suicide burden in the state.

The youth suicide rate has nearly **doubled** over the last 2 decades.

Youth have the **lowest** suicide rate out of any age group in Deschutes County.

### Mental Health at Time of Death

- **50%** of youth suicide decedents had a mental health problem
- One in every 3 youth suicide decedents were engaged in mental illness treatment
- One in every 3 youth suicide decedents had a substance problem (i.e. alcohol or drugs)
- One in every 5 youth suicide decedents had a history of suicide attempts

### Means of Death

Mechanism of Death among Youth Suicide Decedents (<24), Deschutes County, OR, 2003-2017

- Firearm (56.3%)
- Hanging/Strangulation/Suffocation (25.4%)
- Other (9.8%)
- Poisoning (8.5%)

Data Source: Oregon Violent Death Reporting System

### Interpersonal Problems at Time of Death

- Every 1 in 5 youth suicide decedents had an intimate partner problem
- Every 1 in 4 youth suicide decedents had a relationship problem (i.e. friend or family)

### Life Stressors at Time of Death

- Every 1 in 4 youth suicide decedents had a financial problem
- Every 1 in 7 youth suicide decedents had a criminal or legal problem
- Every 1 in 7 youth suicide decedents had a school problem

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