In 2012, about 9.0 million adults aged 18 or older reported past year serious thoughts of suicide.\(^1\) Of adults with serious suicidal thoughts, about half receive mental health treatment each year.\(^2\) Specialty mental health facilities play a vital role in suicide prevention.\(^3\) Suicide prevention services in specialty mental health facilities may include training staff on how to identify signs of suicidal behavior, treating individuals with suicidal ideation, and helping individuals receive care when they leave the facility.

The National Mental Health Services Survey (N-MHSS) is a survey of all known mental health treatment facilities in the United States. In 2010, more than half (57.2\%) of mental health facilities offered suicide prevention services. Across different types of facilities, offering suicide prevention services was highest in Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers (94.1\%), followed by psychiatric hospitals (71.5\%) and general hospitals with separate psychiatric units (68.8\%).\(^4\)


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