

**Table 10.38A Had Serious Thoughts of Suicide in Past Year among Persons Aged 18 or Older, by Geographic and Socioeconomic Characteristics: Numbers in Thousands, 2008-2018**

Geographic/Socioeconomic Characteristic	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
<b>TOTAL</b>	8,335 <sup>a</sup>	8,467 <sup>a</sup>	8,724 <sup>a</sup>	8,540 <sup>a</sup>	9,031 <sup>a</sup>	9,292 <sup>a</sup>	9,436 <sup>a</sup>	9,767 <sup>a</sup>	9,829 <sup>a</sup>	10,642	10,744
<b>GEOGRAPHIC REGION</b>											
Northeast	1,488	1,520	1,606	1,514	1,655	1,655	1,643	1,755	1,619	1,619	1,686
Midwest	2,071 <sup>a</sup>	2,173	2,087	2,020 <sup>a</sup>	1,951 <sup>a</sup>	2,052 <sup>a</sup>	2,057 <sup>a</sup>	2,119	2,028 <sup>a</sup>	2,384	2,426
South	2,792 <sup>a</sup>	2,514 <sup>a</sup>	2,965 <sup>a</sup>	2,944 <sup>a</sup>	3,203	3,370	3,326	3,445	3,434	3,898	3,685
West	1,984 <sup>a</sup>	2,260 <sup>a</sup>	2,067 <sup>a</sup>	2,062 <sup>a</sup>	2,222 <sup>a</sup>	2,215 <sup>a</sup>	2,410 <sup>a</sup>	2,449 <sup>a</sup>	2,748	2,741	2,947
<b>COUNTY TYPE<sup>1</sup></b>											
Large Metro	4,497 <sup>a</sup>	4,534 <sup>a</sup>	4,639 <sup>a</sup>	4,101 <sup>a</sup>	4,824 <sup>a</sup>	4,949 <sup>a</sup>	5,014 <sup>a</sup>	5,237	5,224	5,514	5,697
Small Metro	2,798 <sup>a</sup>	2,643 <sup>a</sup>	2,669 <sup>a</sup>	3,154	2,953 <sup>a</sup>	2,870 <sup>a</sup>	2,890 <sup>a</sup>	3,107	3,263	3,406	3,516
Nonmetro	1,039 <sup>a</sup>	1,290	1,415	1,286	1,255	1,472	1,532	1,424	1,342	1,722	1,531
Urbanized	386 <sup>a</sup>	551 <sup>a</sup>	622	494 <sup>a</sup>	480 <sup>a</sup>	724	663	672	581	755	778
Less Urbanized	553	633	647	670	609	665	724	619	626	823	633
Completely Rural	100	106	147	122	167	84	144	133	135	144	121
<b>POVERTY LEVEL<sup>2</sup></b>											
Less Than 100%	1,453 <sup>a</sup>	1,719 <sup>a</sup>	1,783 <sup>a</sup>	2,147	2,145	2,271	2,159	2,330	2,117	2,145	2,338
100-199%	1,908 <sup>a</sup>	1,837 <sup>a</sup>	2,019	2,047	2,281	2,162	2,382	2,197	2,465	2,370	2,369
200% or More	4,884 <sup>a</sup>	4,833 <sup>a</sup>	4,873 <sup>a</sup>	4,292 <sup>a</sup>	4,527 <sup>a</sup>	4,788 <sup>a</sup>	4,817 <sup>a</sup>	5,185 <sup>a</sup>	5,165 <sup>a</sup>	6,031	5,947
<b>EDUCATION</b>											
< High School	nc	1,366	1,339	1,274	1,230						
High School Graduate	nc	2,623	2,408 <sup>a</sup>	2,626	2,837						
Some College/Associate's Degree	nc	3,652 <sup>a</sup>	3,906	4,238	4,150						
College Graduate	nc	2,126 <sup>a</sup>	2,175	2,504	2,527						
<b>HEALTH INSURANCE<sup>3</sup></b>											
Private	4,658 <sup>a</sup>	4,623 <sup>a</sup>	4,685 <sup>a</sup>	4,203 <sup>a</sup>	4,405 <sup>a</sup>	4,787 <sup>a</sup>	4,877 <sup>a</sup>	5,120 <sup>a</sup>	5,286 <sup>a</sup>	5,982	5,900
Medicaid/CHIP	1,236 <sup>a</sup>	1,535 <sup>a</sup>	1,408 <sup>a</sup>	1,526 <sup>a</sup>	1,493 <sup>a</sup>	1,512 <sup>a</sup>	2,019 <sup>a</sup>	2,292	2,245	2,390	2,462
Other <sup>4</sup>	1,626	1,377 <sup>a</sup>	1,988	1,672	2,088	1,990	2,217	2,318	2,016	2,269	2,021
No Coverage	1,774	1,787	1,846	2,067 <sup>a</sup>	2,236 <sup>a</sup>	2,113 <sup>a</sup>	1,604	1,360	1,449	1,361	1,625

\* = low precision; -- = not available; da = does not apply; nc = not comparable due to methodological changes; nr = not reported due to measurement issues.

NOTE: Some 2008 to 2010 estimates may differ from previously published estimates due to updates (see Section 3.3.5 in Chapter 3 of the *2018 National Survey on Drug Use and Health: Methodological Summary and Definitions*).

NOTE: Respondents with unknown suicide information were excluded.

<sup>a</sup> The difference between this estimate and the 2018 estimate is statistically significant at the .05 level. Rounding may make the estimates appear identical.

<sup>1</sup> Because of the use of the 2013 Rural-Urban Continuum Codes in the creation of the county type variables, these 2008 to 2014 estimates may differ from estimates published prior to the 2015 NSDUH.

<sup>2</sup> Respondents aged 18 to 22 who were living in a college dormitory were excluded.

<sup>3</sup> Respondents could indicate multiple types of health insurance; thus, these response categories are not mutually exclusive.

<sup>4</sup> Other Health Insurance is defined as having Medicare, military-related health care, or any other type of health insurance.

Definitions: Measures and terms are defined in Appendix A.

Source: SAMHSA, Center for Behavioral Health Statistics and Quality, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2008-2018.

**Table 10.38B Had Serious Thoughts of Suicide in Past Year among Persons Aged 18 or Older, by Geographic and Socioeconomic Characteristics: Percentages, 2008-2018**

Geographic/Socioeconomic Characteristic	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
<b>TOTAL</b>	3.7 <sup>a</sup>	3.7 <sup>a</sup>	3.8 <sup>a</sup>	3.7 <sup>a</sup>	3.9 <sup>a</sup>	3.9 <sup>a</sup>	3.9 <sup>a</sup>	4.0	4.0	4.3	4.3
<b>GEOGRAPHIC REGION</b>											
Northeast	3.6	3.6	3.8	3.6	3.9	3.8	3.8	4.0	3.7	3.7	3.9
Midwest	4.2	4.4	4.2	4.0	3.9 <sup>a</sup>	4.0	4.0	4.1	4.0 <sup>a</sup>	4.6	4.7
South	3.4	3.0 <sup>a</sup>	3.5	3.4	3.7	3.8	3.7	3.8	3.8	4.2	3.9
West	3.8 <sup>a</sup>	4.3	3.9 <sup>a</sup>	3.8 <sup>a</sup>	4.1 <sup>a</sup>	4.0 <sup>a</sup>	4.3	4.3	4.8	4.7	5.0
<b>COUNTY TYPE<sup>1</sup></b>											
Large Metro	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.3 <sup>a</sup>	3.8	3.8	3.7	3.9	3.9	4.0	4.1
Small Metro	4.1 <sup>a</sup>	3.8 <sup>a</sup>	3.8 <sup>a</sup>	4.3	4.1 <sup>a</sup>	4.0 <sup>a</sup>	4.1 <sup>a</sup>	4.2	4.5	4.7	4.8
Nonmetro	3.1 <sup>a</sup>	3.8	4.3	3.9	3.6	4.2	4.5	4.3	3.9	4.9	4.3
Urbanized	2.9 <sup>a</sup>	3.9	4.5	3.9	3.4 <sup>a</sup>	4.7	4.6	4.9	4.2	5.0	4.8
Less Urbanized	3.3	3.9	4.0	4.0	3.6	4.2	4.5	4.0	3.6	4.8	3.9
Completely Rural	3.1	3.3	4.8	3.6	4.5	2.3	4.2	3.2	4.0	4.6	3.6
<b>POVERTY LEVEL<sup>2</sup></b>											
Less Than 100%	5.8 <sup>a</sup>	6.3	6.1	6.6	5.8 <sup>a</sup>	6.6	6.0	6.4	6.1	6.4	6.9
100-199%	4.6	4.2	4.3	4.3	5.0	4.7	5.1	4.5	5.0	4.9	4.9
200% or More	3.1 <sup>a</sup>	3.1 <sup>a</sup>	3.2	2.8 <sup>a</sup>	3.0 <sup>a</sup>	3.1 <sup>a</sup>	3.1 <sup>a</sup>	3.3	3.3 <sup>a</sup>	3.7	3.6
<b>EDUCATION</b>											
< High School	nc	4.0	4.2	4.2	4.0						
High School Graduate	nc	4.3	4.0 <sup>a</sup>	4.4	4.6						
Some College/Associate's Degree	nc	5.0	5.2	5.5	5.4						
College Graduate	nc	2.9	2.9	3.2	3.2						
<b>HEALTH INSURANCE<sup>3</sup></b>											
Private	3.0 <sup>a</sup>	3.0 <sup>a</sup>	3.1 <sup>a</sup>	2.8 <sup>a</sup>	2.9 <sup>a</sup>	3.1 <sup>a</sup>	3.1 <sup>a</sup>	3.2 <sup>a</sup>	3.2 <sup>a</sup>	3.6	3.6
Medicaid/CHIP	6.8	8.0	6.7	6.6	6.5	6.3	6.9	6.8	6.5	6.7	6.8
Other <sup>4</sup>	3.2	2.6	3.7	3.0	3.6	3.3	3.6	3.6	3.1	3.4	3.0
No Coverage	5.2 <sup>a</sup>	5.0 <sup>a</sup>	4.8 <sup>a</sup>	5.5 <sup>a</sup>	5.9	5.7	5.5 <sup>a</sup>	5.3 <sup>a</sup>	6.3	5.9	6.7

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