

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, 2008-2019

Geographic/Socioeconomic Characteristic	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
TOTAL	8,335 ^a	8,467 ^a	8,724 ^a	8,540 ^a	9,031 ^a	9,292 ^a	9,436 ^a	9,767 ^a	9,829 ^a	10,642 ^a	10,744 ^a	11,951
GEOGRAPHIC REGION												
Northeast	1,488 ^a	1,520 ^a	1,606 ^a	1,514 ^a	1,655 ^a	1,655 ^a	1,643 ^a	1,755	1,619 ^a	1,619 ^a	1,686 ^a	2,073
Midwest	2,071 ^a	2,173 ^a	2,087 ^a	2,020 ^a	1,951 ^a	2,052 ^a	2,057 ^a	2,119 ^a	2,028 ^a	2,384 ^a	2,426 ^a	2,742
South	2,792 ^a	2,514 ^a	2,965 ^a	2,944 ^a	3,203 ^a	3,370 ^a	3,326 ^a	3,445 ^a	3,434 ^a	3,898	3,685	4,059
West	1,984 ^a	2,260 ^a	2,067 ^a	2,062 ^a	2,222 ^a	2,215 ^a	2,410 ^a	2,449 ^a	2,748	2,741	2,947	3,076
COUNTY TYPE¹												
Large Metro	4,497 ^a	4,534 ^a	4,639 ^a	4,101 ^a	4,824 ^a	4,949 ^a	5,014 ^a	5,237 ^a	5,224 ^a	5,514 ^a	5,697 ^a	6,412
Small Metro	2,798 ^a	2,643 ^a	2,669 ^a	3,154 ^a	2,953 ^a	2,870 ^a	2,890 ^a	3,107 ^a	3,263 ^a	3,406 ^a	3,516	3,899
Nonmetro	1,039 ^a	1,290 ^a	1,415	1,286 ^a	1,255 ^a	1,472	1,532	1,424	1,342 ^a	1,722	1,531	1,640
Urbanized	386 ^a	551	622	494 ^a	480 ^a	724	663	672	581	755	778	719
Less Urbanized	553 ^a	633	647	670	609	665	724	619	626	823	633	785
Completely Rural	100	106	147	122	167	84	144	133	135	144	121	136
POVERTY LEVEL²												
Less Than 100%	1,453 ^a	1,719 ^a	1,783 ^a	2,147	2,145	2,271	2,159	2,330	2,117	2,145	2,338	2,290
100-199%	1,908 ^a	1,837 ^a	2,019 ^a	2,047 ^a	2,281	2,162 ^a	2,382	2,197 ^a	2,465	2,370	2,369	2,735
200% or More	4,884 ^a	4,833 ^a	4,873 ^a	4,292 ^a	4,527 ^a	4,788 ^a	4,817 ^a	5,185 ^a	5,165 ^a	6,031 ^a	5,947 ^a	6,809
EDUCATION												
< High School	nc	1,366	1,339	1,274	1,230	1,286						
High School Graduate	nc	2,623	2,408 ^a	2,626	2,837	2,952						
Some College/Associate's Degree	nc	3,652 ^a	3,906 ^a	4,238 ^a	4,150 ^a	4,793						
College Graduate	nc	2,126 ^a	2,175 ^a	2,504	2,527	2,920						
HEALTH INSURANCE³												
Private	4,658 ^a	4,623 ^a	4,685 ^a	4,203 ^a	4,405 ^a	4,787 ^a	4,877 ^a	5,120 ^a	5,286 ^a	5,982 ^a	5,900 ^a	6,834
Medicaid/CHIP	1,236 ^a	1,535 ^a	1,408 ^a	1,526 ^a	1,493 ^a	1,512 ^a	2,019 ^a	2,292 ^a	2,245 ^a	2,390 ^a	2,462 ^a	2,865
Other ⁴	1,626 ^a	1,377 ^a	1,988	1,672 ^a	2,088	1,990	2,217	2,318	2,016	2,269	2,021	2,234
No Coverage	1,774	1,787	1,846	2,067 ^a	2,236 ^a	2,113 ^a	1,604	1,360	1,449	1,361	1,625	1,608

* = 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 *2019 National Survey on Drug Use and Health: Methodological Summary and Definitions*).

NOTE: Respondents with unknown suicide information were excluded.

^a The difference between this estimate and the 2019 estimate is statistically significant at the .05 level. Rounding may make the estimates appear identical.

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² Respondents aged 18 to 22 who were living in a college dormitory were excluded.

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

⁴ 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, 2008-2019.

Table 10.38B Had Serious Thoughts of Suicide in Past Year among Persons Aged 18 or Older, by Geographic and Socioeconomic Characteristics: Percentages, 2008-2019

Geographic/Socioeconomic Characteristic	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
TOTAL	3.7 ^a	3.7 ^a	3.8 ^a	3.7 ^a	3.9 ^a	3.9 ^a	3.9 ^a	4.0 ^a	4.0 ^a	4.3 ^a	4.3 ^a	4.8
GEOGRAPHIC REGION												
Northeast	3.6 ^a	3.6 ^a	3.8 ^a	3.6 ^a	3.9 ^a	3.8 ^a	3.8 ^a	4.0	3.7 ^a	3.7 ^a	3.9 ^a	4.8
Midwest	4.2 ^a	4.4 ^a	4.2 ^a	4.0 ^a	3.9 ^a	4.0 ^a	4.0 ^a	4.1 ^a	4.0 ^a	4.6	4.7 ^a	5.3
South	3.4 ^a	3.0 ^a	3.5 ^a	3.4 ^a	3.7 ^a	3.8	3.7 ^a	3.8	3.8 ^a	4.2	3.9	4.3
West	3.8 ^a	4.3 ^a	3.9 ^a	3.8 ^a	4.1 ^a	4.0 ^a	4.3 ^a	4.3 ^a	4.8	4.7	5.0	5.2
COUNTY TYPE¹												
Large Metro	3.7 ^a	3.7 ^a	3.7 ^a	3.3 ^a	3.8 ^a	3.8 ^a	3.7 ^a	3.9 ^a	3.9 ^a	4.0 ^a	4.1 ^a	4.6
Small Metro	4.1 ^a	3.8 ^a	3.8 ^a	4.3 ^a	4.1 ^a	4.0 ^a	4.1 ^a	4.2 ^a	4.5 ^a	4.7	4.8	5.2
Nonmetro	3.1 ^a	3.8 ^a	4.3	3.9 ^a	3.6 ^a	4.2	4.5	4.3	3.9 ^a	4.9	4.3	4.8
Urbanized	2.9 ^a	3.9	4.5	3.9	3.4 ^a	4.7	4.6	4.9	4.2	5.0	4.8	5.0
Less Urbanized	3.3 ^a	3.9	4.0	4.0	3.6 ^a	4.2	4.5	4.0	3.6 ^a	4.8	3.9	4.9
Completely Rural	3.1	3.3	4.8	3.6	4.5	2.3	4.2	3.2	4.0	4.6	3.6	3.5
POVERTY LEVEL²												
Less Than 100%	5.8 ^a	6.3	6.1 ^a	6.6	5.8 ^a	6.6	6.0 ^a	6.4	6.1 ^a	6.4	6.9	7.2
100-199%	4.6 ^a	4.2 ^a	4.3 ^a	4.3 ^a	5.0	4.7 ^a	5.1	4.5 ^a	5.0	4.9 ^a	4.9 ^a	5.8
200% or More	3.1 ^a	3.1 ^a	3.2 ^a	2.8 ^a	3.0 ^a	3.1 ^a	3.1 ^a	3.3 ^a	3.3 ^a	3.7	3.6 ^a	4.0
EDUCATION												
< High School	nc	4.0	4.2	4.2	4.0	4.3						
High School Graduate	nc	4.3	4.0 ^a	4.4	4.6	4.9						
Some College/Associate's Degree	nc	5.0 ^a	5.2 ^a	5.5 ^a	5.4 ^a	6.3						
College Graduate	nc	2.9 ^a	2.9 ^a	3.2	3.2	3.6						
HEALTH INSURANCE³												
Private	3.0 ^a	3.0 ^a	3.1 ^a	2.8 ^a	2.9 ^a	3.1 ^a	3.1 ^a	3.2 ^a	3.2 ^a	3.6 ^a	3.6 ^a	4.1
Medicaid/CHIP	6.8	8.0	6.7 ^a	6.6 ^a	6.5 ^a	6.3 ^a	6.9 ^a	6.8 ^a	6.5 ^a	6.7 ^a	6.8 ^a	8.1
Other ⁴	3.2	2.6	3.7	3.0	3.6	3.3	3.6	3.6	3.1	3.4	3.0	3.3
No Coverage	5.2 ^a	5.0 ^a	4.8 ^a	5.5	5.9	5.7	5.5	5.3	6.3	5.9	6.7	6.3

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