

Table 10.32A Had Serious Thoughts of Suicide in Past Year: Among People Aged 18 or Older; by Geographic and Socioeconomic Characteristics, Numbers in Thousands, 2008-2020

Geographic/Socioeconomic Characteristic	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
TOTAL	8,335	8,467	8,724	8,540	9,031	9,292	9,436	9,767	9,829	10,642	10,744	11,951	<i>12,197</i>
GEOGRAPHIC REGION													
Northeast	1,488	1,520	1,606	1,514	1,655	1,655	1,643	1,755	1,619	1,619	1,686	2,073	<i>1,747</i>
Midwest	2,071	2,173	2,087	2,020	1,951	2,052	2,057	2,119	2,028	2,384	2,426	2,742	<i>2,942</i>
South	2,792	2,514	2,965	2,944	3,203	3,370	3,326	3,445	3,434	3,898	3,685	4,059	<i>4,083</i>
West	1,984	2,260	2,067	2,062	2,222	2,215	2,410	2,449	2,748	2,741	2,947	3,076	<i>3,425</i>
COUNTY TYPE¹													
Large Metro	4,497	4,534	4,639	4,101	4,824	4,949	5,014	5,237	5,224	5,514	5,697	6,412	<i>6,079</i>
Small Metro	2,798	2,643	2,669	3,154	2,953	2,870	2,890	3,107	3,263	3,406	3,516	3,899	<i>4,322</i>
Nonmetro	1,039	1,290	1,415	1,286	1,255	1,472	1,532	1,424	1,342	1,722	1,531	1,640	<i>1,797</i>
Urbanized	386	551	622	494	480	724	663	672	581	755	778	719	<i>911</i>
Less Urbanized	553	633	647	670	609	665	724	619	626	823	633	785	<i>788</i>
Completely Rural	100	106	147	122	167	84	144	133	135	144	121	136	<i>97</i>
POVERTY LEVEL²													
Less Than 100%	1,453	1,719	1,783	2,147	2,145	2,271	2,159	2,330	2,117	2,145	2,338	2,290	<i>2,311</i>
100-199%	1,908	1,837	2,019	2,047	2,281	2,162	2,382	2,197	2,465	2,370	2,369	2,735	<i>3,110</i>
200% or More	4,884	4,833	4,873	4,292	4,527	4,788	4,817	5,185	5,165	6,031	5,947	6,809	<i>6,720</i>
EDUCATION LEVEL													
< High School	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	1,366	1,339	1,274	1,230	1,286	<i>1,303</i>
High School Graduate	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	2,623	2,408	2,626	2,837	2,952	<i>3,245</i>
Some College/Associate's Degree	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	3,652	3,906	4,238	4,150	4,793	<i>4,713</i>
College Graduate	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	2,126	2,175	2,504	2,527	2,920	<i>2,936</i>
HEALTH INSURANCE³													
Private	4,658	4,623	4,685	4,203	4,405	4,787	4,877	5,120	5,286	5,982	5,900	6,834	<i>6,603</i>
Medicaid/CHIP	1,236	1,535	1,408	1,526	1,493	1,512	2,019	2,292	2,245	2,390	2,462	2,865	<i>2,799</i>
Other ⁴	1,626	1,377	1,988	1,672	2,088	1,990	2,217	2,318	2,016	2,269	2,021	2,234	<i>2,583</i>
No Coverage	1,774	1,787	1,846	2,067	2,236	2,113	1,604	1,360	1,449	1,361	1,625	1,608	<i>1,575</i>

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NOTE: Respondents with unknown suicide information were excluded.

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

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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.

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Table 10.32B Had Serious Thoughts of Suicide in Past Year: Among People Aged 18 or Older; by Geographic and Socioeconomic Characteristics, Percentages, 2008-2020

Geographic/Socioeconomic Characteristic	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
TOTAL	3.7	3.7	3.8	3.7	3.9	3.9	3.9	4.0	4.0	4.3	4.3	4.8	4.9
GEOGRAPHIC REGION													
Northeast	3.6	3.6	3.8	3.6	3.9	3.8	3.8	4.0	3.7	3.7	3.9	4.8	4.0
Midwest	4.2	4.4	4.2	4.0	3.9	4.0	4.0	4.1	4.0	4.6	4.7	5.3	5.7
South	3.4	3.0	3.5	3.4	3.7	3.8	3.7	3.8	3.8	4.2	3.9	4.3	4.3
West	3.8	4.3	3.9	3.8	4.1	4.0	4.3	4.3	4.8	4.7	5.0	5.2	5.7
COUNTY TYPE¹													
Large Metro	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.3	3.8	3.8	3.7	3.9	3.9	4.0	4.1	4.6	4.5
Small Metro	4.1	3.8	3.8	4.3	4.1	4.0	4.1	4.2	4.5	4.7	4.8	5.2	5.6
Nonmetro	3.1	3.8	4.3	3.9	3.6	4.2	4.5	4.3	3.9	4.9	4.3	4.8	4.8
Urbanized	2.9	3.9	4.5	3.9	3.4	4.7	4.6	4.9	4.2	5.0	4.8	5.0	6.1
Less Urbanized	3.3	3.9	4.0	4.0	3.6	4.2	4.5	4.0	3.6	4.8	3.9	4.9	4.4
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	2.1
POVERTY LEVEL²													
Less Than 100%	5.8	6.3	6.1	6.6	5.8	6.6	6.0	6.4	6.1	6.4	6.9	7.2	6.2
100-199%	4.6	4.2	4.3	4.3	5.0	4.7	5.1	4.5	5.0	4.9	4.9	5.8	6.8
200% or More	3.1	3.1	3.2	2.8	3.0	3.1	3.1	3.3	3.3	3.7	3.6	4.0	4.0
EDUCATION LEVEL													
< High School	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	4.0	4.2	4.2	4.0	4.3	4.6
High School Graduate	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	4.3	4.0	4.4	4.6	4.9	4.7
Some College/Associate's Degree	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	5.0	5.2	5.5	5.4	6.3	6.2
College Graduate	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	2.9	2.9	3.2	3.2	3.6	3.8
HEALTH INSURANCE³													
Private	3.0	3.0	3.1	2.8	2.9	3.1	3.1	3.2	3.2	3.6	3.6	4.1	4.2
Medicaid/CHIP	6.8	8.0	6.7	6.6	6.5	6.3	6.9	6.8	6.5	6.7	6.8	8.1	7.1
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	3.5
No Coverage	5.2	5.0	4.8	5.5	5.9	5.7	5.5	5.3	6.3	5.9	6.7	6.3	5.8

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