

### SUICIDE IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY, 2016

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#### **SUICIDES IN 2016**

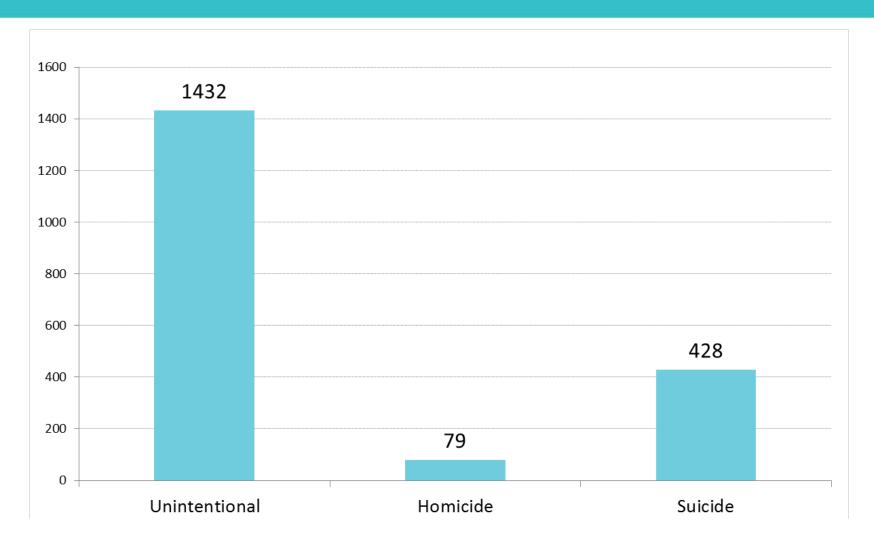


#### Total number of suicides in 2016: 428

- > 14.9 per 100,000 people (10+ years old)
- ➤ Similar to 2015
- > 5% decrease since 2013
- > Gender
  - ➤ 319 males
  - > 109 females
- ➤ Age range
  - > 12 to 99 years

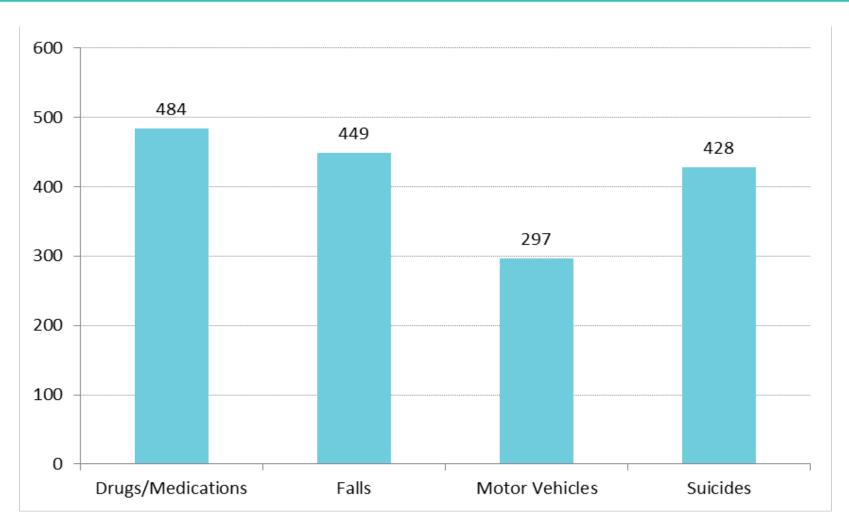
### NON-NATURAL DEATHS IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY, 2016





# SUICIDES VS UNINTENTIONAL DEATHS, 2016





#### **SUICIDES BY AGE GROUP IN 2016**



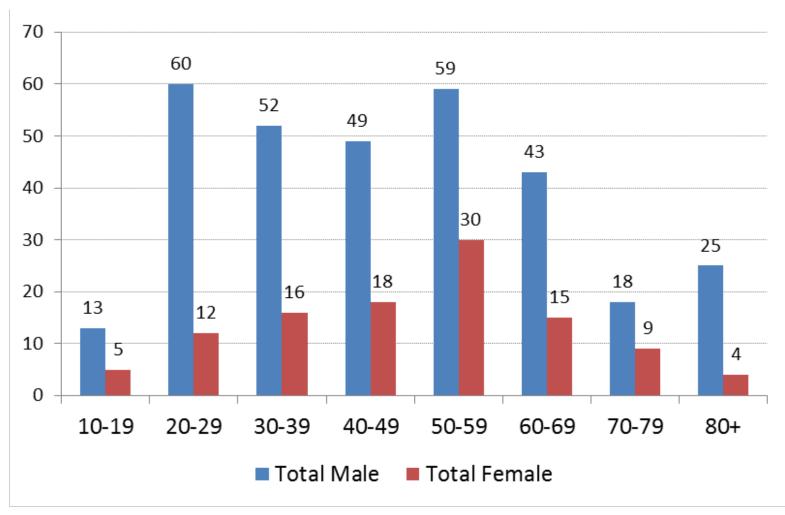
Age Group	Male	Male Rate**	Female	Female Rate**		Total Rate**
10-19	13	6.7	5	2.4	18	4.5
20-29	60	23.8	12	4.0	72	13.1
30-39	52	22.6	16	6.5	68	14.3
40-49	49	23.4	18	8.6	67	16.0
50-59	59	27.6	30	14.4 89		21.1
60-69	43	25.7	15	9.9 58		18.2
70-79	18	19.2	9	11.8 27		15.9
80+	25	35.6	4	*	29	25.1

<sup>\*</sup>Rates not calculated for totals less than 5

<sup>\*\*</sup>Rates per 100,000 people

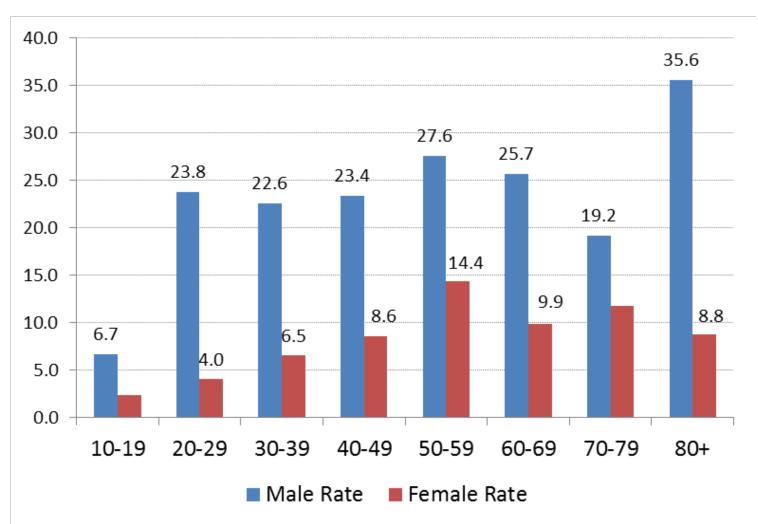
### TOTAL SUICIDES BY AGE GROUP AND GENDER, 2016





# SUICIDE RATES BY AGE GROUP AND GENDER, 2016





### SUICIDES BY RACE/ETHNICITY IN 2016



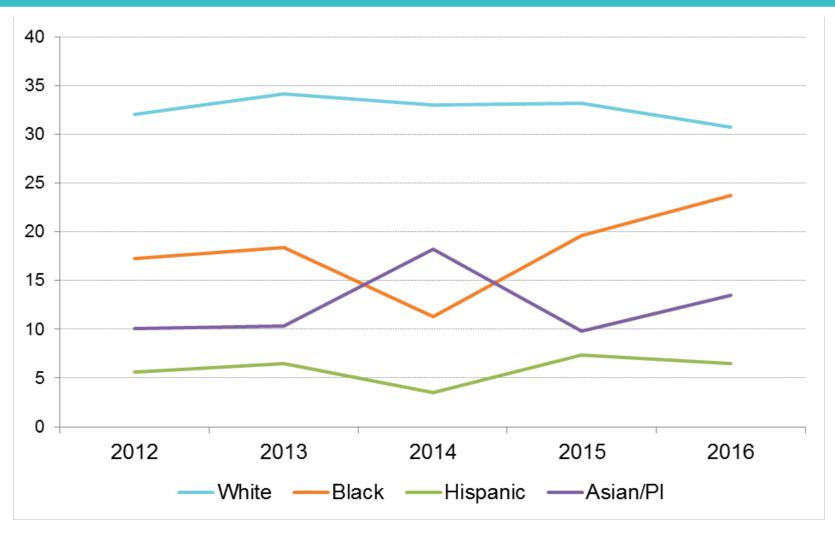
Race/ Ethnicity	Male	Male Rate**	Female	Female Rate**		Total Rate**
White	228	30.7	82	10.5	310	20.4
Black	17	23.7	3	*	20	12.7
Hispanic	36	6.5	10	1.8	46	4.2
Asian/PI	28	13.4	6	3.3	34	8.7

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# MALE SUICIDE RATES\* BY RACE/ETHNICITY, 2012 -2016

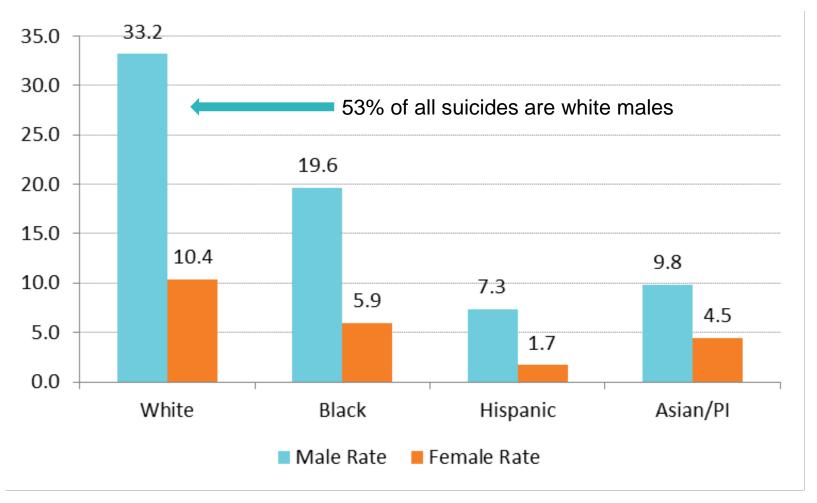




### SUICIDE RATES BY RACE AND GENDER, 2016

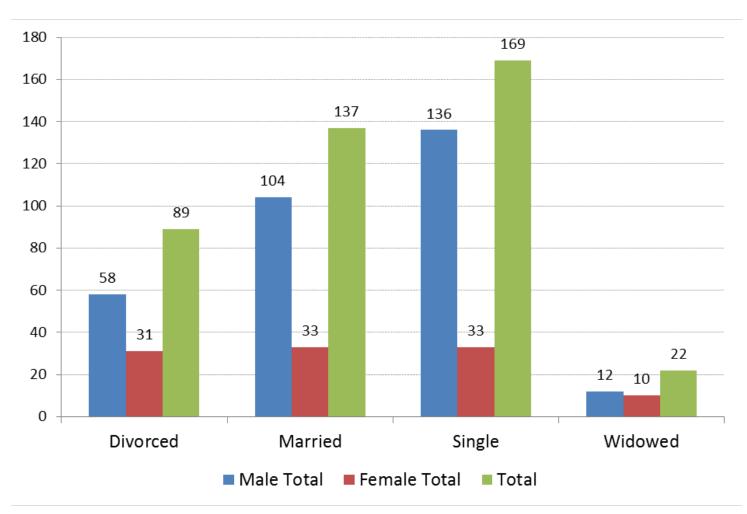






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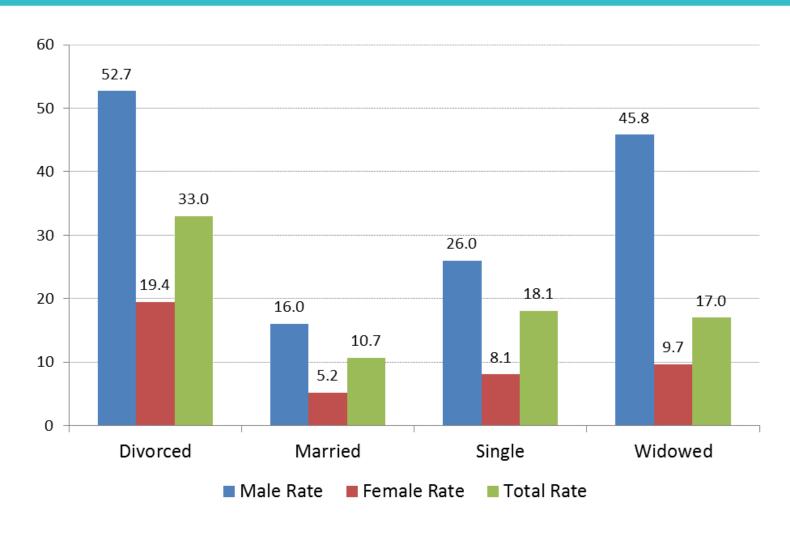




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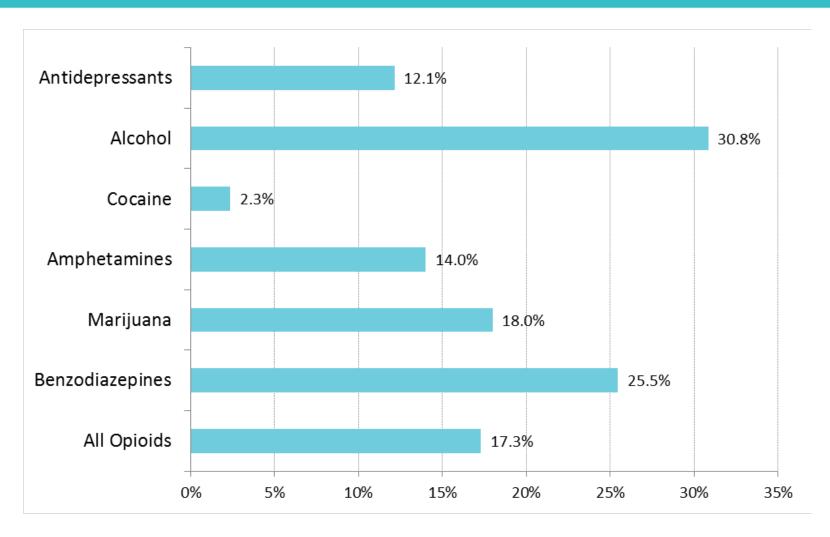




### TOXICOLOGY RESULTS FOR SUICIDES, 2016 SAN DIEGO

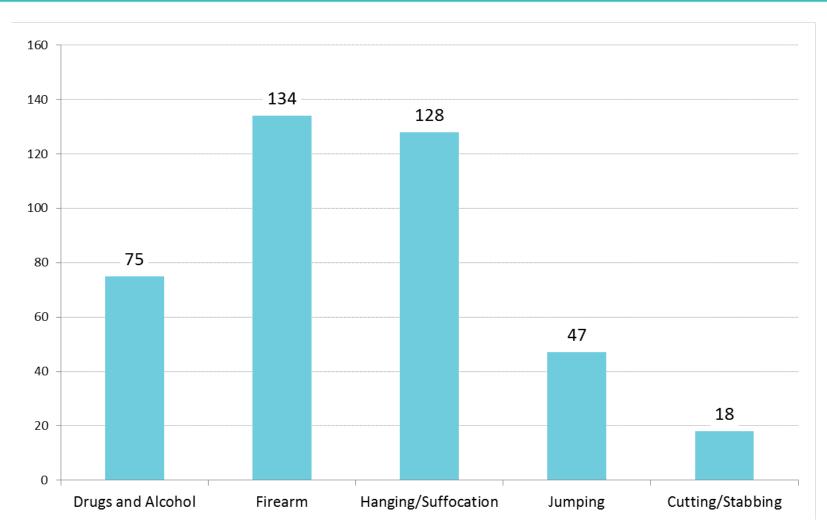






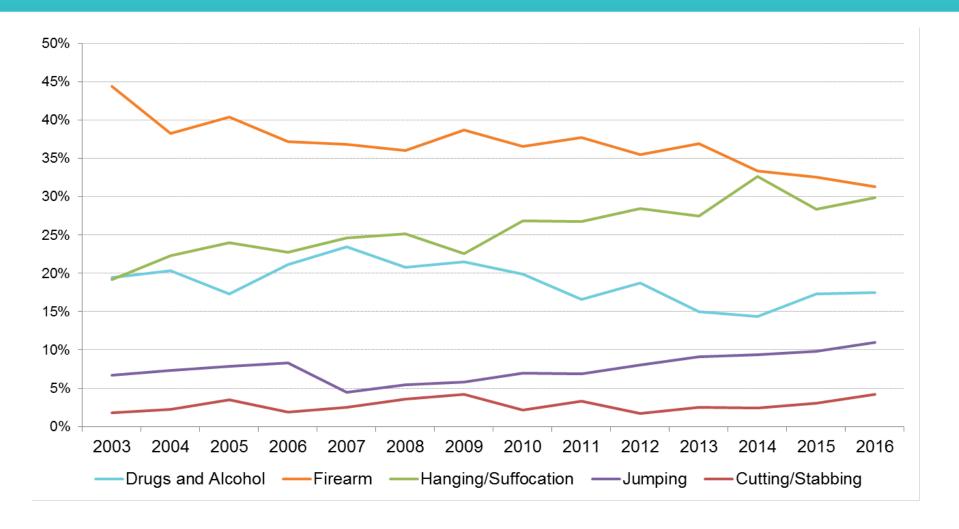
### METHOD OF SUICIDE, 2016





### PERCENT METHOD OF SUICIDE, 2003 - 2016





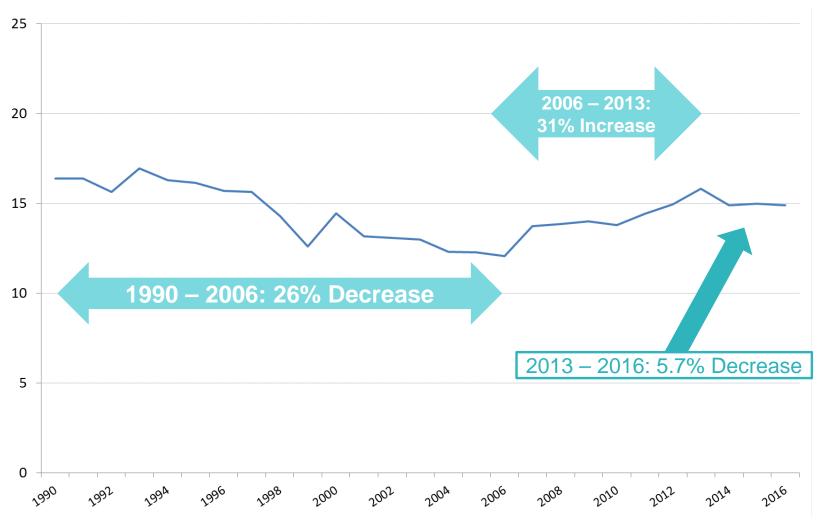


### SUICIDE TRENDS



### SAN DIEGO COUNTY SUICIDE RATES, 1990 - 2016

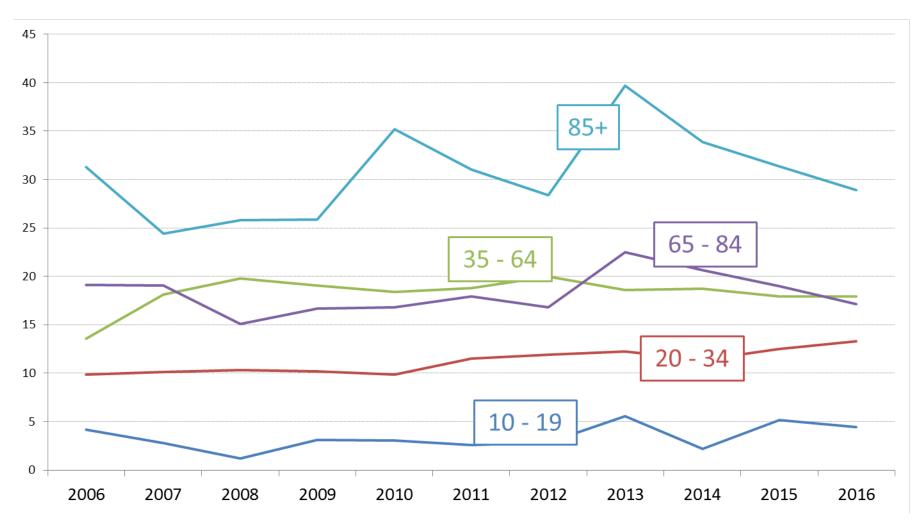




#### SUICIDE RATES BY AGE GROUP, 2006-2016

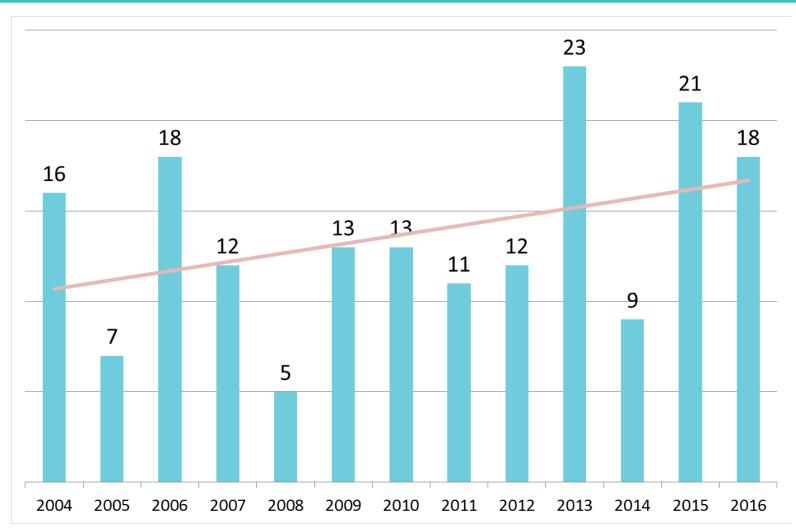






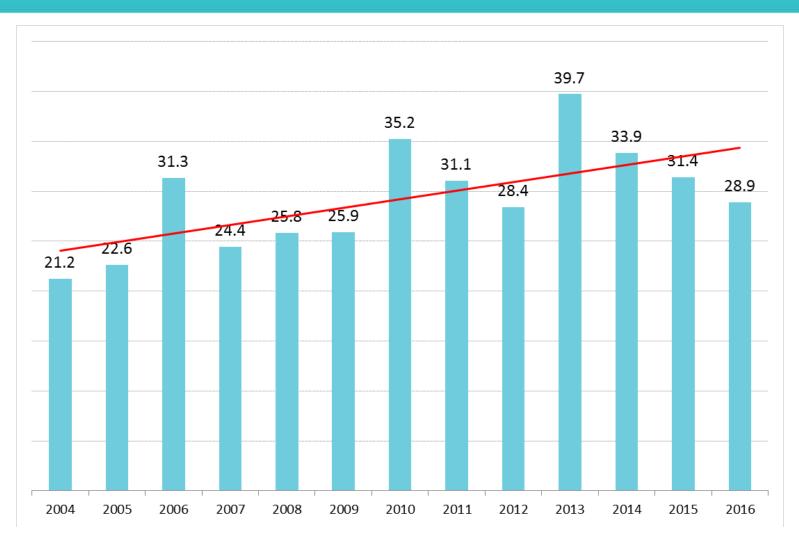
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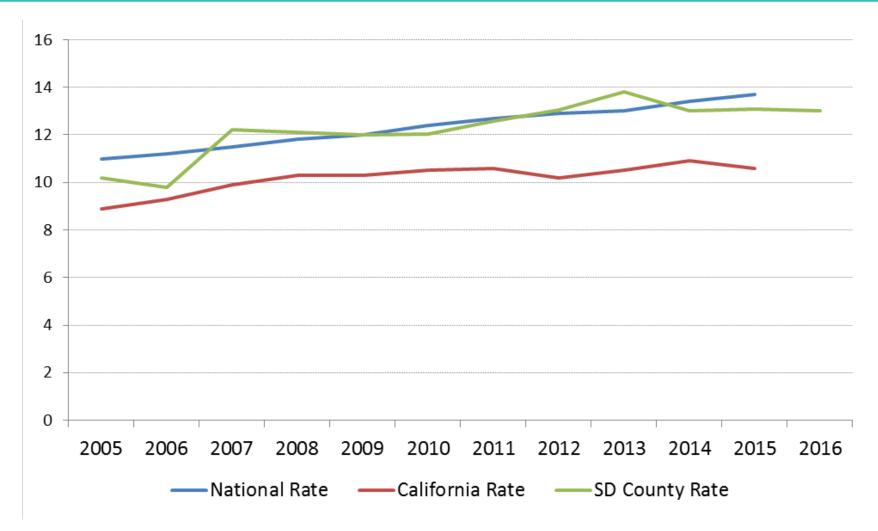
### SUICIDE RATE TRENDS, 85 YEARS AND OLDER





### NATIONAL & STATE COMPARISON, 2005-2016





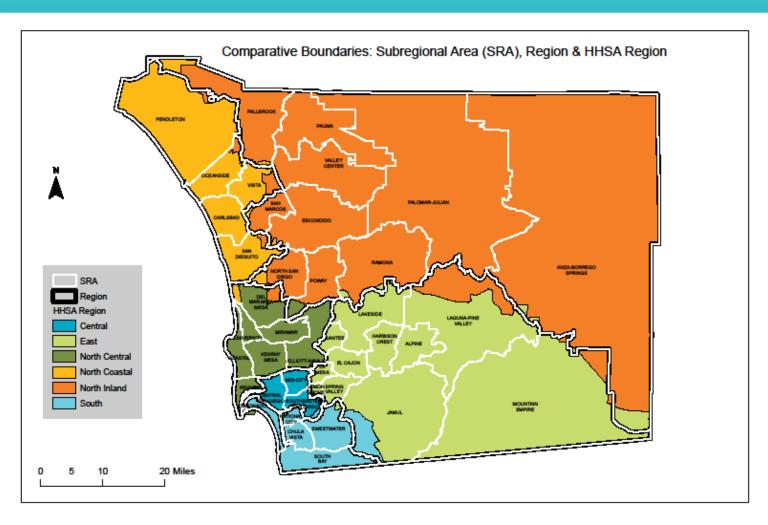


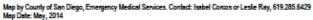
# SUICIDES BY COUNTY REGION



### COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO HHSA REGIONS







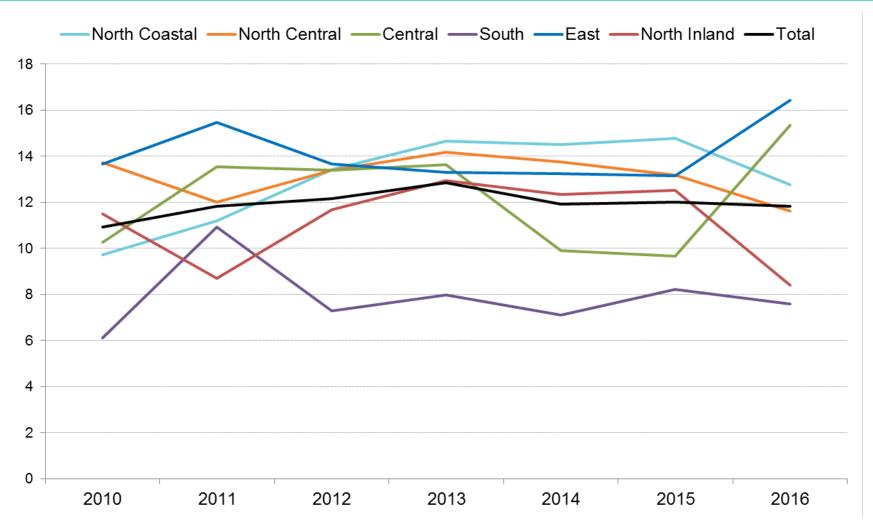






### SUICIDE RATE\* BY COUNTY REGION, 2010 - 2016



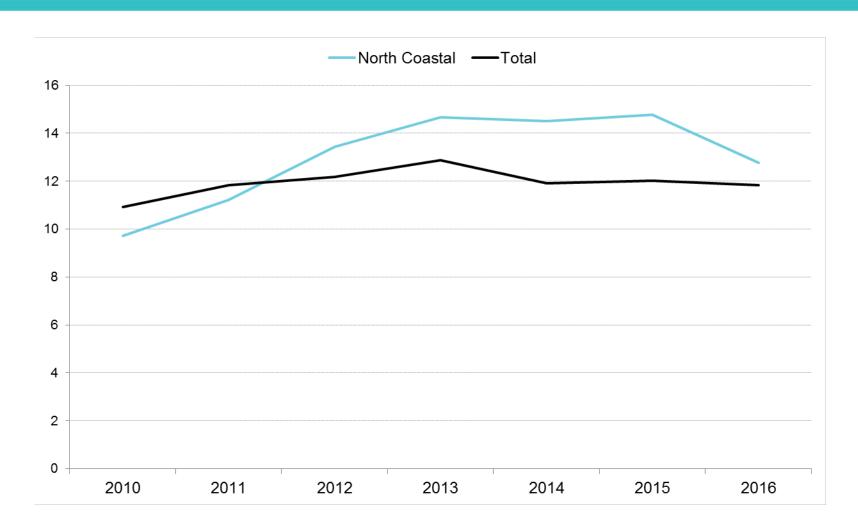


Sources: County of San Diego, Health and Human Services Agency, Emergency Medical Services, Medical Examiner Database, 2000 – 2016. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics. Compressed Mortality File 1999-2016. CDC WONDER On-line Database. U.S. Census Bureau, 2007-2016 American Community Survey.

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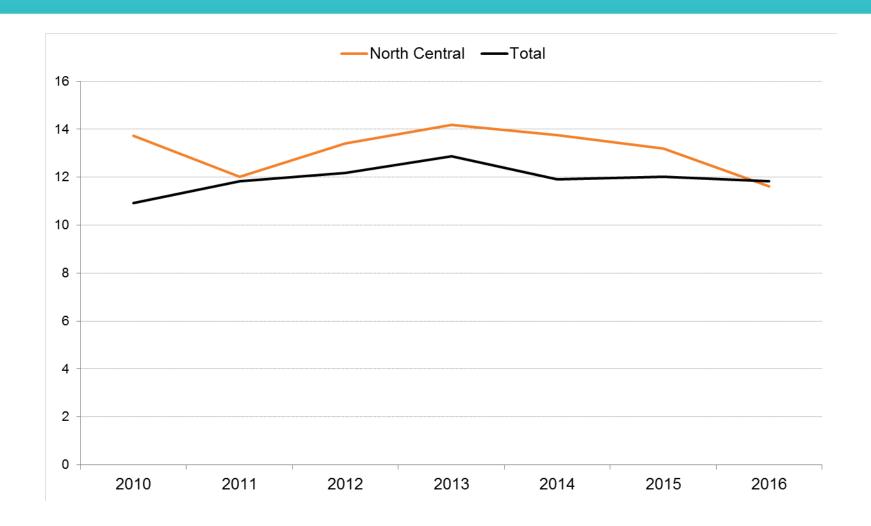
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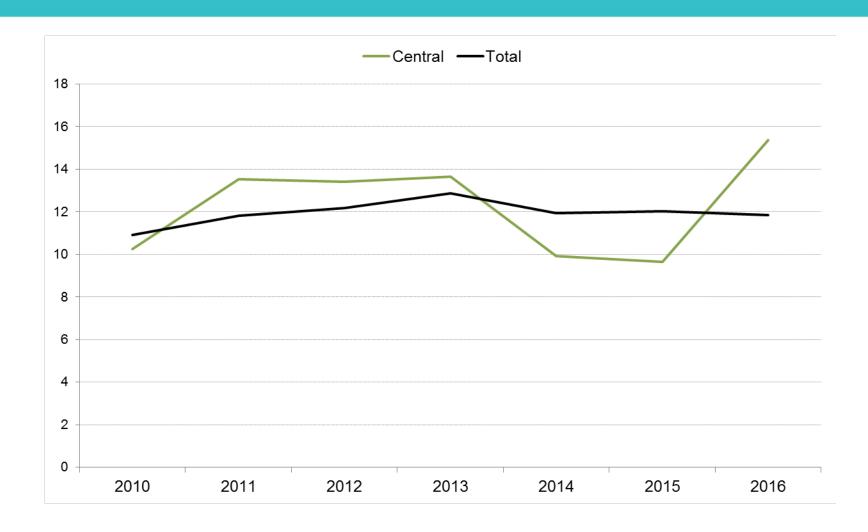
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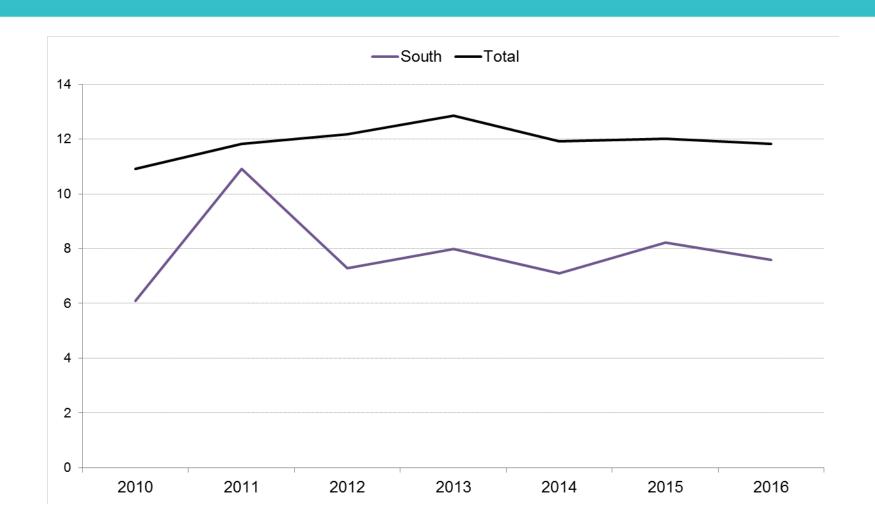
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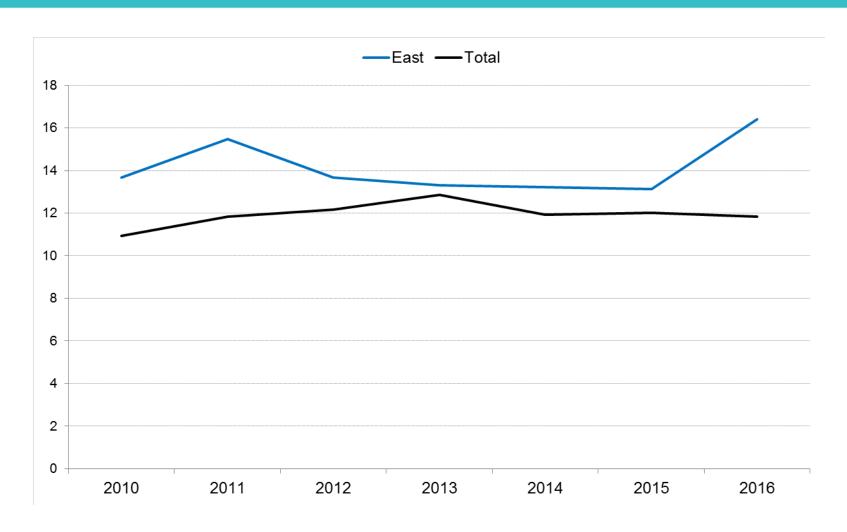
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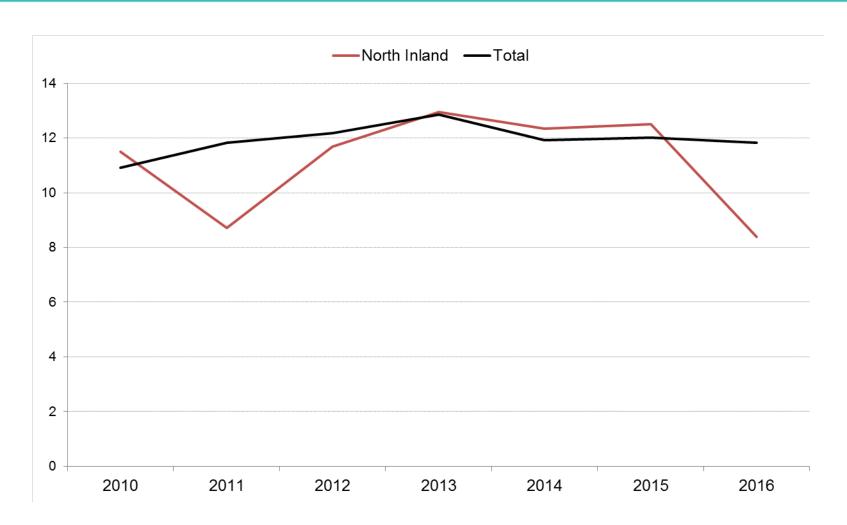
#### EAST REGION, 2010 - 2016





#### NORTH INLAND REGION, 2010 - 2016





### SUICIDE RATE\* BY COUNTY REGION, 2010 - 2016



	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
North Coastal	9.7	11.2	13.4	14.7	14.5	14.8	12.8
North Central	13.7	12.0	13.4	14.2	13.8	13.2	11.6
Central	10.3	13.5	13.4	13.6	9.9	9.7	15.4
South	6.1	10.9	7.3	8.0	7.1	8.2	7.6
East	13.7	15.5	13.7	13.3	13.2	13.1	16.4
North Inland	11.5	8.7	11.7	12.9	12.3	12.5	8.4
Total	10.9	11.8	12.2	12.9	11.9	12.0	11.8

#### 2016 IN SUMMARY



- ➤ After a distinct period of increased suicide in San Diego County (2006 2013), the annual suicide rate has decreased slightly from 2013 to 2016
- ➤ In 2016, there were 5 times as many suicides in the County as there were homicides.
- ➤ There were about 3 times as many male suicides as there were female suicides.
- Suicide rates generally increase with age.
- We have seen a short-term increase in black male suicides.
- ➤ 53% of all suicides are white males, which is lower than in previous years

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- Divorced and widowed males had higher rates of suicide.
- ➤ The most common drugs present in suicides were alcohol, benzodiazepines, marijuana, and prescription opioids.
- ➤ The San Diego County suicide rate is slightly lower than the national rate but is higher than the California state rate.
- ➤ The East Region has the highest suicide rate and the South Region has the lowest.



### THANK YOU

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