



# SUICIDE IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY, 2018

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# SUICIDES IN 2018



Total number of suicides in 2018: 464

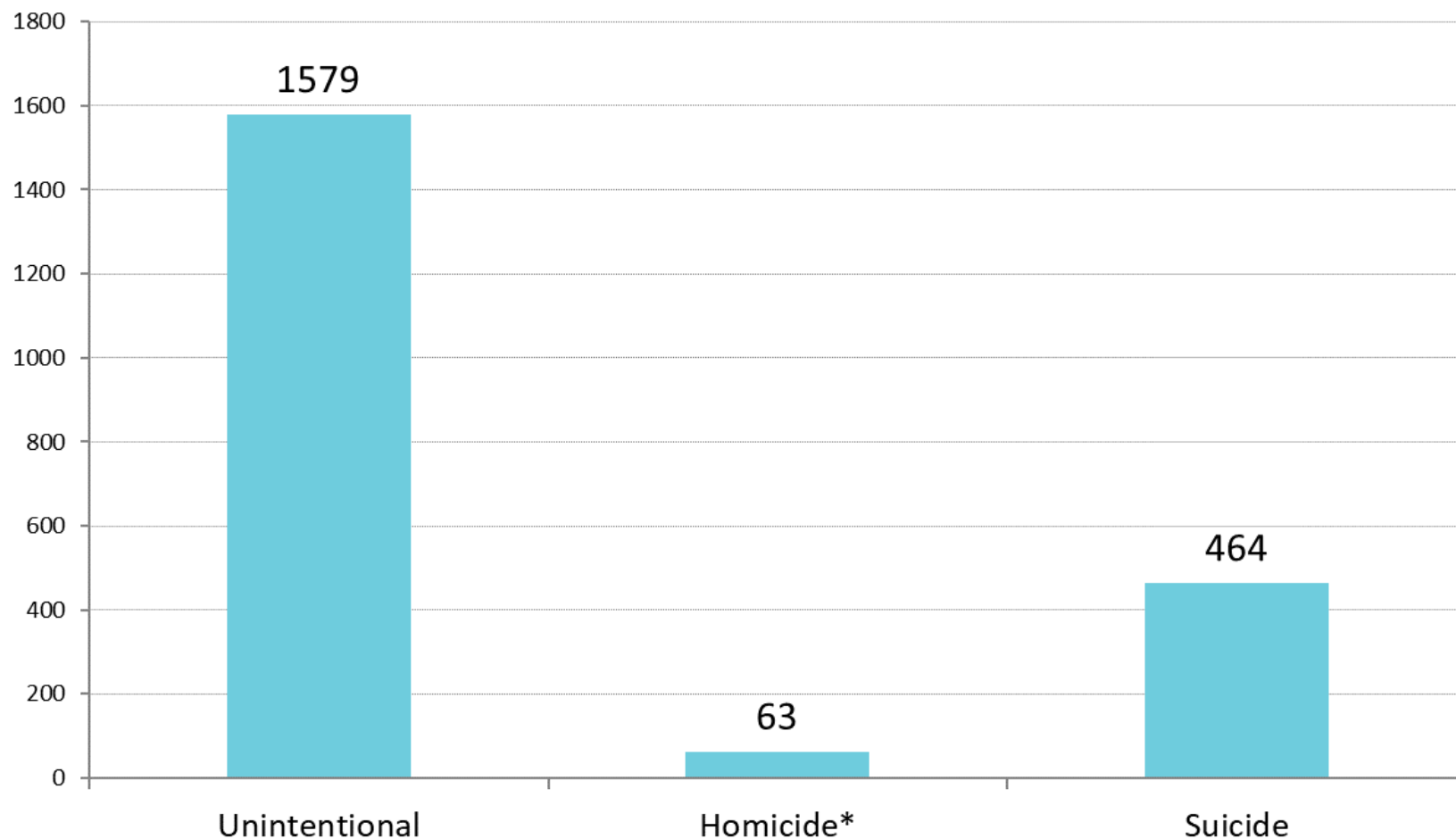
- 16.1 per 100,000 people (10+ years old)
- Similar rate compared to 2017
- Gender
  - 363 males
  - 101 females
- Age range
  - 13 to 103 years



# NON-NATURAL DEATHS IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY, 2018



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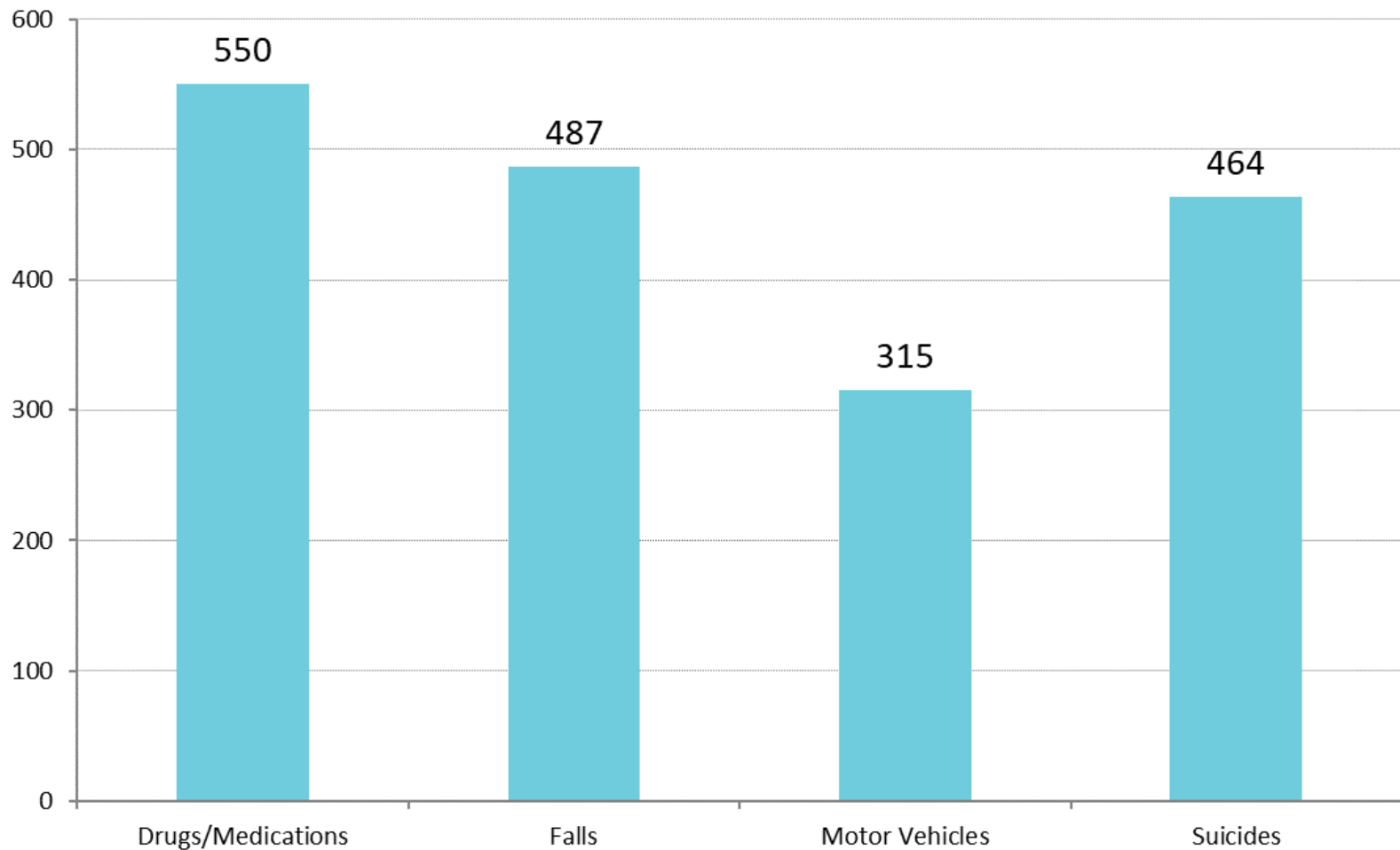
\*Homicide total is missing cases sealed by law enforcement, which may be a considerable number



# SUICIDES VS UNINTENTIONAL DEATHS, 2018



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# SUICIDES BY AGE GROUP IN 2018



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Age Group	Male	Male Rate**	Female	Female Rate**	Total	Total Rate**
10-19	17	7.3	2	*	19	4.2
20-29	50	19.2	15	6.9	65	13.6
30-39	53	22.6	17	7.7	70	15.4
40-49	50	23.9	19	9.2	69	16.6
50-59	66	32.0	17	8.1	83	20.0
60-69	60	36.3	22	12.1	82	23.6
70-79	37	40.3	7	6.4	44	21.9
80+	30	62.5	2	*	32	26.1

\*Rates not calculated for totals less than 5

\*\*Rates per 100,000 people

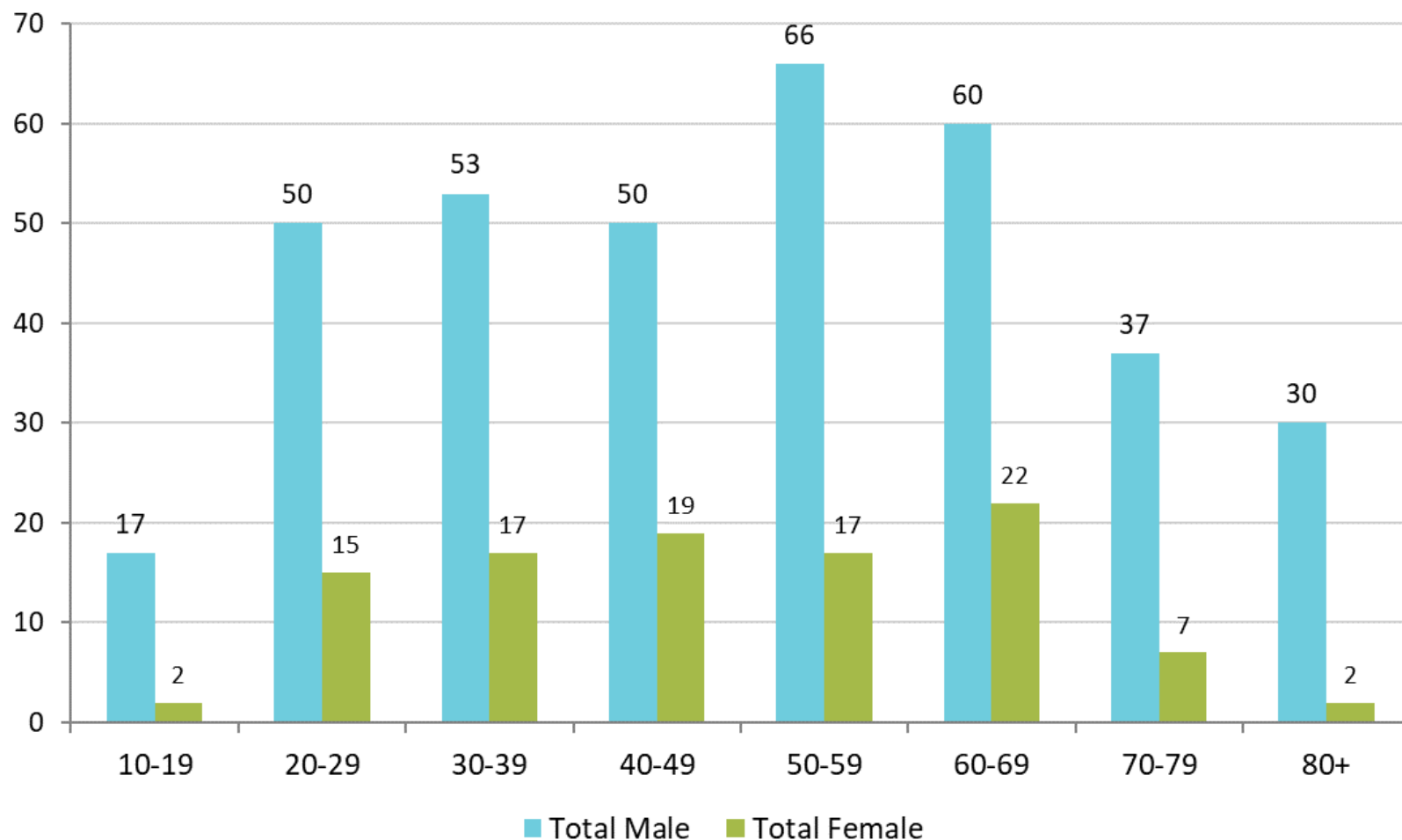
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# TOTAL SUICIDES BY AGE GROUP AND GENDER, 2018



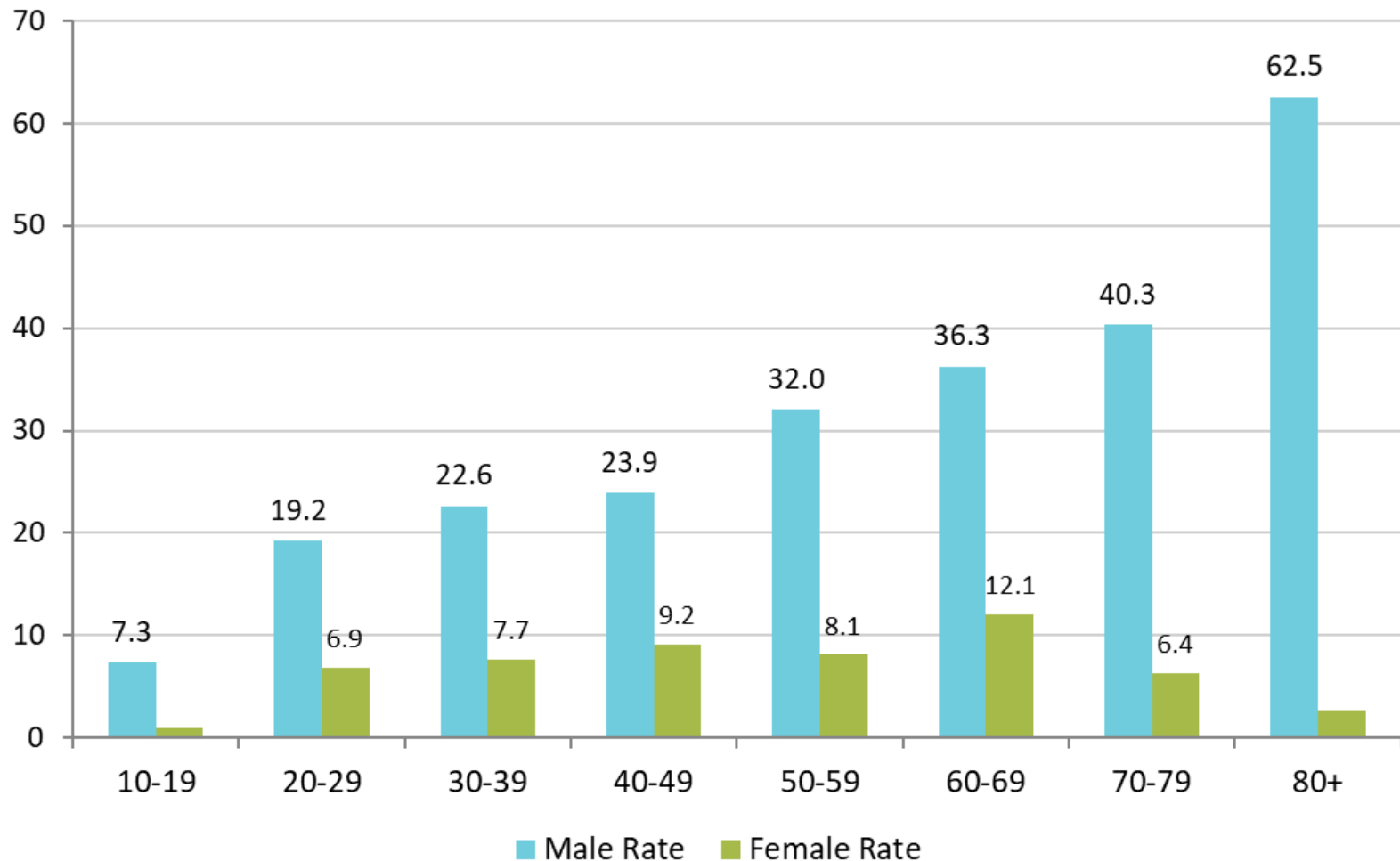
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# SUICIDE RATES BY AGE GROUP AND GENDER, 2018



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# SUICIDES BY RACE/ETHNICITY IN 2018



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Race/ Ethnicity	Male	Male Rate**	Female	Female Rate**	Total	Total Rate**
White	265	33.9	72	9.7	337	22.1
Black	7	8.9	2	*	9	6.1
Hispanic	59	10.3	16	2.8	75	6.5
Asian/PI	24	13.4	7	3.5	31	8.2

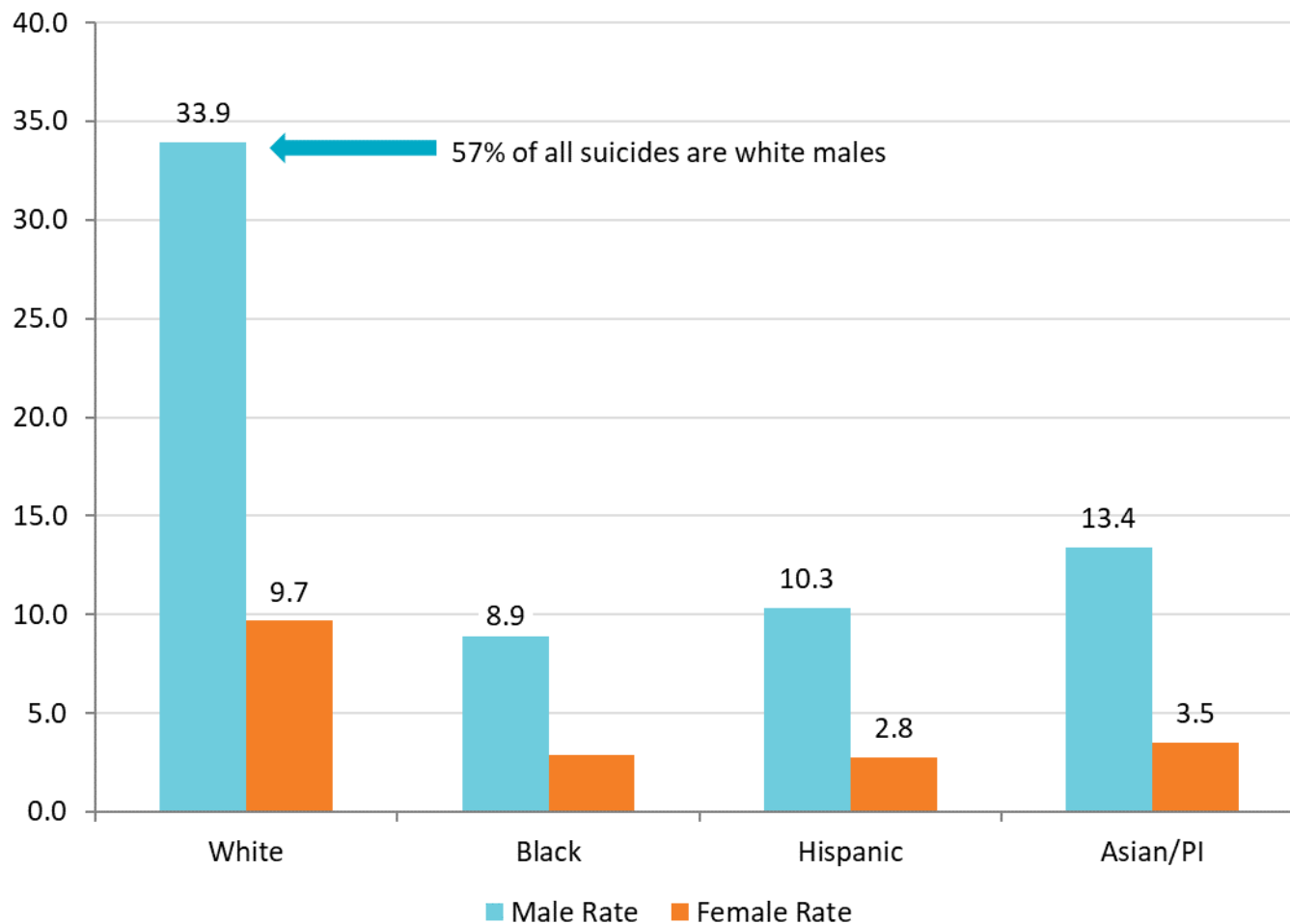
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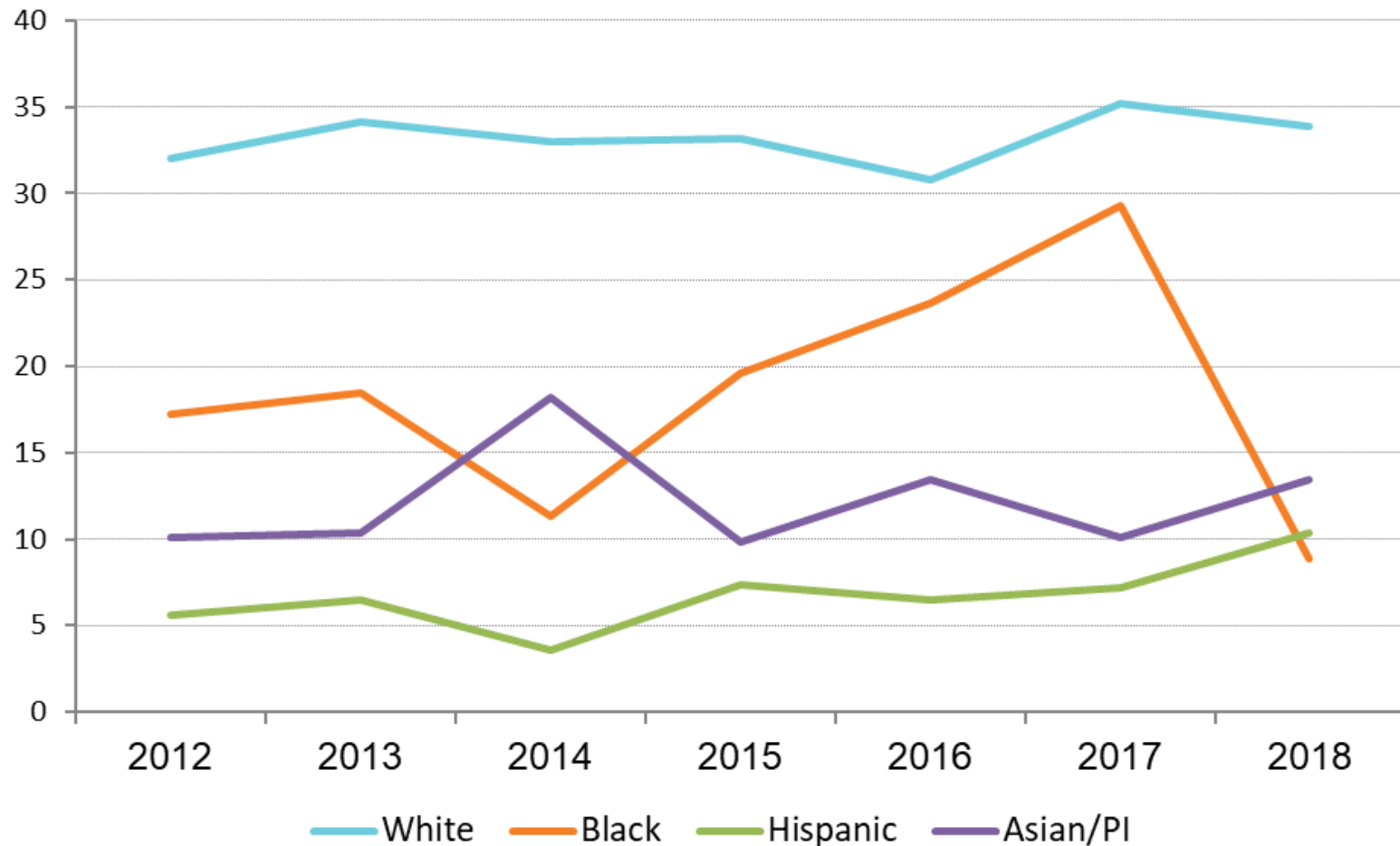


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# MALE SUICIDE RATES\* BY RACE/ETHNICITY, 2012 -2018



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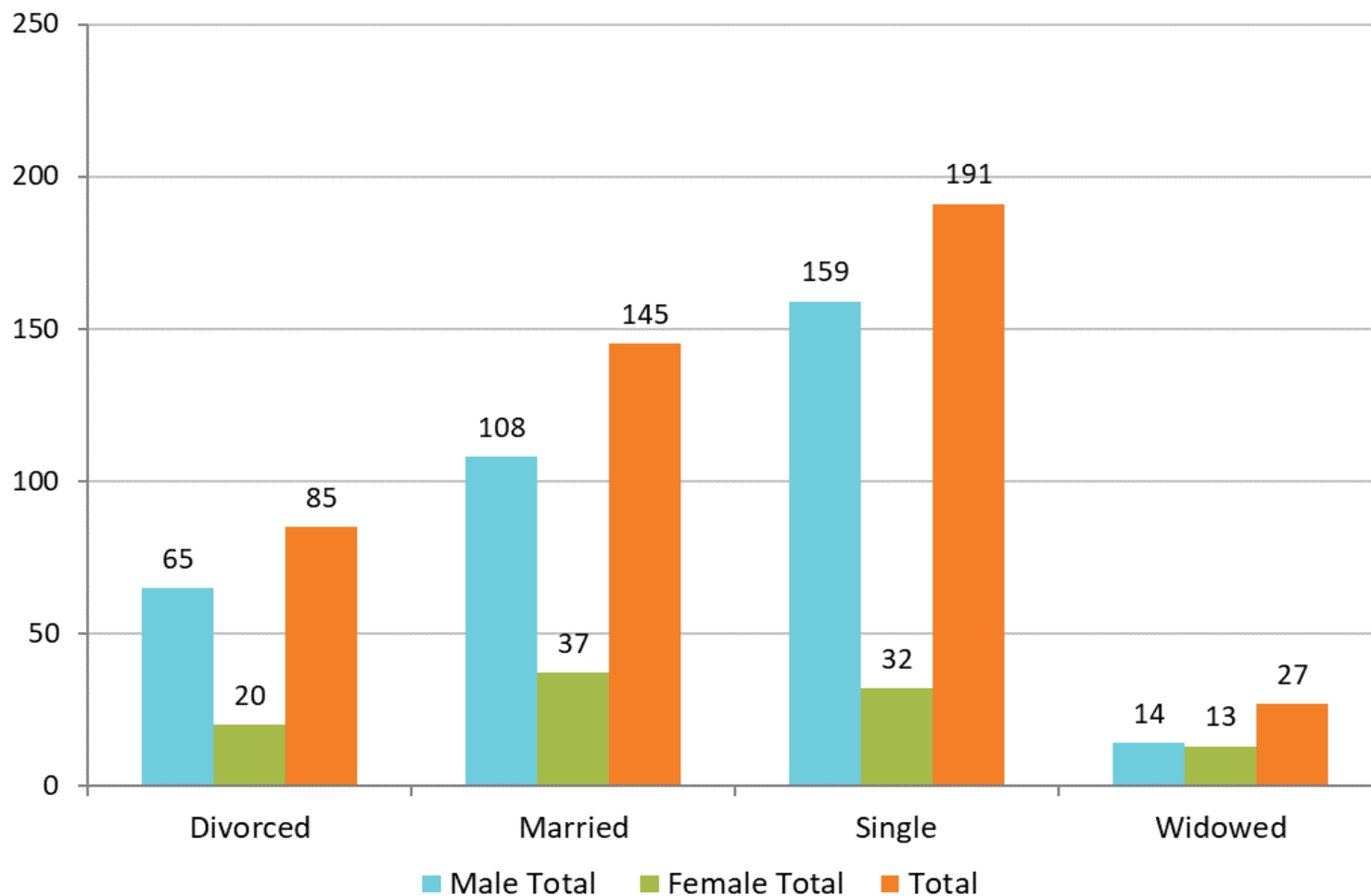
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# SUICIDES BY MARITAL STATUS, 2018



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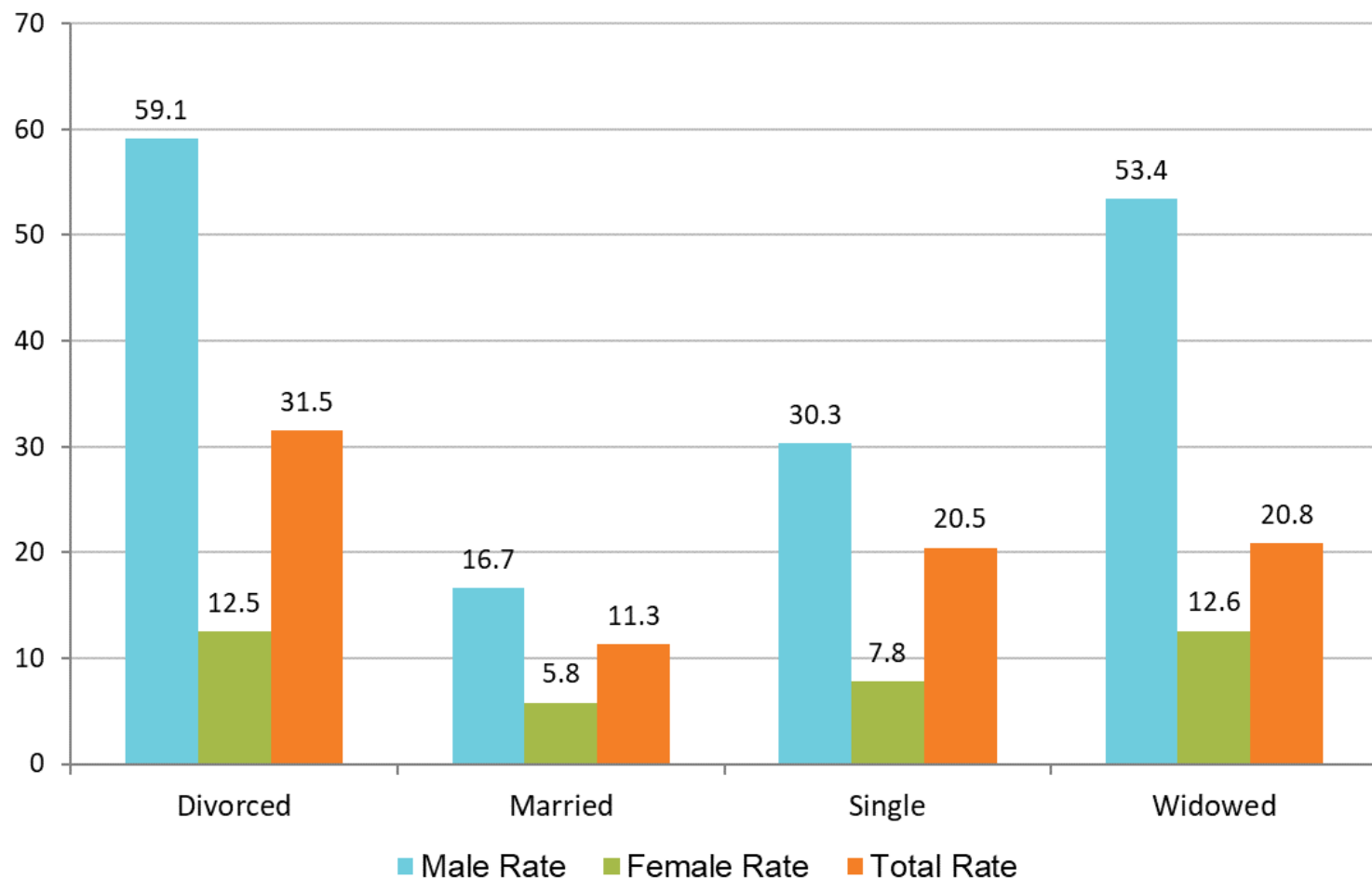
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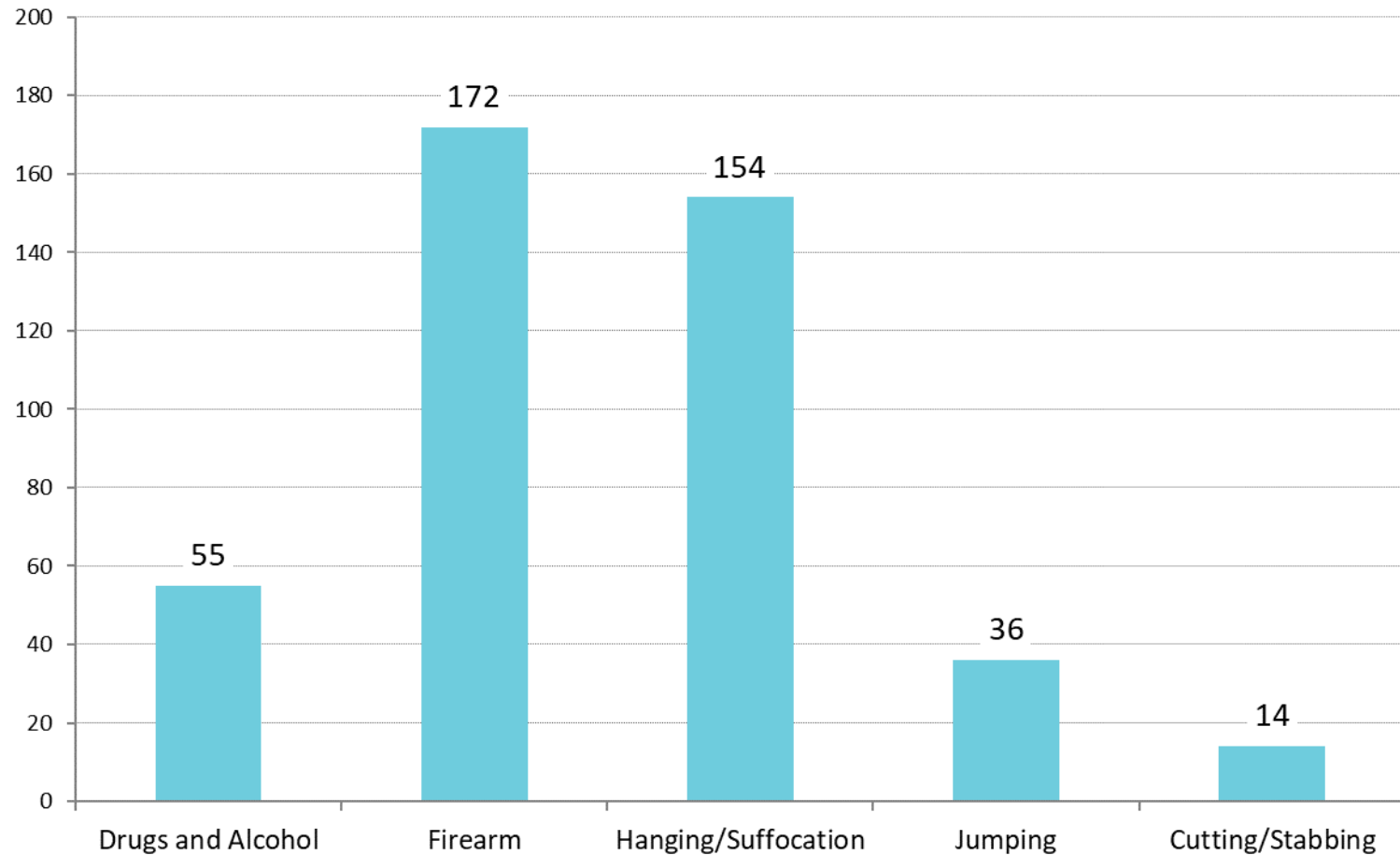
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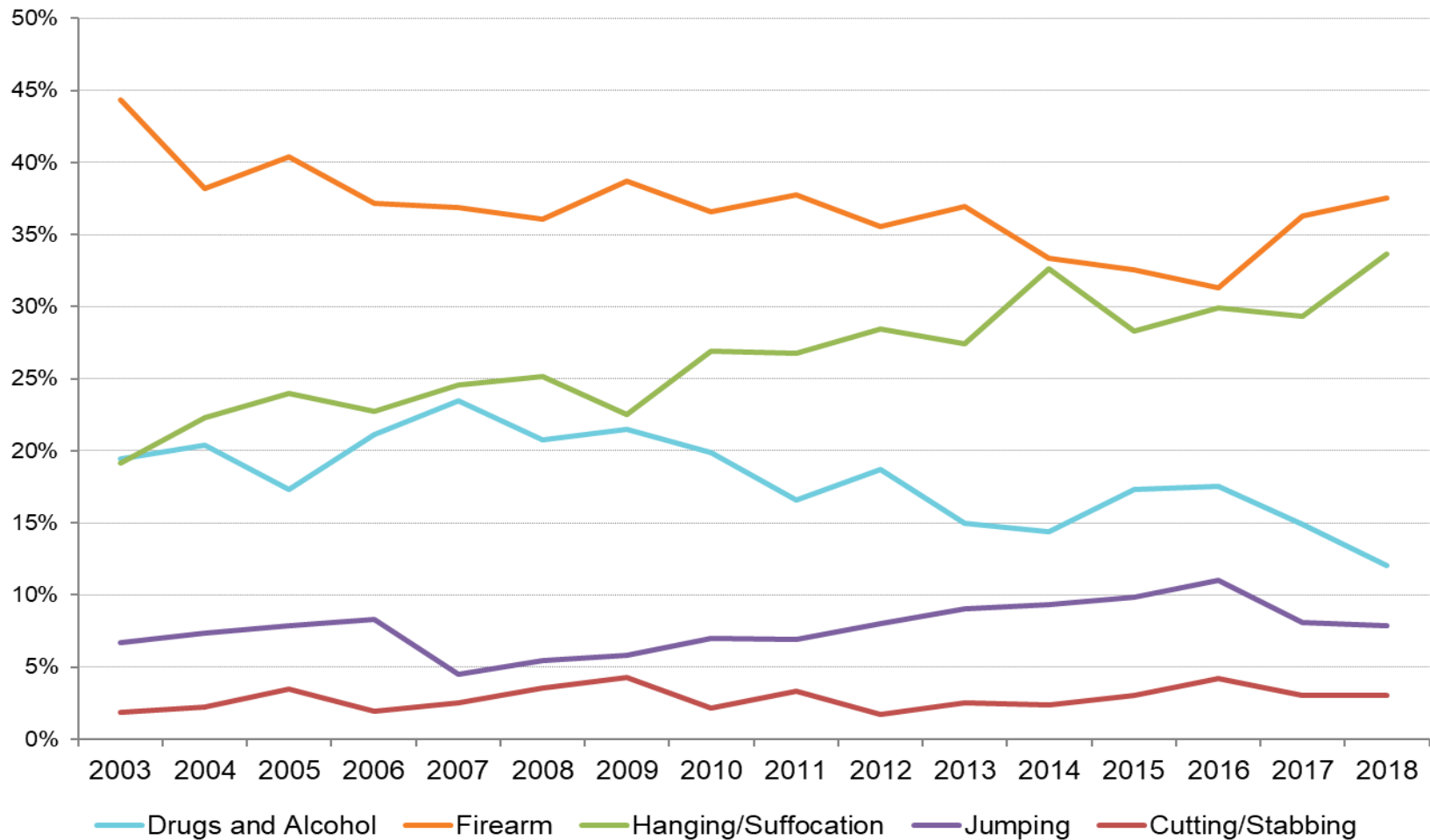
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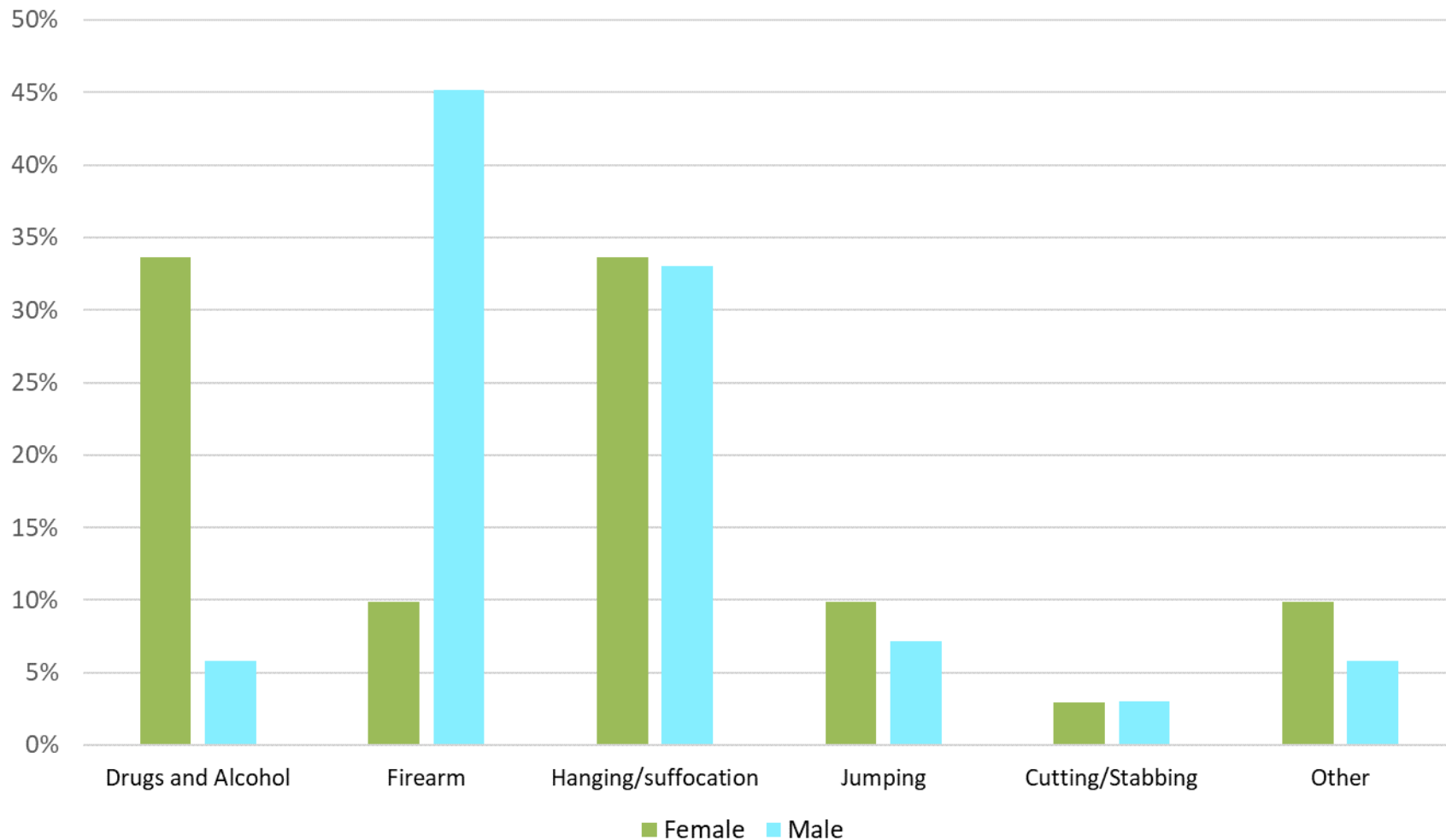
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# PERCENT METHOD OF SUICIDE BY GENDER



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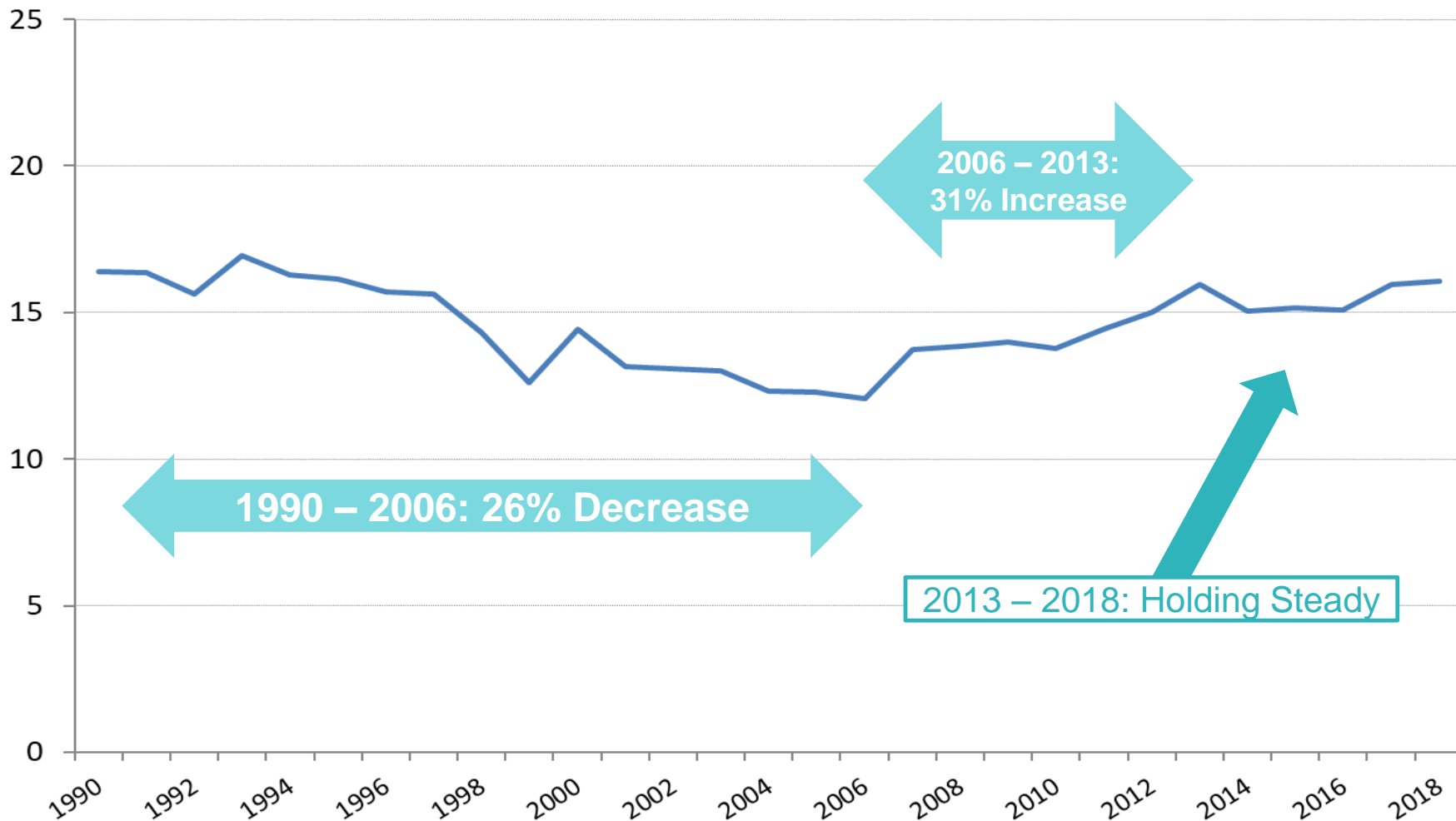


# SUICIDE TRENDS

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# SAN DIEGO COUNTY SUICIDE RATES, 1990 - 2018



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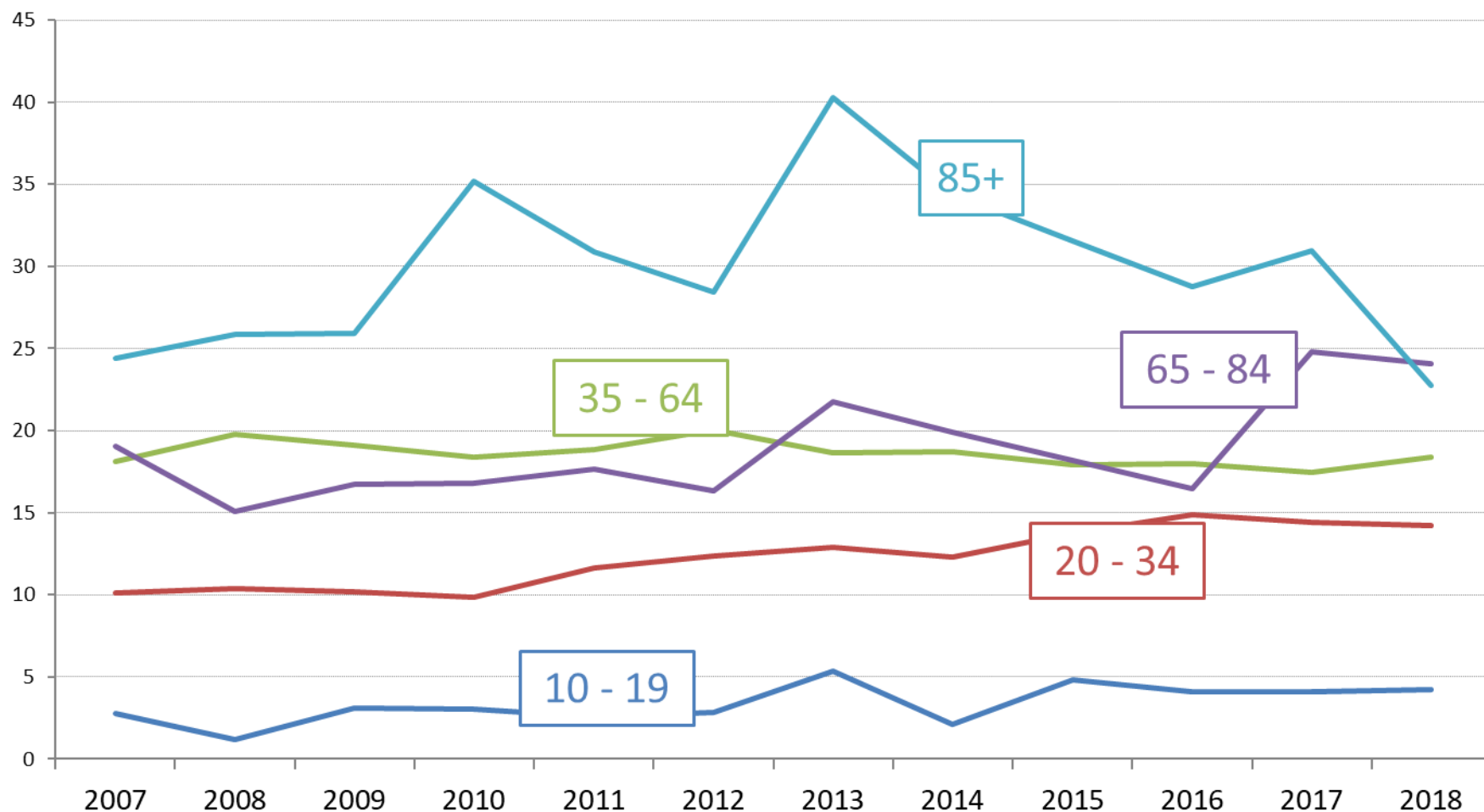
Rates per 100,000 people aged 10+



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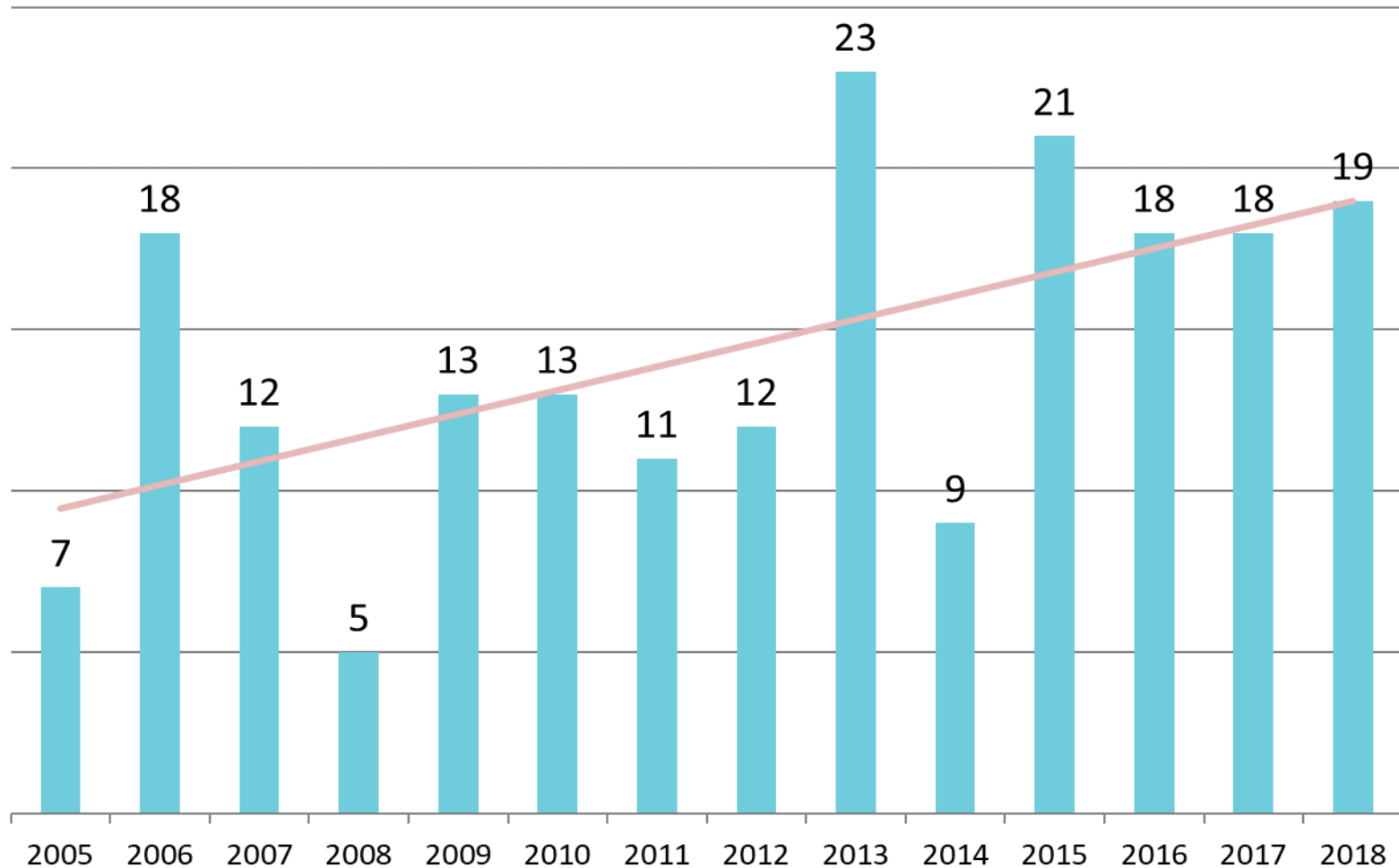
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# SUICIDE TRENDS, 10 - 19 YEARS OLD 2005 - 2018



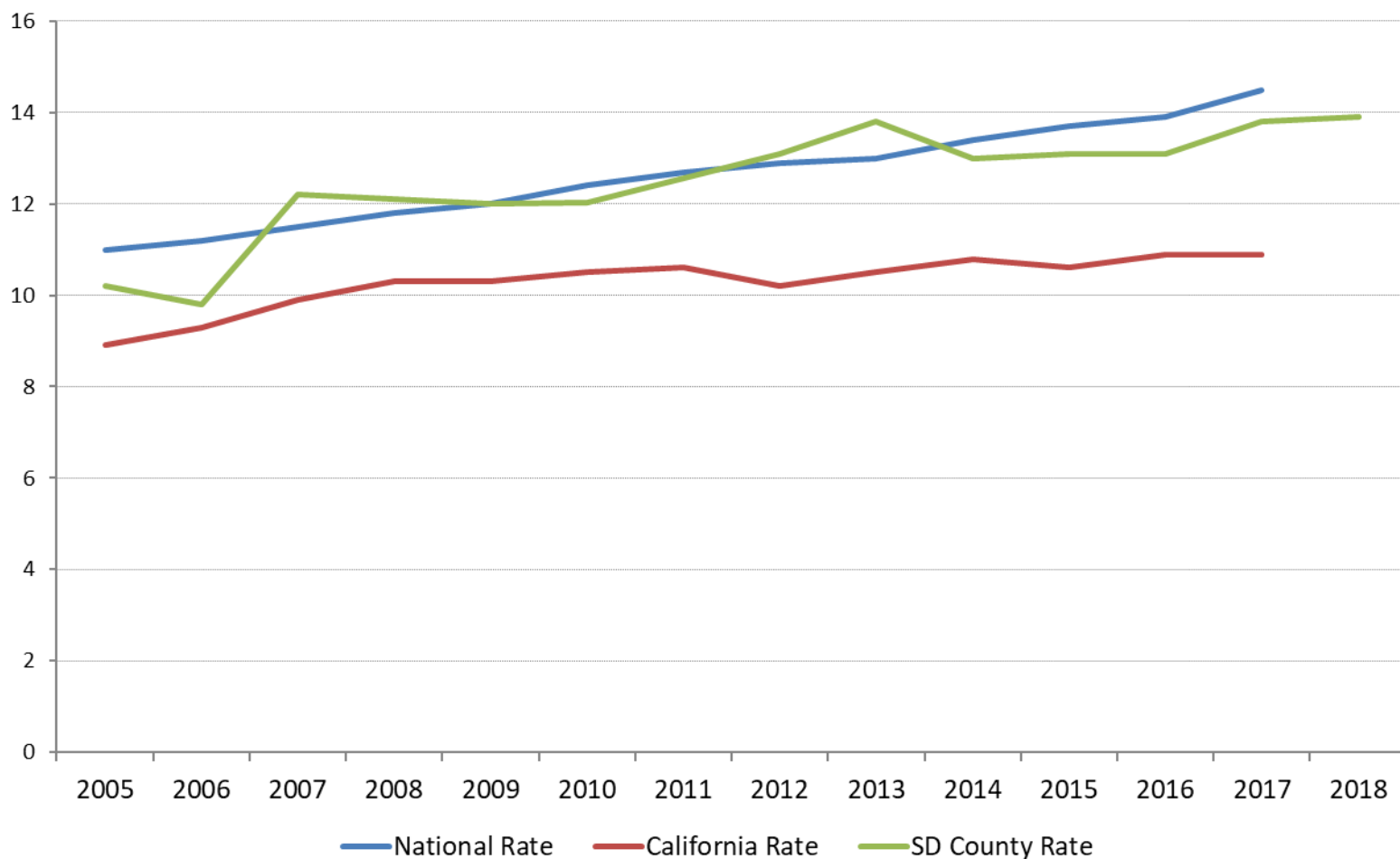
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# NATIONAL & STATE COMPARISON, 2005-2018



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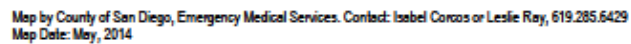
# SUICIDES BY COUNTY REGION

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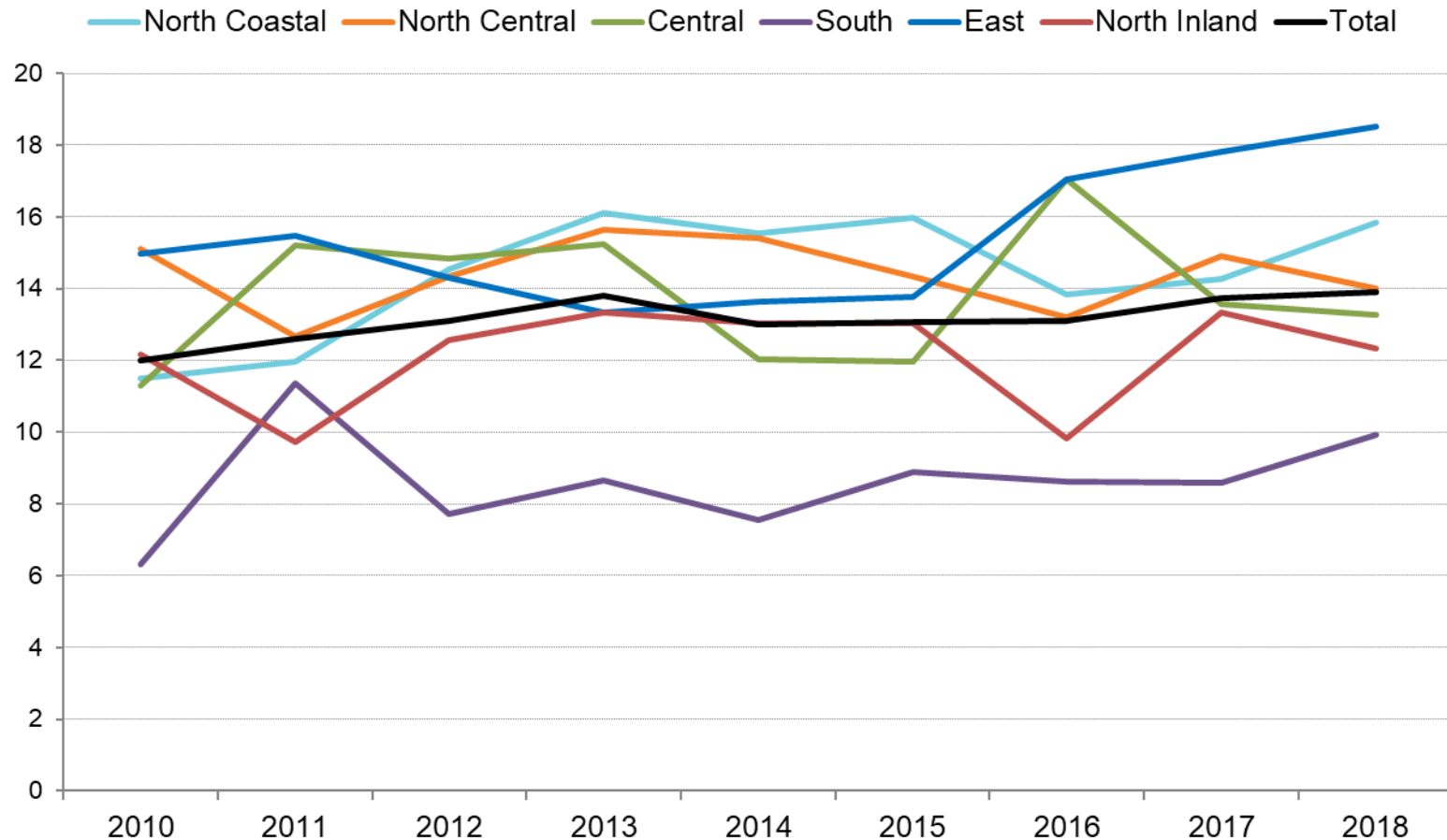


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# SUICIDE RATE\* BY COUNTY REGION, 2010 - 2018



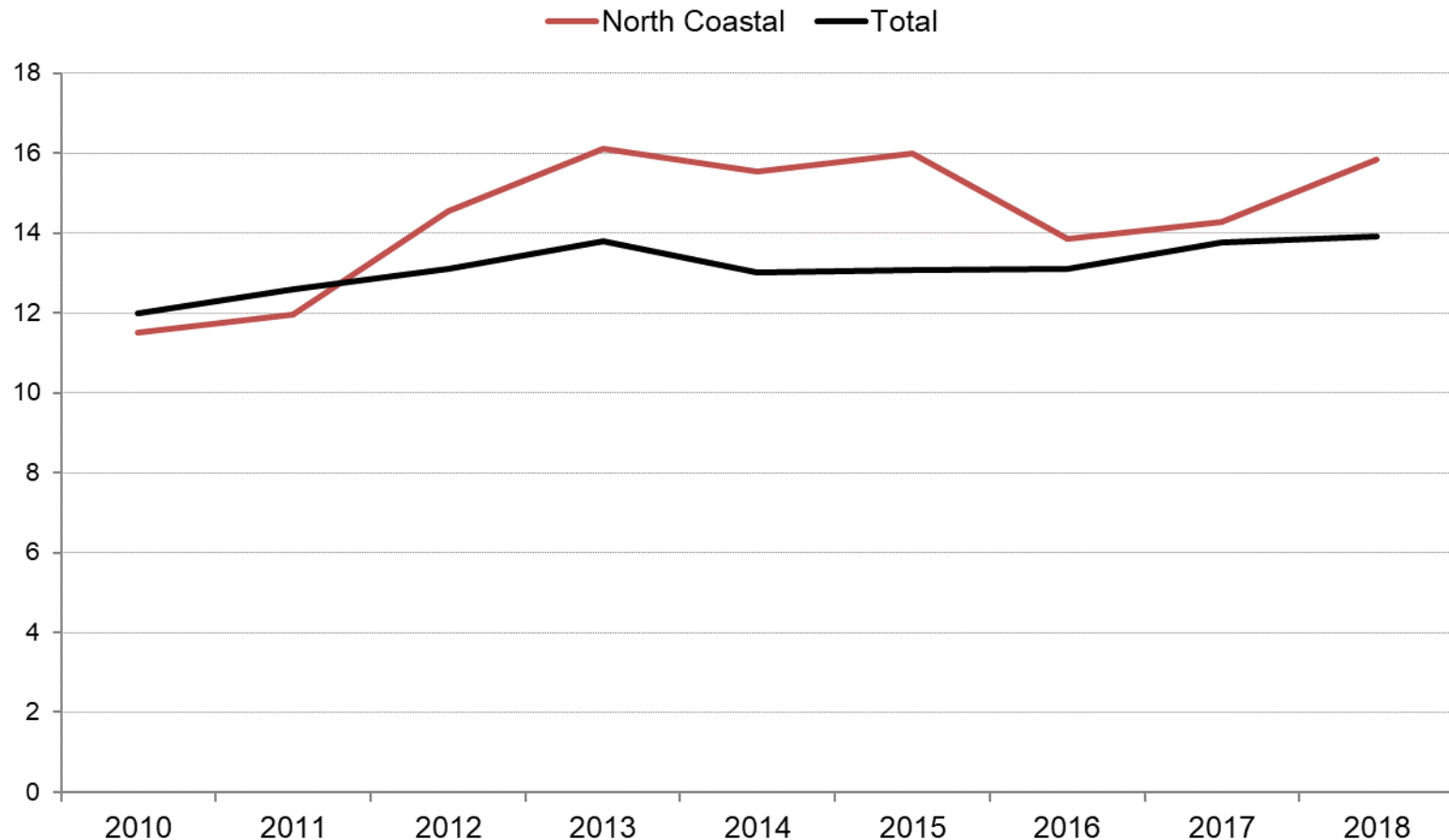
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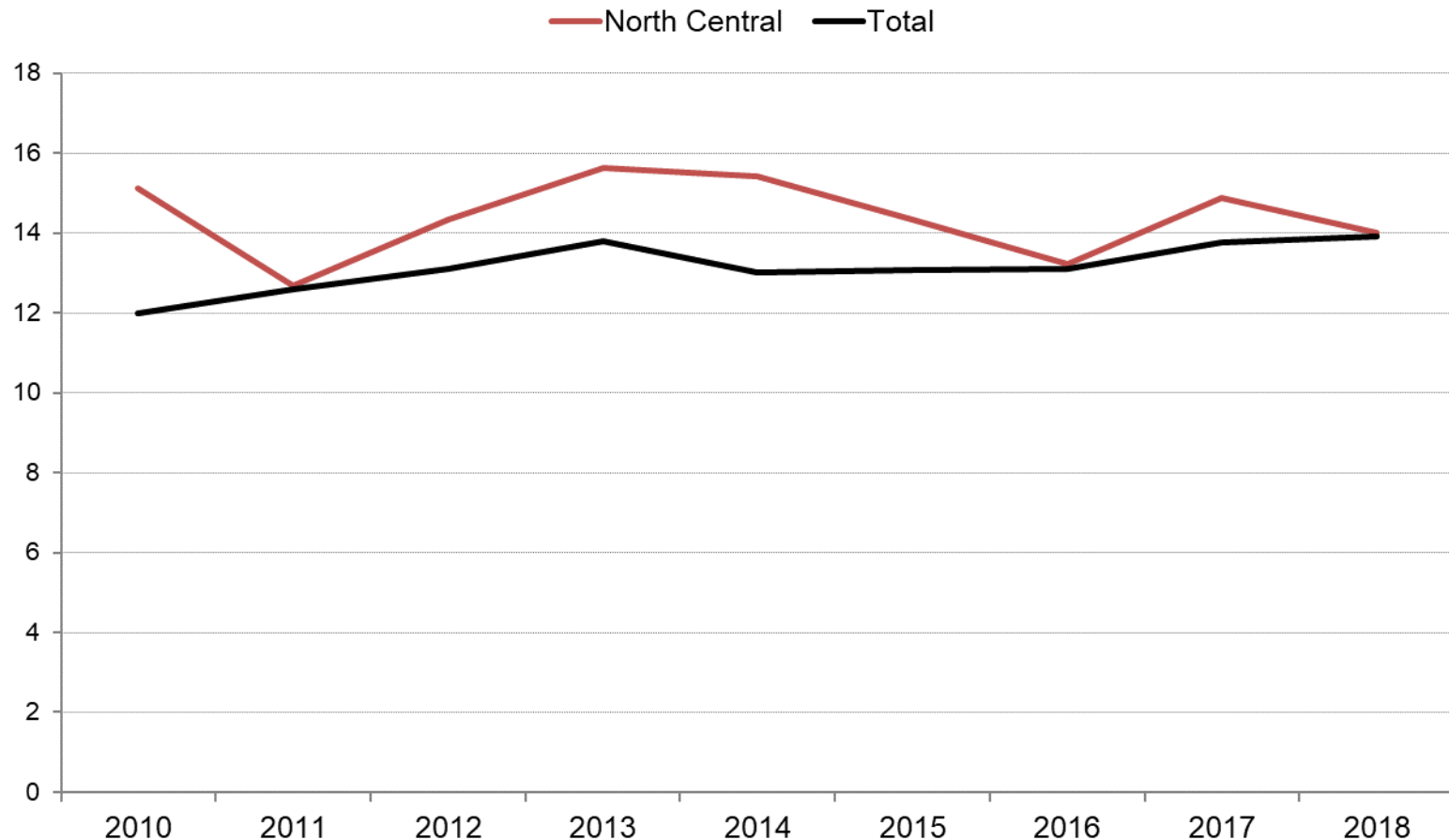
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# NORTH CENTRAL REGION, 2010 - 2018



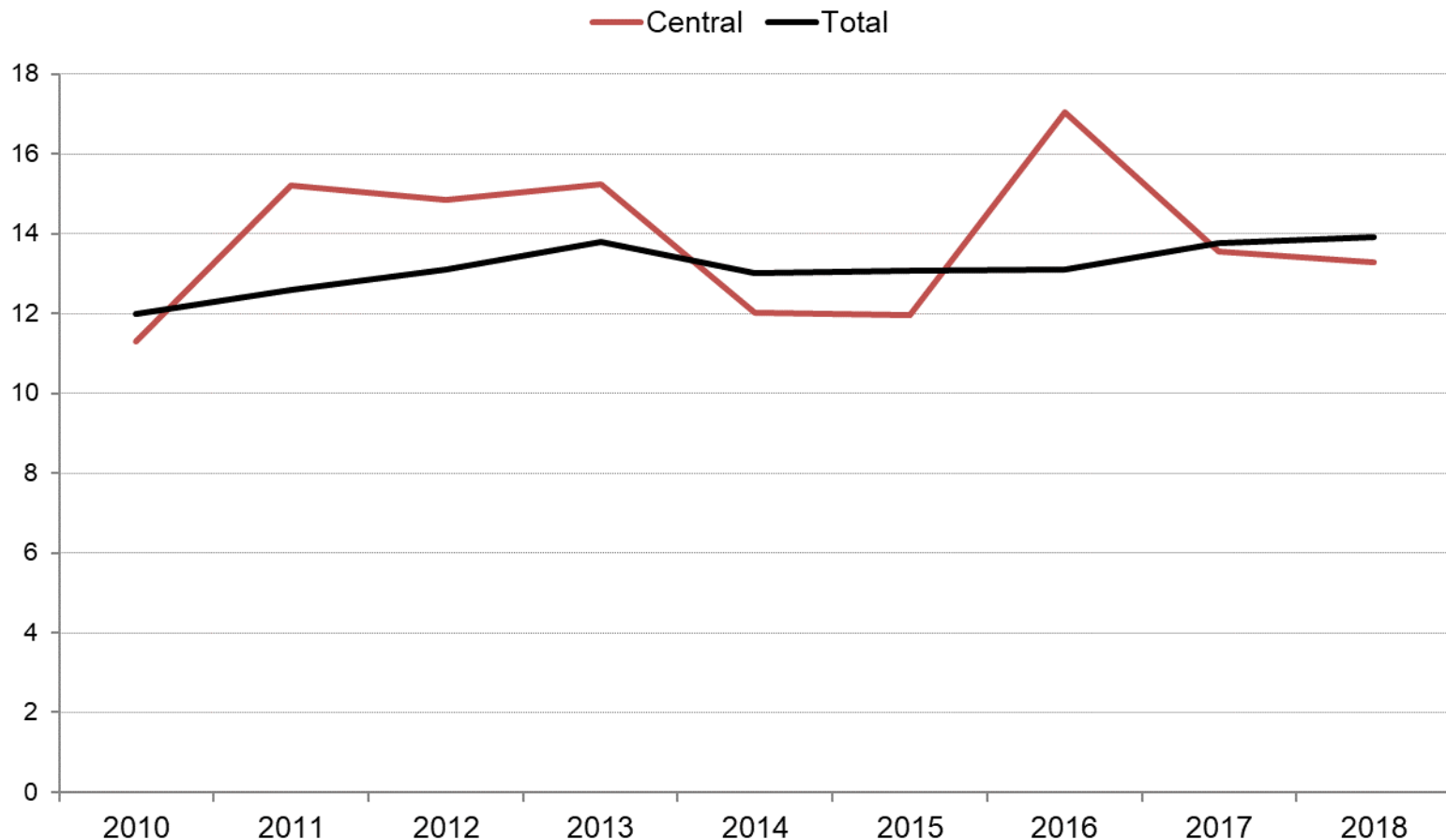
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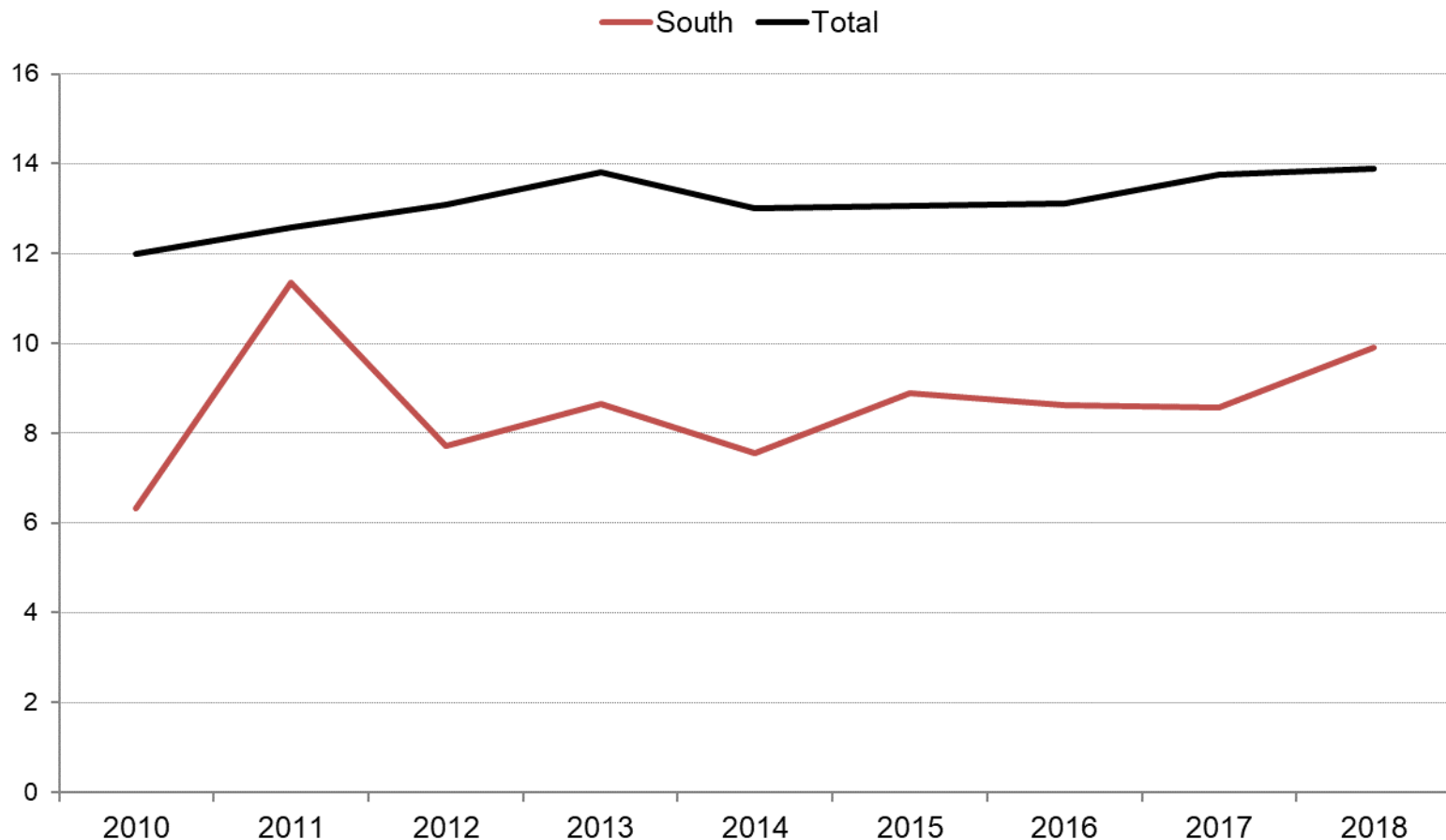
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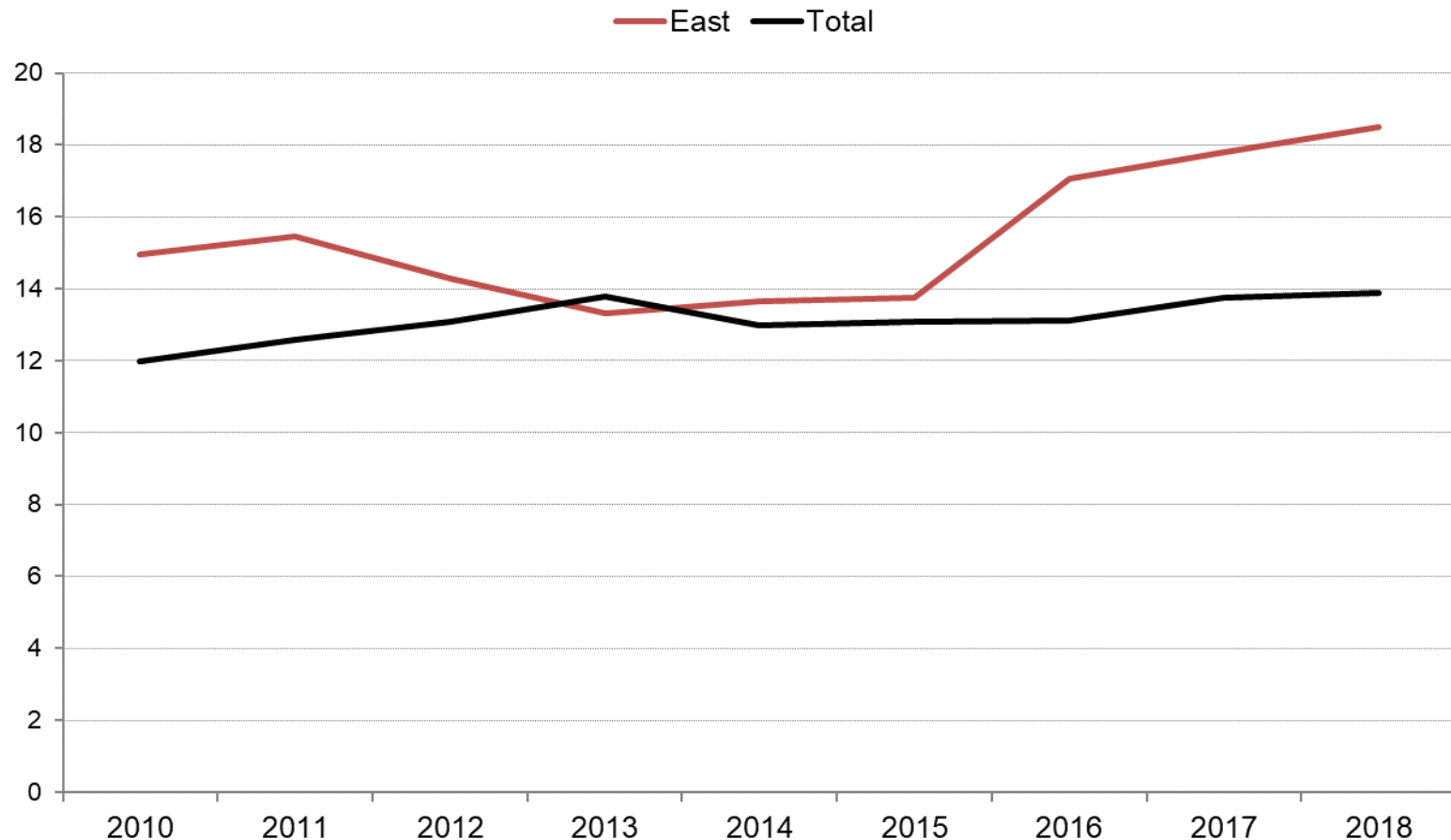
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# EAST REGION, 2010 - 2018



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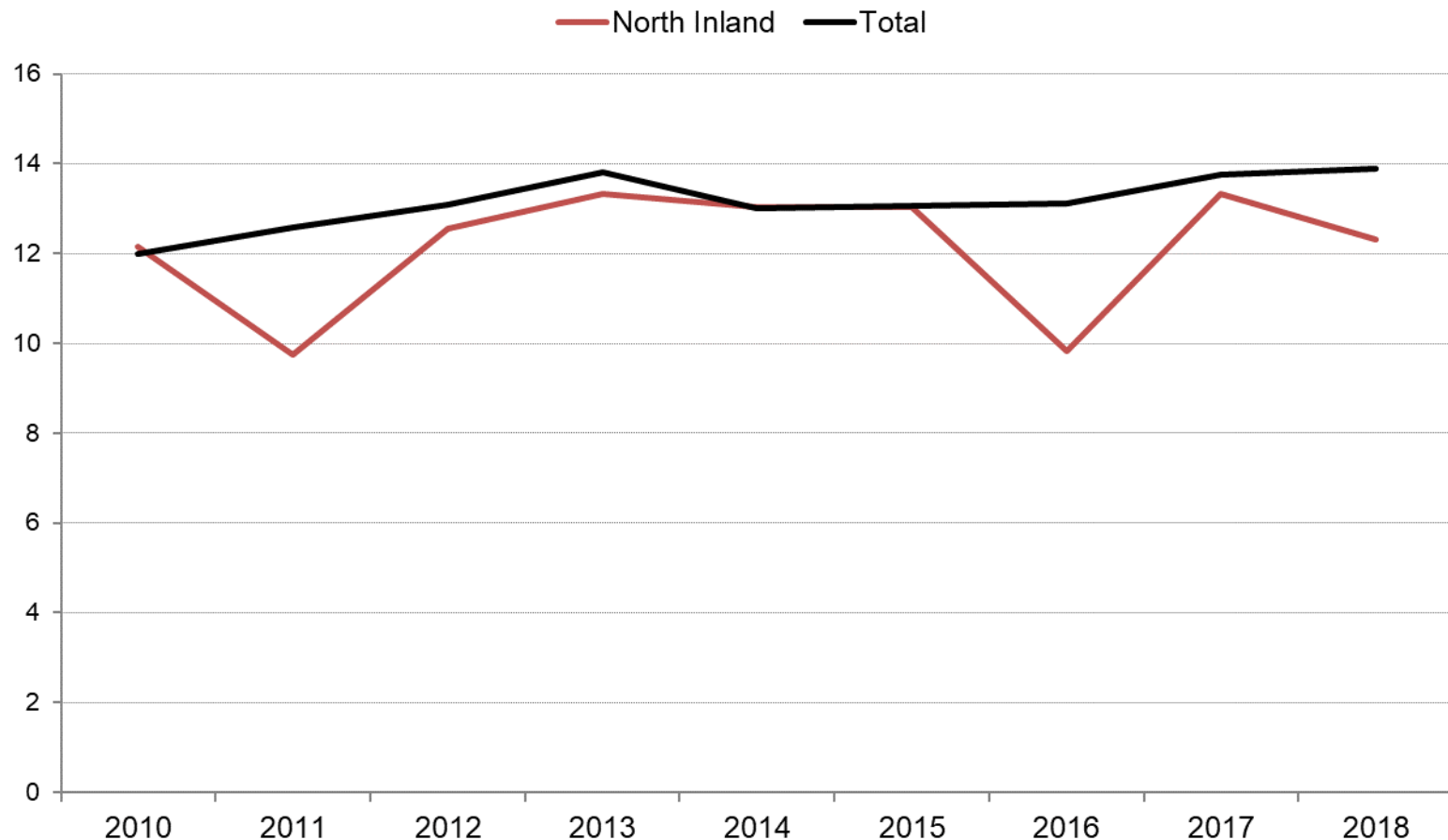
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# NORTH INLAND REGION, 2010 - 2018



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# SUICIDE RATE\* BY COUNTY REGION, 2011 - 2018



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	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
North Coastal	12.0	14.5	16.1	15.6	16.0	13.8	14.3	15.8
North Central	12.7	14.3	15.6	15.4	14.3	13.2	14.9	14.0
Central	15.2	14.9	15.2	12.0	12.0	17.1	13.6	13.3
South	11.4	7.7	8.7	7.5	8.9	8.6	8.6	9.9
East	15.5	14.3	13.3	13.6	13.8	17.1	17.8	18.5
North Inland	9.7	12.6	13.3	13.0	13.0	9.8	13.3	12.3
Total	12.6	13.1	13.8	13.0	13.1	13.1	13.8	13.9

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# 2018 IN SUMMARY



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- After a distinct period of increased suicide in San Diego County (2006 – 2013), the annual suicide rate has remained steady from 2013 to 2018.
- While there are many fewer suicides compared to unintentional deaths, suicides continue to outnumber homicides by a large margin.
- There were about three and a half times as many male suicides as there were female suicides.
- Suicide rates generally increase with age.
- The three-year increase in black male suicides ended abruptly
  - 160% increase from 2014 to 2017
  - 2018 Decrease to lowest rate in at least 7 years



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- 57% of all suicides are white males.
- White middle aged males, who are divorced or widowed, have the highest rates of suicide.
- Suicides by hanging/suffocation continue to rise while suicides by drug overdose are on the decline.
  - After trending downwards for many years, suicides by firearm are increasing over the last three years.
  - Males are more likely to use firearms while females are more likely to use drugs.
- The San Diego County suicide rate may not be increasing similarly to the national suicide rate but remains 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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