

SUICIDE IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY, 2013

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SUICIDES IN 2013

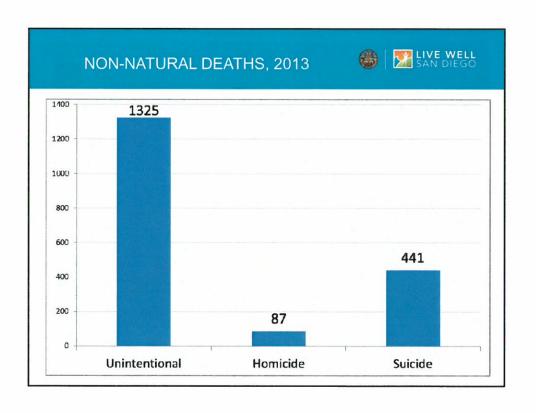




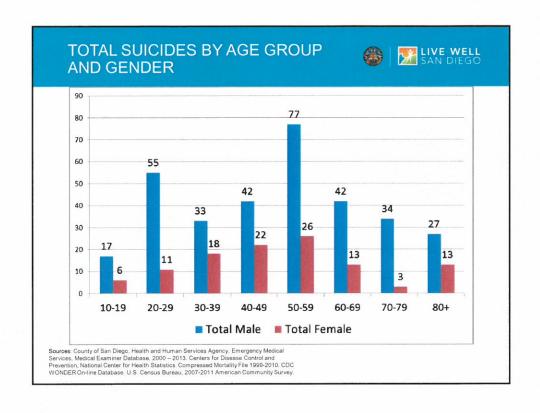
441 total number of suicides – 16.0 per 100,000 people (10+ years old)

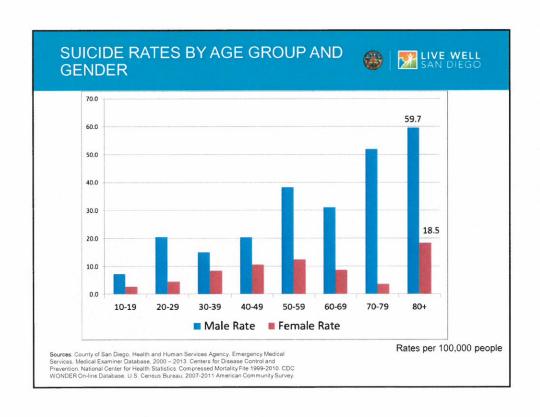
- > Highest total number of suicides in San Diego County history
- ➤ Highest rate since 1995
- > Gender
 - > 329 males
 - > 112 females
- > Age range
 - > 12 to 95 years

Sources: County of San Diego, Health and Human Services Agency, Emergency Medical Services, Medical Examiner Database, 2000 – 2013. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics. Compressed Mortality File 1999-2010. CDC WONDER On-line Database, U.S. Census Bureau, 2007-2011 American Community Survey.

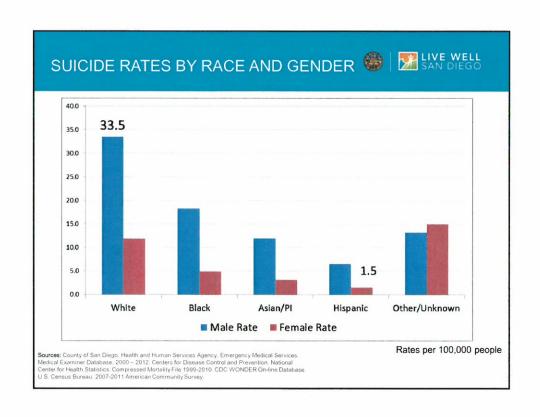


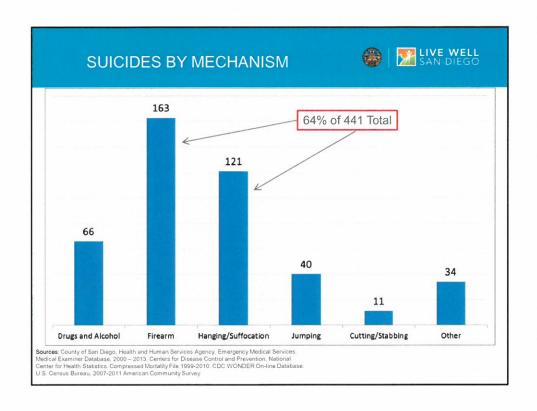
Total Rate	Total	Female Rate	Female	Male Rate	Male	Age Group
5.2	23	2.8	6	7.3	17	10-19
13.1	66	4.6	11	20.6	55	20-29
11.8	51	8.4	18	15.1	33	30-39
15.5	64	10.7	22	20.4	42	40-49
25.2	103	12.5	26	38.4	77	50-59
19.4	55	8.7	13	31.1	42	60-69
25.2	*	*	*	52.0	34	70-79
34.6	40	18.5	13	59.7	27	+08

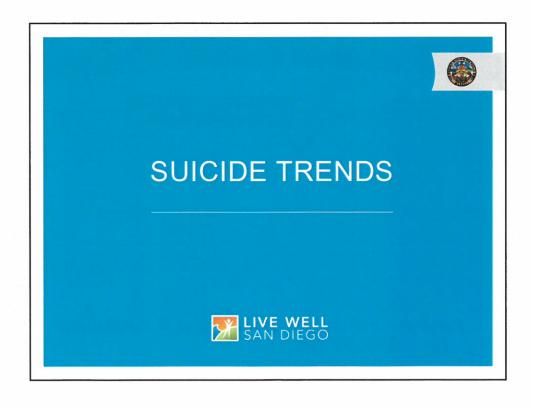


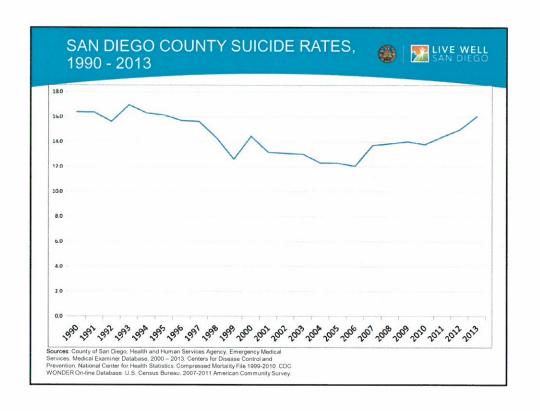


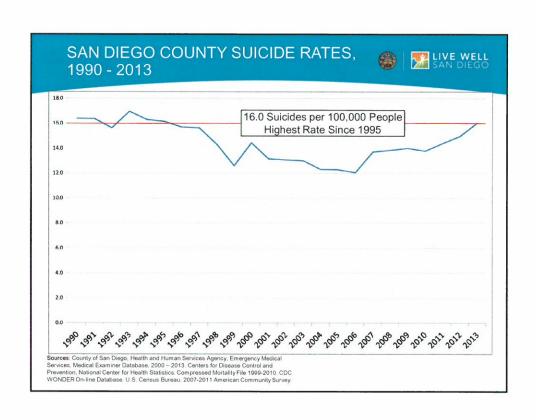
SAN DIEGO **SUICIDES BY RACE IN 2013** Race/ Male **Female Total** Male **Female Total Ethnicity** Rate Rate Rate White 33.5 11.9 254 86 340 22.9 Black * * 13 18.2 12.1 Asian/PI 20 11.9 3.1 26 7.2 6 Hispanic 34 6.5 8 1.5 4.0 42 Other/Unk 8 13.2 9 14.9 17 14.1 *Numbers less than 5 and corresponding rates are not reported Rates per 100,000 people Sources: County of San Diego, Health and Human Services Agency, Emergency Medical Services, Medical Examiner Database, 2000 – 2013. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Stabslics Compressed Mortality File 1999-2010. CDC WONDER On-line Database. U.S. Census Bureau, 2007-2011 American Community Survey.

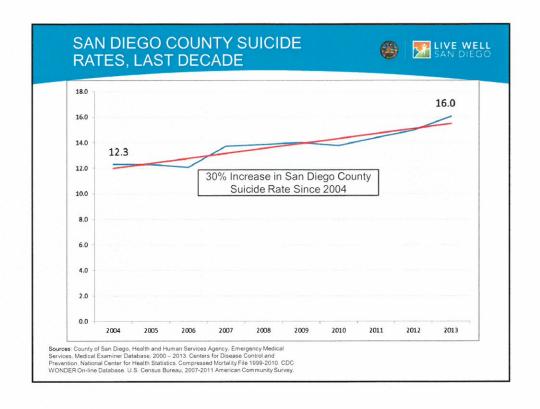


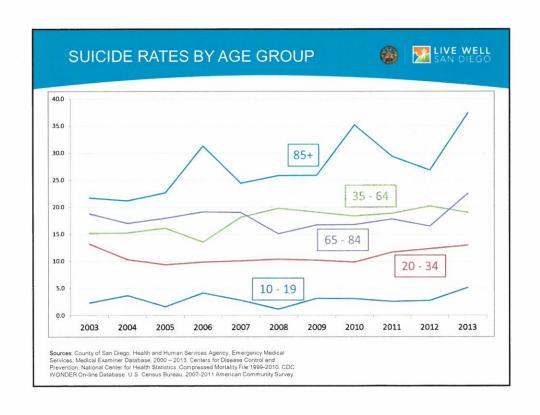


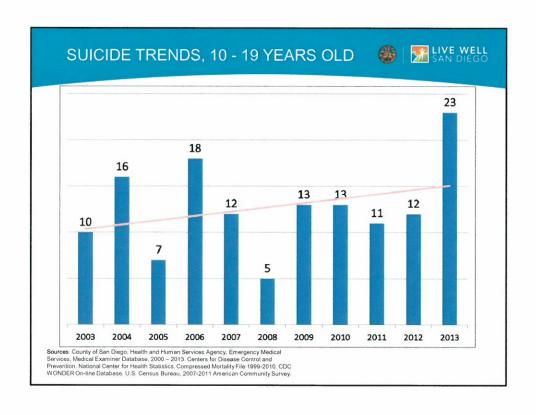


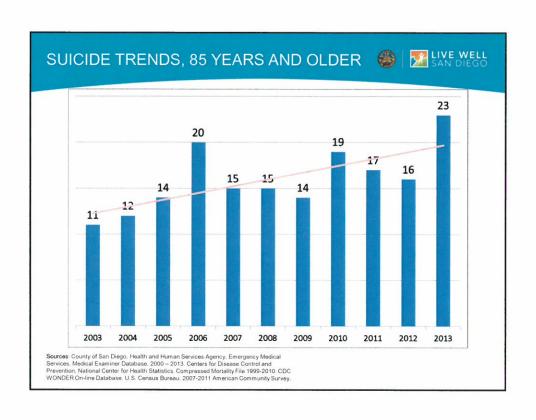


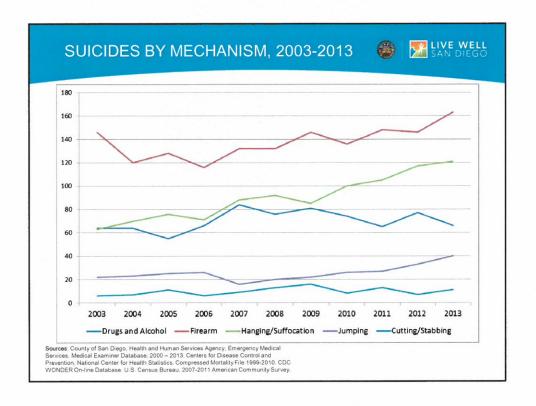












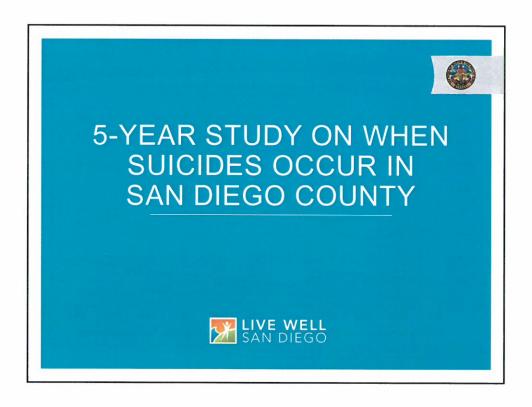
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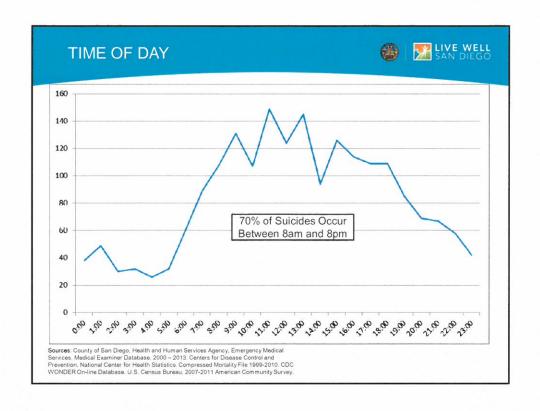


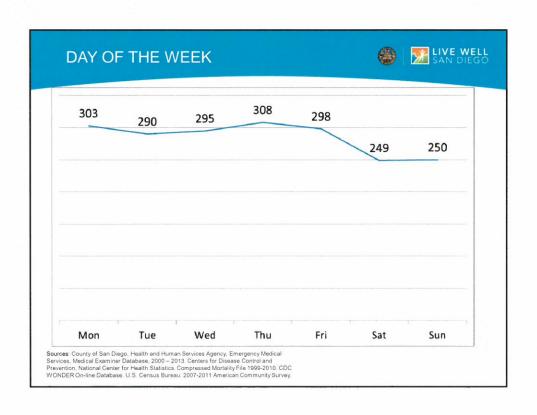
STUDY FINDS SUICIDES MORE LIKELY AFTER MIDNIGHT

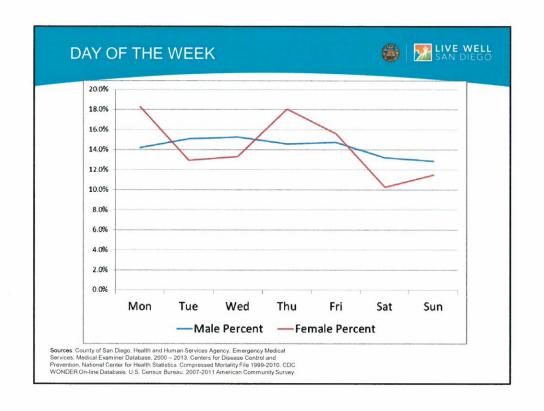
- > Published in the journal Sleep
- > Vast majority of suicides happen during daylight hours.
- However, when controlling for number of people awake (American Time Use Survey), this study found that the suicide rate after midnight was 3.6 times higher than expected.
- Study suggests that nightmares and insomnia may be risk factors for suicidal ideation.
- When do suicides occur in San Diego County (Month, Day, Time)?

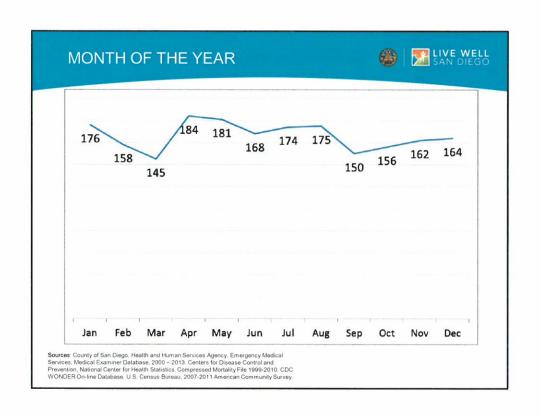


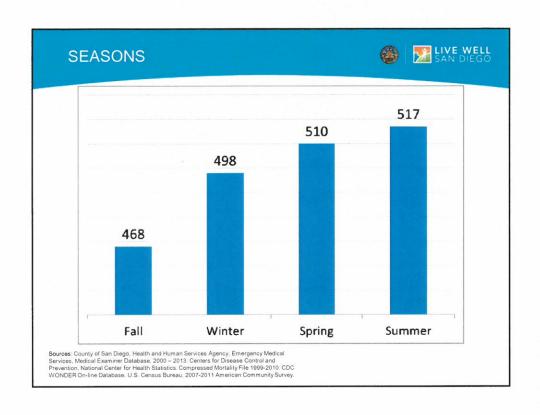
5-YEARS OF SUICIDES IN SAN DIEGO 2009 – 2013 1993 total suicides 1506 males, 487 females Age range, 11 – 103 Marital status 398 divorced 636 married 785 single 122 widowed 52 unknown

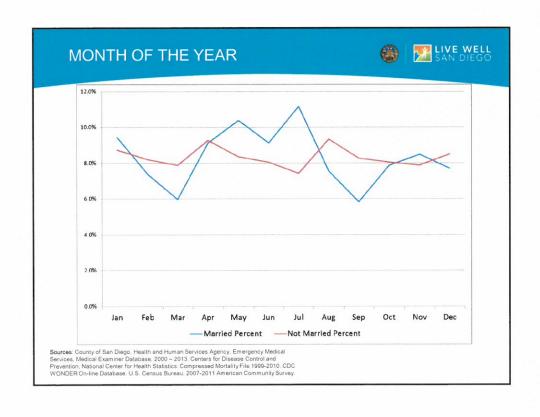


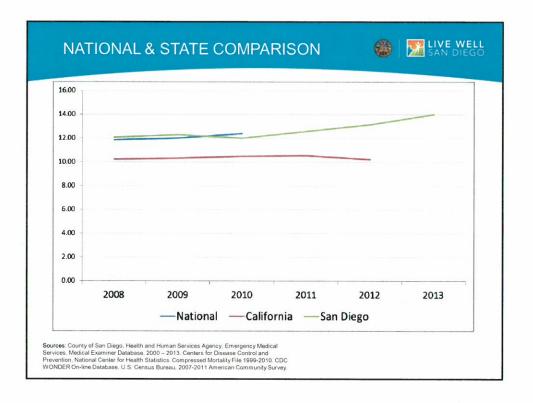












IN SUMMARY





- ➤ The suicide rate has increased in San Diego County for the third straight year and is now the highest since 1995. There has been a 30% increase in the suicide rate over the last decade.
- > In 2013, there were 5 times as many suicides in the County as there were homicides.
- > There were 3 times as many male suicides as there were female suicides.
- Suicide rates generally increase with age.
- ➤ The suicide rate is increasing among young adults (10 34 years) and among older adults (65+ years).
- > The suicide rate for whites is double that of any other racial group.

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- Most suicides are done with either a firearm or by hanging, and the use of both of these methods is increasing.
- ➤ In San Diego County, 70% of suicides over the last 5 years have occurred between the hours of 8am and 8pm.
- > There are fewer suicides on the weekend than during the week.
- > San Diego County suicides decrease during the fall months (Sep, Oct, Nov) and are the highest during the summer months (Jun, Jul, Aug).
- ➤ The San Diego County suicide rate is similar to the national rate but is higher than the California state rate.

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