



Ohio MCH Fact Sheet

School-aged Children, Adolescents and Young Adults Suicide Consideration

MCH Block Grant Needs Assessment Information

Key Data Summary – Ohio

- Overall, the percentage of students considering suicide decreased from 20.3 percent in 1999 to 13.4 percent in 2007, as shown in all three graphs.
- In 2007, 14.3 percent of 9th graders and 12.6 percent of 12th graders reported considering suicide, but these differences were not statistically significant, as shown in the first graph.
- In 2007, there were no statistically significant differences in the percentage of students considering suicide by gender or race, as shown in the second and third graphs.
- A significant decrease in the percent of females, white students and 10th graders who reported considering suicide was seen between 1999 and 2007.

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- Reduce the suicide rate to 6.0 deaths per 100,000 population.

U.S./Ohio Comparison

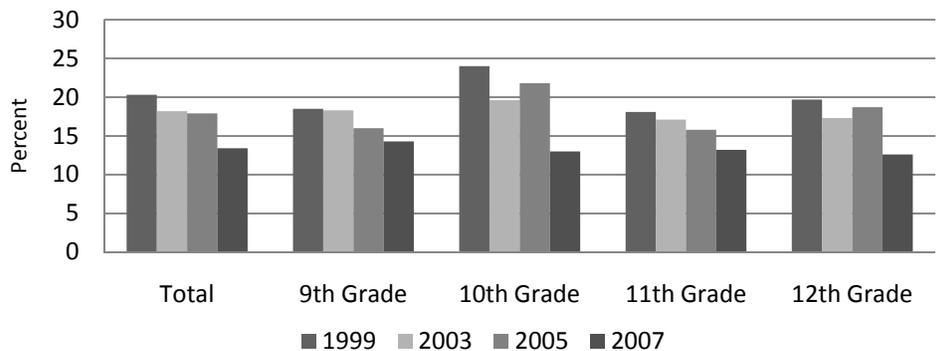
- In 2007, 14.5 percent of high school students in the United States reported seriously considering suicide. This was not significantly different than the percent of high school students in Ohio who seriously considered suicide.

Additional Information

- Planning for and attempting suicide are obvious health risks for youth. Suicide is the third-leading cause of death among teenagers aged 15 to 19 years. In addition, this is often indicative of serious mental health problems, and may signal other traumatic life events such as physical or sexual abuse. Youth are much more likely to think about and attempt suicide if they are depressed. (Child Trends DataBank)

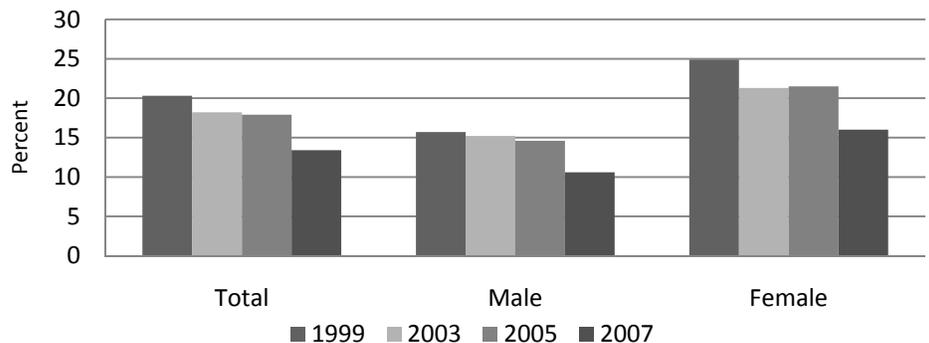
^ The Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) is a biannual survey of 9th to 12th graders to monitor risk behaviors that contribute markedly to the leading causes of death, disability and social problems among youth and adults in the United States. The survey was not conducted by Ohio in 2001.

Students who Seriously Considered Suicide
During the Past 12 Months, by Grade, Ohio



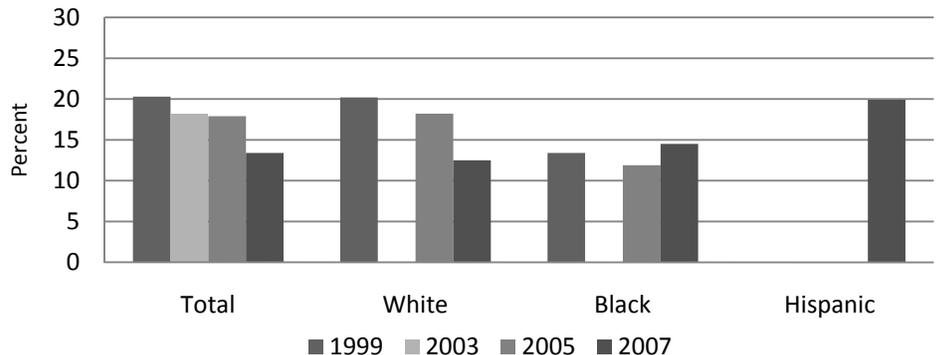
Source: Ohio YRBS^ 1999-2007

Students who Seriously Considered Suicide
During the Past 12 Months, by Gender, Ohio



Source: Ohio YRBS^ 1999-2007

Students who Seriously Considered Suicide
During the Past 12 Months, by Race/Ethnicity, Ohio



Source: Ohio YRBS^ 1999-2007

* White, non-Hispanic

+ Black, non-Hispanic

Note: Due to small numbers, some race/ethnic comparisons are not reported.