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The Alliance advocates and works to inform and strengthen Oregon's suicide prevention, intervention and postvention policies, services and supports to prevent youth and young adults from dying by suicide.

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In Oregon all young people have hope, feel safe asking for help, can find access to the right help at the right time to prevent suicide, and live in communities that foster healing, connection, and wellness.

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Oregon 2018 Suicide Statistics

- ▶ 844 people (up from 825 in 2017)
- ▶ 129 people age 24 and younger (up from 129 in 2017)
- ▶ Oregon 11th highest rate in the nation.
- ▶ Leading cause of death for 24 and younger
- ▶ 8th leading cause of death overall across the lifespan
- ▶ Increase in youth that were hospitalized for self-inflicted injury or a suicide attempt
 - ▶ 900 hospitalizations reported in 2018 up from 750 reported in 2017

Note:

Confirmed 2019 data will be released by CDC at the end of December.

OHA staff note that preliminary data indicates no increase in suicides in 2019 or 2020

Suicide-related training for medical and behavioral health providers, Oct.2020, Data Report to the Legislature* – Oregon Health Authority

Percentage of licensees reporting completion of continued education in suicide assessment, treatment or management by licensing boards*

- ▶ Counselors and therapists: 37.4%
- ▶ Psychologists: 33.8%
- ▶ Social Workers 40.9%
- ▶ TSPC (school counselors) 74.9%

***“Physical and behavioral health providers that are confident, competent and equipped to provide the best care to those who experience suicide ideation is an essential part of Oregon’s suicide prevention strategy. To ensure Oregon’s workforce is meeting the needs of people most at-risk, the law should require suicide prevention education in professional training programs and continuing education for key professions.”**