

2015 Annual Report

Sedgwick County Suicide Prevention Coalition



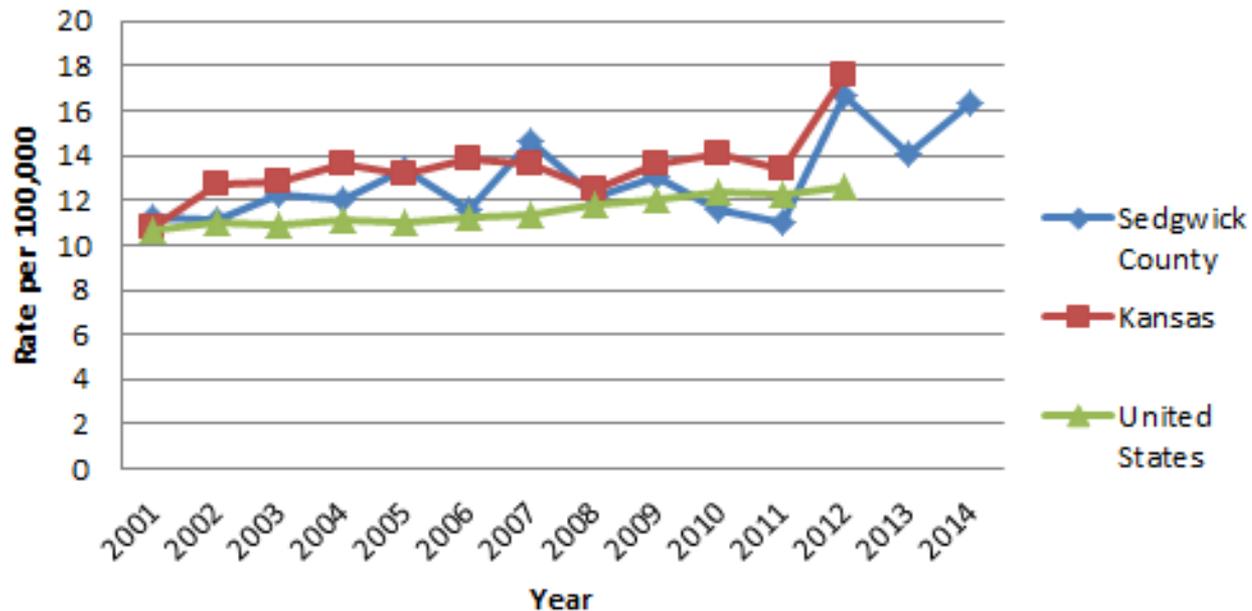
2014 Suicide Rate

- 82 suicide deaths in Sedgwick County
- Rate of 16.4 deaths per 100,000 population

Suicide Prevention Hotline
316-660-7500
24 hours/ 7 Days per week

Comparisons with State and National Rates

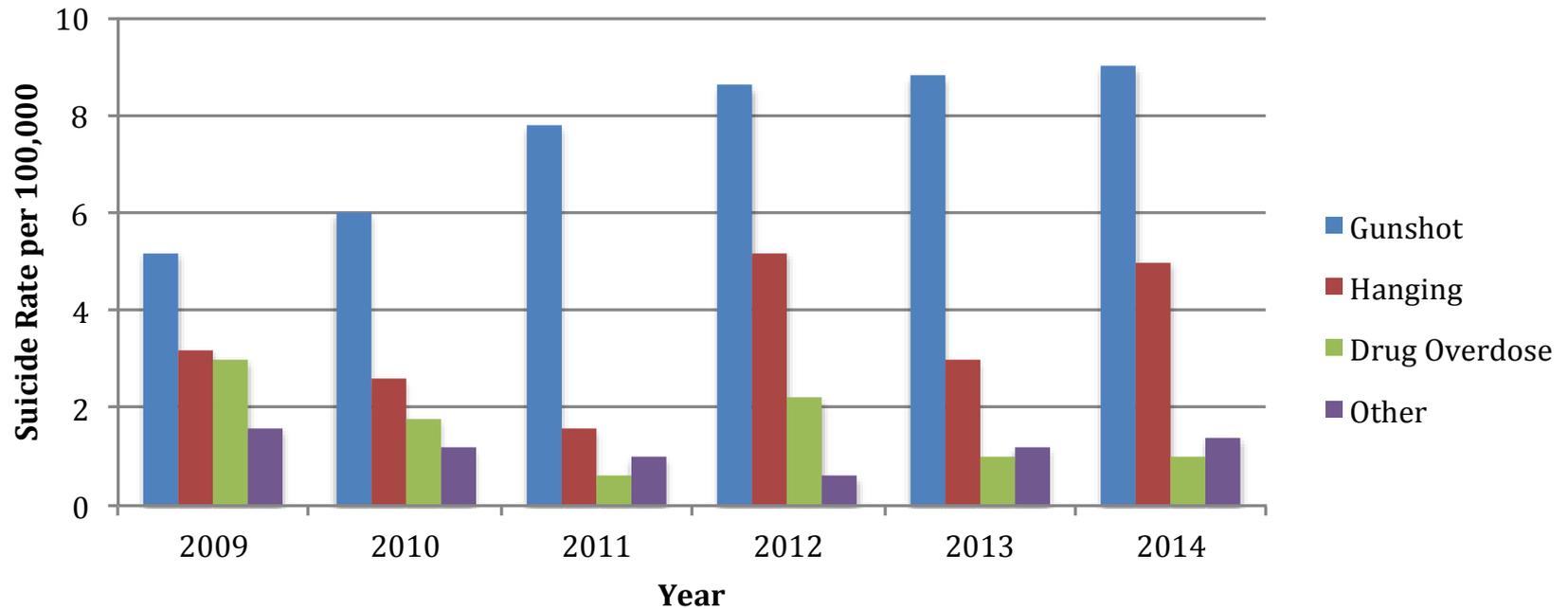
Suicide Rates per 100,000



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Sedgwick County Method of Suicide 2009-2014

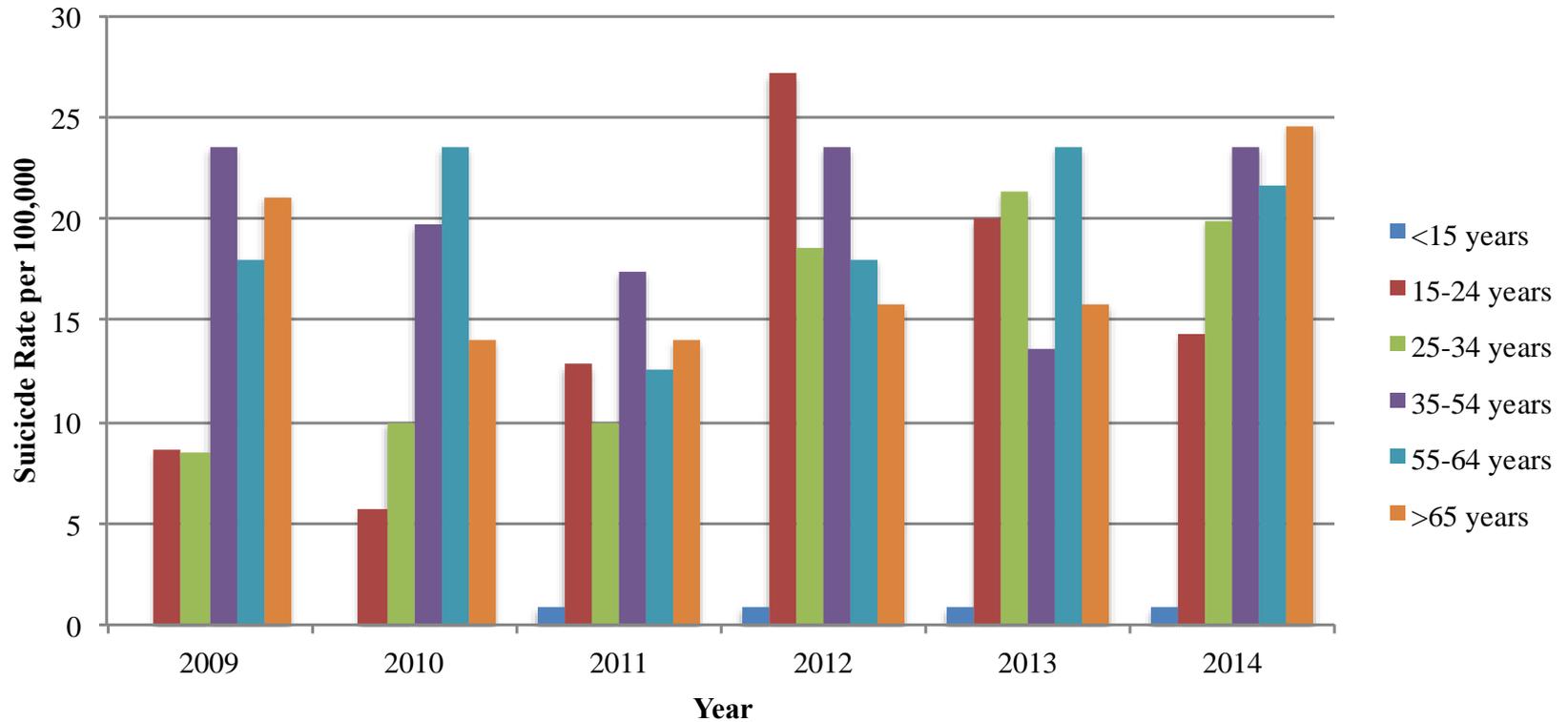
Suicide Rate per 100,000 by Method 2009-2014



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Sedgwick County Suicide by Age

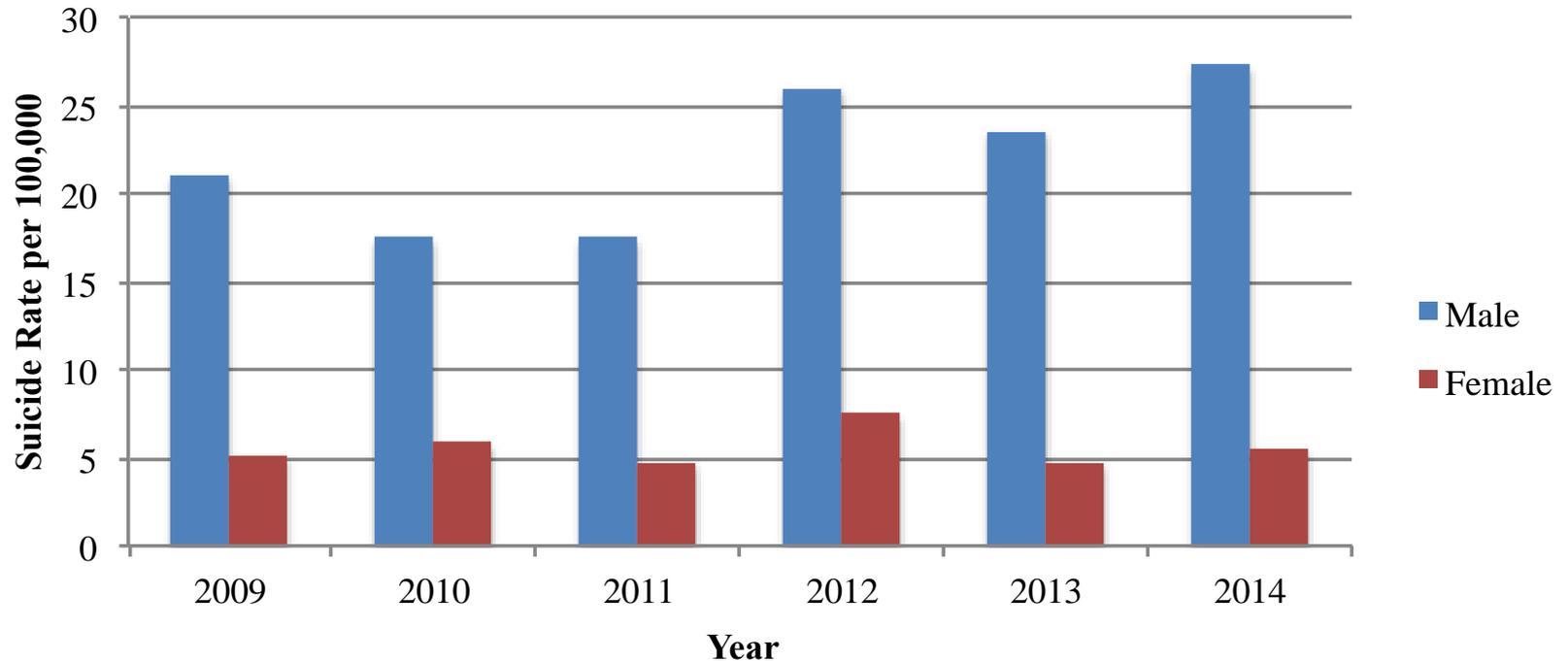
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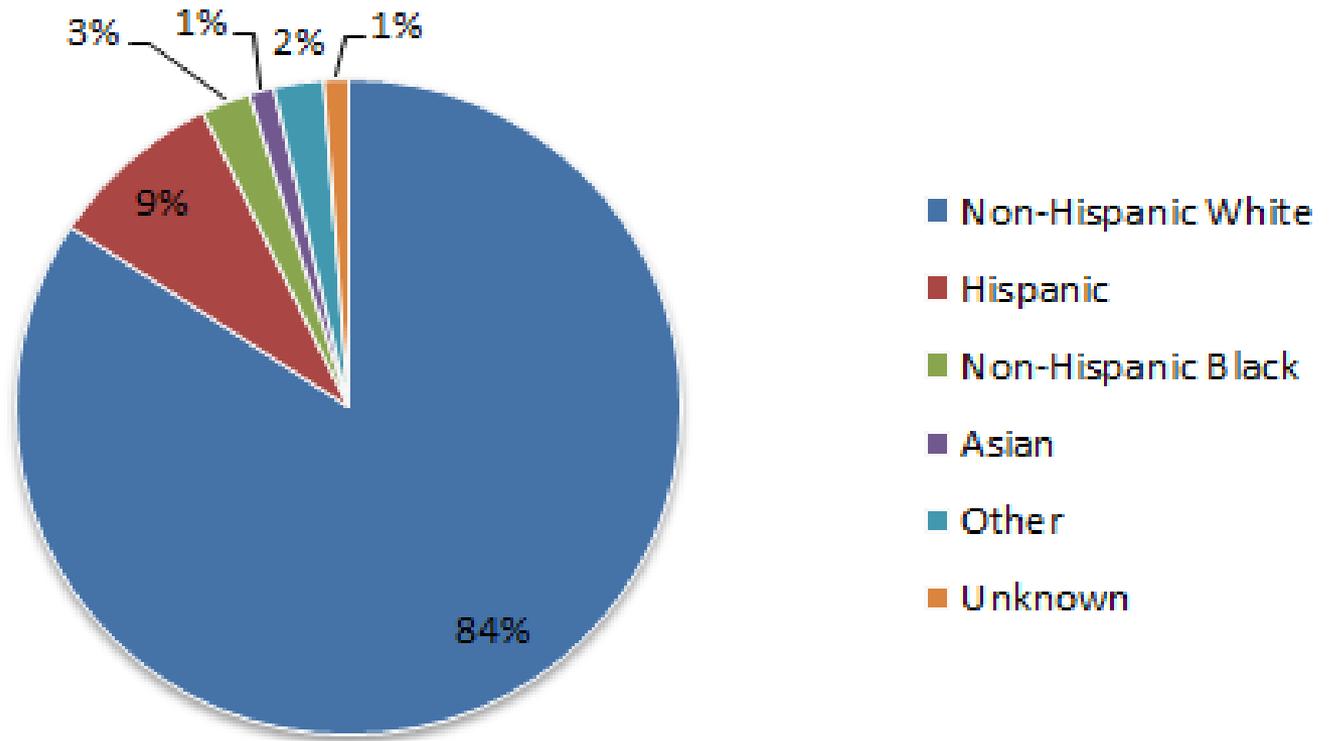
Sedgwick County Suicide by Gender

Suicide Rate per 100,000 by Gender 2009-2014



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Suicides by Race in 2014



Health History

- History of mental illness or substance abuse was noted in 63% of suicides in Sedgwick County
- 55% of suicides had a history of prior suicidal ideations, tendencies and/or attempts
- Medical issues were noted in 43% of suicides
 - Heart disease, hypertension, pulmonary disease, diabetes mellitus, cancer, pain, etc.
- On toxicology reports 71% tested positive for any substance, 47% of which included ethanol.

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Suicide Prevention Coalition Strategic Plan

- Promote and implement effective practices for identifying, assessing, and treating those at risk for suicidal behaviors
- Evaluate the impact and effectiveness of local suicide prevention interventions
- Promote best practices in media reporting of suicide
- Develop and implement a local community communication plan and materials to promote suicide prevention

Survivors of Suicide Loss Day

- People affected by suicide loss gather at local community events around the world to find comfort and gain understanding as they share stories of healing and hope.
- Survivor Day 2015 takes place on Saturday, November 21. All gatherings will include a screening of the new Survivor Day documentary produced by the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, entitled *Family Journeys: Healing and Hope after a Suicide*.
- 11/21/15 9am – 1pm
- Via Christi St. Joseph
McNamara Center, 3rd Floor
3600 E Harry
Wichita, Kansas 67218

Out of the Darkness Walk

The Out of the Darkness Walk is an annual event sponsored by the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention to raise awareness and funds for research, education, and advocacy. The walk also supports survivors of suicide loss.

The Wichita event will be held October 3, 2015

Hyatt Regency Waterwalk

Registration 10:00am

Walk 12:00-2:00pm

<http://afsp.donordrive.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.event&eventID=3674>

Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST)

ASIST is a two-day (16 hour) workshop that teaches how to intervene and save a life from suicide.

Training schedule will be posted to
www.sedgwickcounty.org

Mental Health First Aid

- Mental Health First Aid is an in-person training that teaches you how to help people developing a mental illness or in a crisis.
- Mental Health First Aid teaches:
 - Signs of addictions and mental illnesses
 - Impact of mental and substance use disorders
 - 5-step action plan to assess a situation and help
 - Local resources and where to turn for help
- Next Training: Friday, October 16th

For more information visit www.sedgwickcounty.org

Thank You!

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- Sedgwick County Regional Forensic Science Center
 - Anna Meyerhoff