

**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
OFFICE OF SUICIDE PREVENTION
DATA SUMMARY SHEET ON SUICIDE DEATHS AND NONFATAL SELF-INFLICTED INJURIES
MERCED COUNTY**

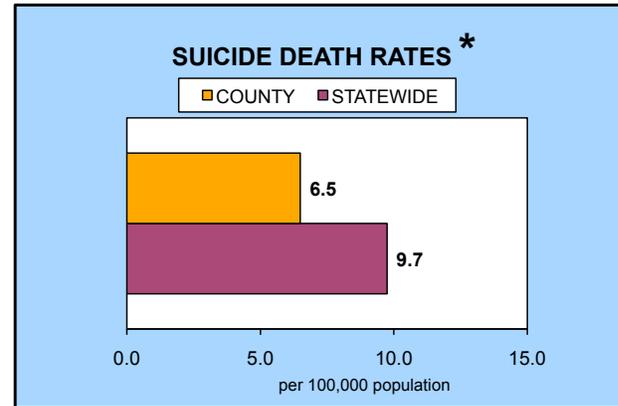
YEAR 2008

CALIFORNIA DATA

POPULATION	38,246,598
SUICIDE DEATHS	3,729
SUICIDE DEATH RATE	9.7
NONFATAL SELF-INFLICTED INJURIES	16,225
NONFATAL SELF-INFLICTED INJURY RATE	42.4

COUNTY: MERCED

POPULATION	261,587
SUICIDE DEATHS	17
SUICIDE DEATH RATE	6.5
NONFATAL SELF-INFLICTED INJURIES	62
NONFATAL SELF-INFLICTED INJURY RATE	23.7



ADDITIONAL COUNTY DATA

SUICIDE DEATHS BY AGE, GENDER & RACE/ETHNICITY

AGE GROUPS	5-14	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75-84	85+
POPULATION	42,650	47,250	39,435	34,165	30,919	20,735	12,464	7,727	2,903
SUICIDE DEATHS	0	3	2	5	1	2	0	3	1
SUICIDE DEATH RATE	0.0	6.3	5.1	14.6	3.2	9.6	0.0	38.8	34.4

GENDER	FEMALES	MALES
POPULATION	129,775	131,812
SUICIDE DEATHS	5	12
SUICIDE DEATH RATE	3.9	9.1

RACE/ETHNICITY	AMERICAN INDIAN / ALASKAN NATIVE	ASIAN	BLACK	HISPANIC	HAWAIIAN / PACIFIC ISLANDER	WHITE	TWO OR MORE RACES
POPULATION	1,214	15,527	7,026	142,715	338	90,860	3,907
SUICIDE DEATHS	0	0	1	6	0	10	0
SUICIDE DEATH RATE	0.0	0.0	14.2	4.2	0.0	11.0	0.0

1) Use caution when analyzing small numbers and rates derived from them; 2) Rates calculated from small numbers of deaths or from small populations tend to be **unreliable** and are subject to significant variation between years; 3) Rates may not provide statistically valid methods for comparison, particularly among smaller children.