

Under 35s suicides in Wales

The number of registered suicides for people aged under 35 is higher for males than for females.

There was a peak in registrations in 2021, as COVID-19 had delayed coroner investigations in 2020.

Generally, rates decreased again in 2022. The exception to this is the 30-34 age group, where rates increased for both males and females.

AGE RANGE

15-19



70% MALE
30% FEMALE

20-24



72% MALE
28% FEMALE

25-29



91% MALE
9% FEMALE

30-34



79% MALE
21% FEMALE



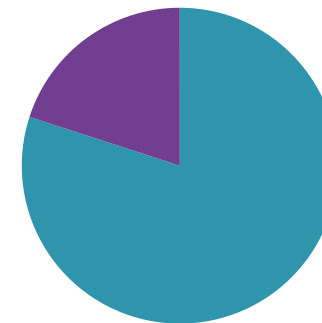
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PREVENTION OF YOUNG SUICIDE

339

suicides were registered in 2022

80

suicides were registered by those aged under 35 in 2022



AGED UNDER 35 DEATHS (2022):

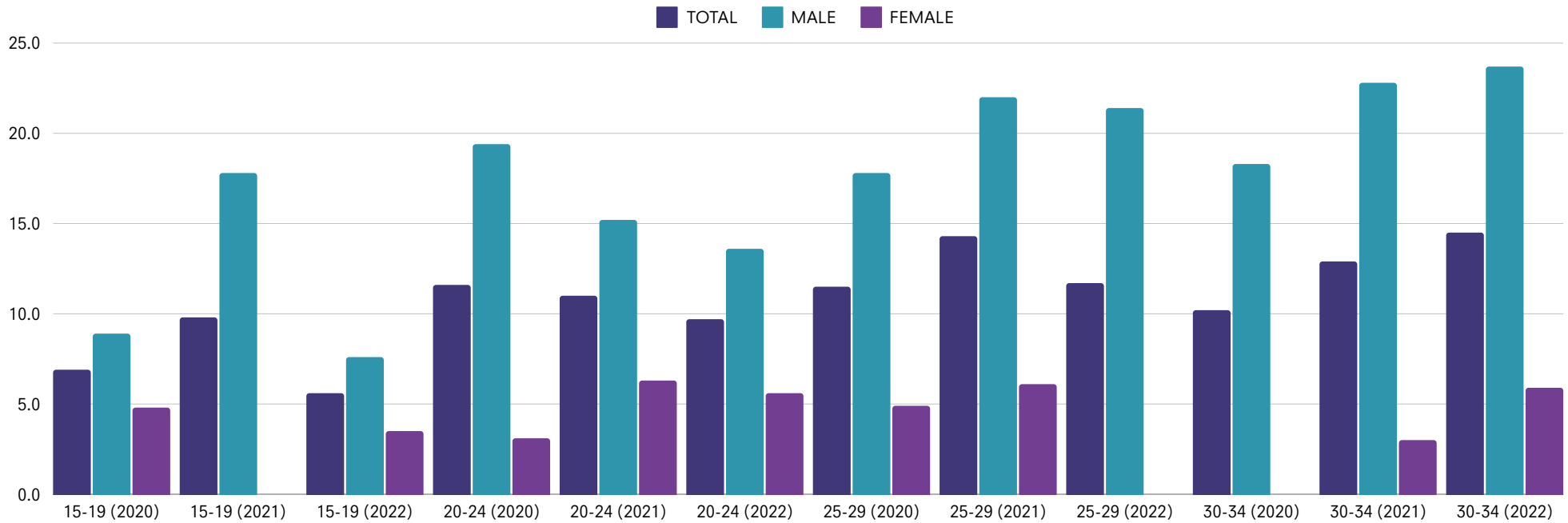
MALE: 64 (80%)

FEMALE: 16 (20%)

Notes on data: These statistics have been sourced from the [Office for National Statistics \(ONS\)](#). The data refers to the year in which deaths were registered. Due to the length of coroner investigations, this may be after the year of death.

If you have any questions about the data set, please contact: sharedcustomercontactcentre@ons.gov.uk

Under 35s rates of death by suicide per 100,000 | Wales



AGE RANGE (YEAR)

Source: Office for National Statistics (ONS)



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WALES	2020			2021			2022		
	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE
AGED 10-14	_*	_*	_*	_*	_*	_*	_*	_*	_*
AGED 15-19	6.9	8.9	4.8	9.8	_*	4.8	5.6	7.6	3.5
AGED 20-24	11.6	19.4	3.1	11	15.2	6.3	9.7	13.6	5.6
AGED 25-29	11.5	17.8	4.9	14.3	22	6.1	11.7	21.4	_*
AGED 30-34	10.2	18.3	_*	12.9	22.8	3	14.5	23.7	5.9

Source: Office for National Statistics (ONS)

Notes on data: Office for National Statistics (ONS) do not calculate age-specific rates when there are fewer than 3 deaths, as this can lead to inaccuracy. These are marked with a “_*”



Under 35s number of deaths by suicide Wales

WALES	2020			2021			2022		
	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE
TOTAL DEATHS UNDER 35	80	66	14	94	78	16	80	64	16
AGED 10-14	0	0	0	0	0	0	< 5	< 5	< 5
AGED 15-19	12	> 5	< 5	17	> 5	< 5	10	> 5	< 5
AGED 20-24	24	> 5	< 5	22	16	6	18	13	5
AGED 25-29	24	19	5	29	23	6	22	> 5	< 5
AGED 30-34	20	> 5	< 5	26	> 5	< 5	29	23	6

Source: Office for National Statistics (ONS)

Notes on data: In 2018, the standard of proof used to decide whether a death was a suicide changed from a criminal standard (“beyond all reasonable doubt”) to a civil standard (“on the balance of probabilities”). PAPHYRUS campaigned for this change to improve monitoring of suicide rates, as well as to fight the stigma associated with suicide. The change explains some of the rise in suicide rates after 2018.

