Suicide Statistics in Kansas | 2015-2018 (ages 10-17)
An analysis from the Kansas Violent Death Reporting System among people ages 10 to 17: 2015-2018

- Age-adjusted mortality rate for this age group: 8.2 per 100,000 persons
- About 2 in 5 had a suicide note or had history of suicidal thoughts
- About 1 in 4 had a school problem
- About 1 in 4 told someone their thoughts and/or plans to die by suicide within the last month
- Mental Health & Substance Abuse
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  - About 3 in 20 (16%) had anxiety or attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD)
  - About 1 in 10 had a substance use (non-alcohol) problem

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- Mechanism of Suicide Death by Sex, 2015-2018, 10-17 years old

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- About 1 in 4 (26%) of those aged 10-17 who died by suicide were in 8th grade or less.
- 73% were in high school.
- 1% were a high school graduate or completed GED.

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