

Suicide Statistics in Kansas | 2016-2020 (Ages 10-17)

Mental Health & Substance Abuse

- Almost 1 in 2 (47%) were identified as having current depressed mood or had mental health problems at the time of death; and over 4 in 5 of those with mental health problems listed depression or dysthymia.
 - About 2 in 5 (40%) had anxiety or attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD).
- About 1 in 7 had a substance use (non-alcohol) problem.



About 3 in 10 had a family relationship problem.



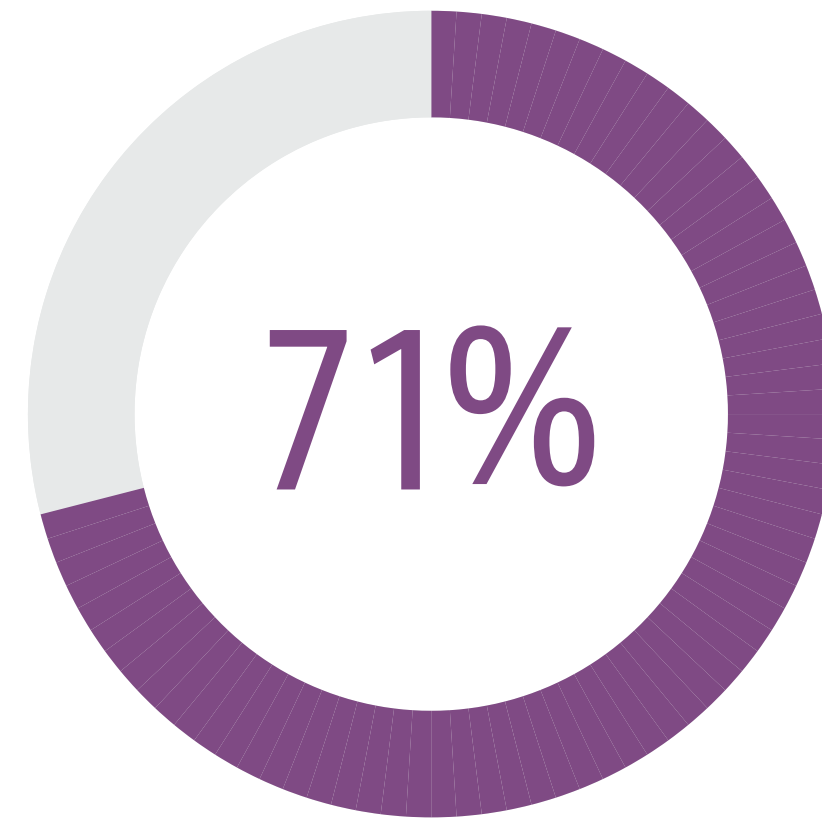
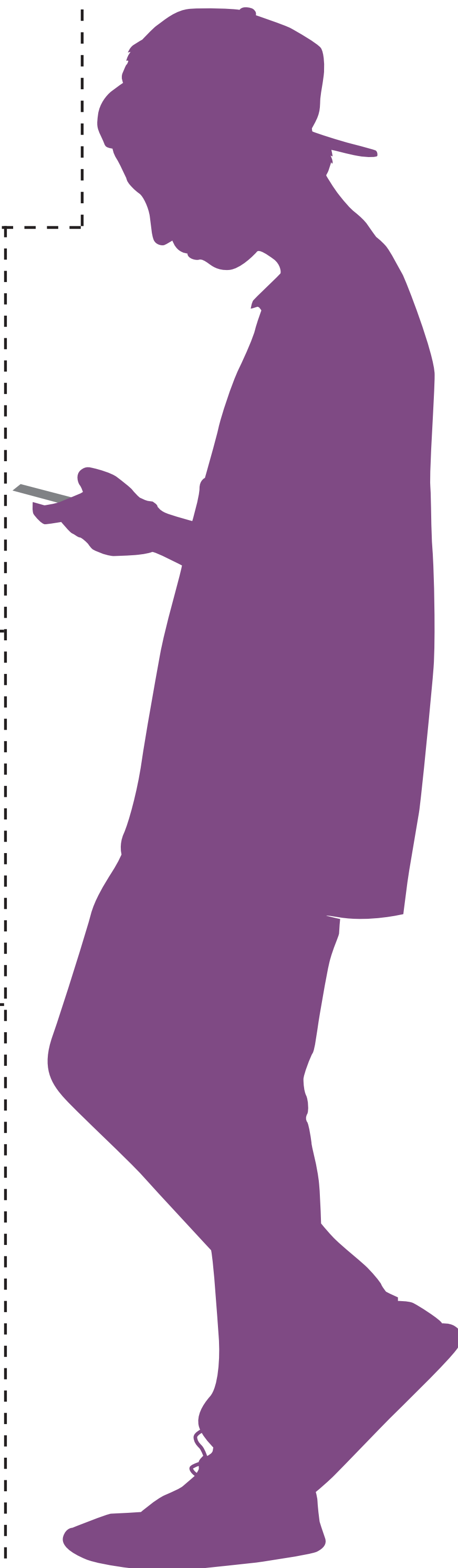
1 in 3 had a school problem.

Suicide Specific

- About 2 in 5 had left a suicide note or had history of suicidal thoughts.
- About 1 in 4 told someone their thoughts and/or plans to die by suicide within the last month.
- 1 in 6 had history of suicide attempt.



Suicide deaths have increased 53% for this age group from 2016 to 2020.

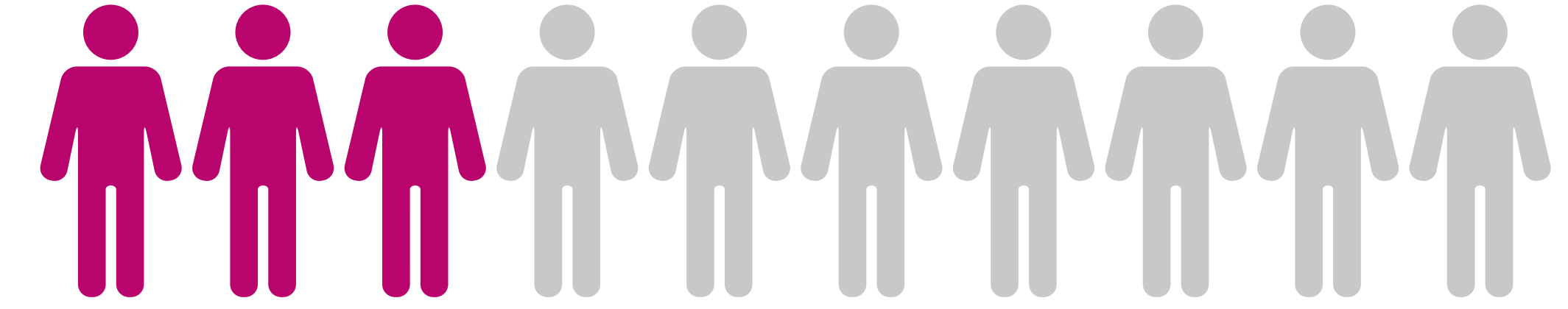


More than 3 in 4 (71%) of violent deaths¹ among people 10 to 17 years and old in Kansas were suicides.

1. A death from the intentional use of physical force or power against oneself, another person or against a group or community that includes: suicide, homicide, legal intervention, unintentional firearm and undetermined death.



- About 1 in 4 (25%) of those aged 10-17 who died by suicide were in 8th grade or less.
- 74% were in high school.
- 1% were a high school graduate or completed GED.
- Age-adjusted mortality rate for this age group: 9.2 per 100,000 persons.
- In 2020, suicide was the 2nd leading cause of death among people ages 10-17 in Kansas.
- About 72% of suicide deaths were among males, who had 2 times the suicide rate of females.
- Most suicides (67%) were among non-Hispanic Whites.
- Almost 1 in 5 had experienced an argument or conflict (18%) or intimate partner problems (15%).



3 in 10 (30%) had a crisis within the 2 weeks prior to death.



Residents in Rural* counties had an age-adjusted rate of 11.2 per 100,000 persons; residents in Urban* counties had a rate of 9.1 per 100,000 persons.

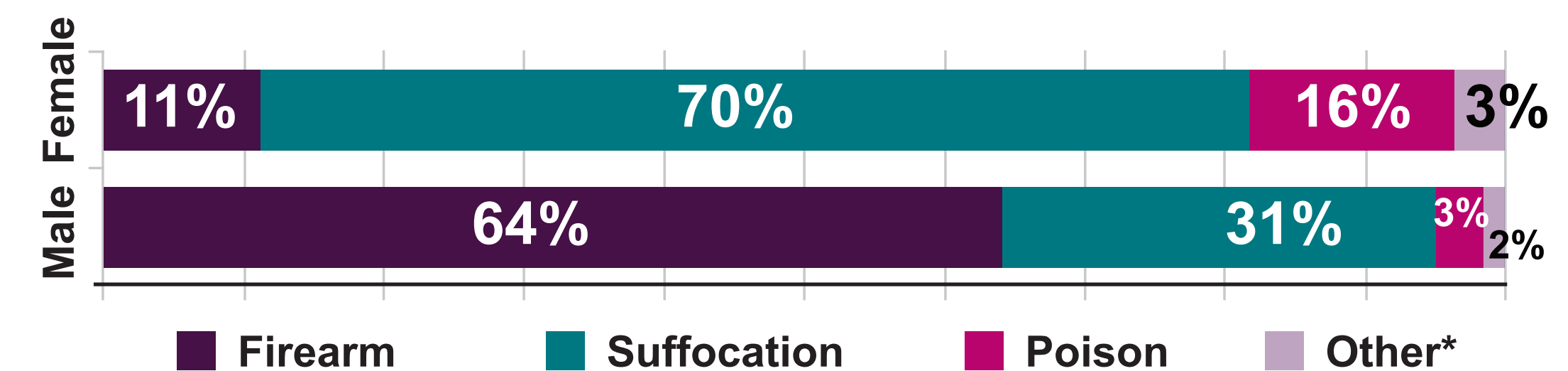
* Population density in persons per square mile (ppsm): rural: less than 39.9 ppsm; urban 40.0 or more ppsm



Causes of death

- Firearm use was more common by males and suffocation more common by females.

Mechanism of Suicide Death by Sex, 2016-2020, 10-17 years old



* Cut/pierce, drowning, fall, fire, transportation or others

