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Table 1.74A Had Serious Thoughts of Suicide in the Past Year among Persons Aged 18 or Older, by Demographic Characteristics: Numbers in Thousands, 2008-2012

Demographic Characteristic	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
TOTAL	8,335	8,467	8,724	8,540	9,031
AGE					
18-25	2,227ª	2,027 ^b	2,257 ^a	2,329	2,489
26-49	3,951	4,290	4,006	3,587	4,064
50 or Older	2,157	2,150	2,461	2,624	2,478
GENDER					
Male	3,753	3,874	4,158	3,771	4,064
Female	4,581	4,593	4,566	4,770	4,967
HISPANIC ORIGIN AND RACE					
Not Hispanic or Latino	7,499	7,436	7,966	7,691	7,821
White	6,163	5,990	6,294	6,140	6,200
Black or African American	916	921	1,083	885	965
American Indian or Alaska Native	26ª	54	81	169	77
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	32	*	30	*	15
Asian	219	197ª	335	322	379
Two or More Races	141	184	142	141	185
Hispanic or Latino	836 ^a	1,031	758 ^b	849 ^a	1,210

^{*}Low precision; no estimate reported.

NOTE: Respondents with unknown suicide information were excluded.

^a Difference between estimate and 2012 estimate is statistically significant at the 0.05 level.

^b Difference between estimate and 2012 estimate is statistically significant at the 0.01 level.

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Table 1.74B Had Serious Thoughts of Suicide in the Past Year among Persons Aged 18 or Older, by Demographic Characteristics: Percentages, 2008-2012

Demographic Characteristic	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
TOTAL	3.7	3.7	3.8	3.7	3.9
AGE					
18-25	6.8	6.1 ^b	6.7	6.8	7.2
26-49	4.0	4.3	4.1	3.7	4.2
50 or Older	2.3	2.3	2.6	2.6	2.4
GENDER					
Male	3.5	3.5	3.8	3.4	3.6
Female	3.9	3.9	3.9	4.0	4.1
HISPANIC ORIGIN AND RACE					
Not Hispanic or Latino	3.9	3.8	4.0	3.9	3.9
White	4.0	3.9	4.0	4.0	4.0
Black or African American	3.6	3.5	4.1	3.3	3.6
American Indian or Alaska Native	2.8	5.0	7.5	13.1	5.9
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	4.0	*	4.6	*	1.5
Asian	2.2	2.0	3.2	2.9	3.3
Two or More Races	5.7	7.6	5.4	4.4	5.5
Hispanic or Latino	2.8	3.3	2.4 ^b	2.5 ^a	3.5

^{*}Low precision; no estimate reported.

NOTE: Respondents with unknown suicide information were excluded.

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Table 1.75A Had Serious Thoughts of Suicide in the Past Year among Persons Aged 18 or Older, by Geographic and Socioeconomic Characteristics: Numbers in Thousands, 2008-2012

Geographic/Socioeconomic Characteristic	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
TOTAL	8,335	8,467	8,724	8,540	9,031
GEOGRAPHIC REGION	,	,	•	,	
Northeast	1,488	1,520	1,606	1,514	1,655
Midwest	2,071	2,173	2,087	2,020	1,951
South	2,792	2,514 ^a	2,965	2,944	3,203
West	1,984	2,260	2,067	2,062	2,222
COUNTY TYPE	•	·			
Large Metro	4,338	4,397	4,522	4,045 ^a	4,703
Small Metro	2,800	2,626	2,657	3,091	2,942
250K – 1 Mil. Pop.	1,880	1,751	1,910	1,994	1,849
< 250K Pop.	920	874	747 ^a	1,097	1,093
Nonmetro	1,196	1,444	1,545	1,404	1,387
Urbanized	497	639	714	613	601
Less Urbanized	607	694	710	633	617
Completely Rural	92	111	121	158	169
POVERTY LEVEL ¹					
Less Than 100%	1,453 ^b	1,719 ^a	1,783 ^a	2,147	2,145
100-199%	1,908	1,837 ^a	2,019	2,047	2,281
200% or More	4,884	4,833	4,873	4,292	4,527
EDUCATION					
< High School	1,155 ^a	1,592	1,277	1,434	1,523
High School Graduate	2,933	2,730	2,908	2,560	2,772
Some College	2,537	2,226 ^a	2,566	2,625	2,750
College Graduate	1,710	1,920	1,974	1,922	1,987
HEALTH INSURANCE ²					
Private	4,658	4,623	4,685	4,203	4,405
Medicaid/CHIP ³	1,236	1,535	1,408	1,526	1,493
Other ⁴	1,626	1,377 ^b	1,988	1,672	2,088
No Coverage	1,774 ^a	1,787 ^a	1,846 ^a	2,067	2,236

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¹ Estimates are based on a definition of Poverty Level that incorporates information on family income, size, and composition and is calculated as a percentage of the U.S. Census Bureau's poverty thresholds. Respondents aged 18 to 22 who were living in a college dormitory were excluded.

² Respondents could indicate multiple types of health insurance; thus, these response categories are not mutually exclusive.

³ CHIP is the Children's Health Insurance Program. Individuals aged 19 or younger are eligible for this plan.

⁴ Other Health Insurance is defined as having Medicare, CHAMPUS, TRICARE, CHAMPVA, the VA, military health care, or any other type of health insurance.

Table 1.75B Had Serious Thoughts of Suicide in the Past Year among Persons Aged 18 or Older, by Geographic and Socioeconomic Characteristics: Percentages, 2008-2012

Geographic/Socioeconomic Characteristic	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
TOTAL	3.7	3.7	3.8	3.7	3.9
GEOGRAPHIC REGION					
Northeast	3.6	3.6	3.8	3.6	3.9
Midwest	4.2	4.4	4.2	4.0	3.9
South	3.4	3.0^{a}	3.5	3.4	3.7
West	3.8	4.3	3.9	3.8	4.1
COUNTY TYPE					
Large Metro	3.6	3.6	3.7	3.3	3.8
Small Metro	4.1	3.8	3.8	4.3	4.2
250K – 1 Mil. Pop.	4.2	3.9	4.1	4.1	3.9
< 250K Pop.	4.0	3.7	3.2^{a}	4.6	4.7
Nonmetro	3.2	3.9	4.2	3.9	3.6
Urbanized	3.2	3.9	4.6	4.1	3.6
Less Urbanized	3.4	4.0	4.0	3.7	3.6
Completely Rural	2.5	2.9	3.5	4.1	3.9
POVERTY LEVEL ¹					
Less Than 100%	5.8	6.3	6.1	6.6	5.8
100-199%	4.6	4.2	4.3	4.3	5.0
200% or More	3.1	3.1	3.2	2.8	3.0
EDUCATION					
< High School	3.3^{a}	4.6	3.7	4.4	4.5
High School Graduate	4.2	3.9	4.2	3.7	4.0
Some College	4.4	3.9	4.3	4.3	4.4
College Graduate	2.7	3.0	3.0	2.8	2.9
HEALTH INSURANCE ²					
Private	3.0	3.0	3.1	2.8	2.9
Medicaid/CHIP ³	6.8	8.0	6.7	6.6	6.5
Other ⁴	3.2	2.6 ^a	3.7	3.0	3.6
No Coverage	5.2	5.0	4.8^{a}	5.5	5.9

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