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Senator: Roberts, Malcolm

Question:

Senator ROBERTS: Can you advise as to what the suicide rate is for men aged 44 to 49, because you have said that the suicide rate for Australians is 12.7 per 100,000 people.

Mr Cormack: I do not think we have that with us right at the moment, but we will get that figure for you, hopefully before we break today.

Senator ROBERTS: Can you advise as to how many men aged between 20 and 24 take their lives?

Ms Cole: Would you like a table which—

Senator ROBERTS: Yes, please. How about the rate in the Northern Territory?

Ms Cole: We can get that to you on a state-by-state basis as well.

Senator ROBERTS: And particularly for the Northern Territory. Would you agree that this is an important issue that transcends age, gender, ethnicity or geographic region and that it needs to be addressed?

Answer:

The following two tables present the age-specific suicide death rate per 100,000 for males and the number of suicide deaths for males, by five year age groups from 2006 to 2015. Data is from the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) *Causes of Death, Australia, 2015* released on 28 September 2016.

Suicide death rates for males in Australia, by five year age groups, 2006 to 2015

Age group	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
0-14	0.3	0.4	0.4	—	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.7	0.3	0.3
15-19	11.3	11.5	9.8	10.2	12.1	10.8	9.6	14.9	12.1	11.8
20-24	20.2	19.8	19.8	16.3	16.4	19.6	17.5	18.1	20.6	22.5
25-29	17.8	22.1	21.7	20.8	17.4	21.0	19.8	18.4	19.4	23.4
30-34	20.8	24.9	26.0	22.9	23.1	22.1	22.7	19.3	26.8	24.6
35-39	24.7	27.1	26.2	25.2	28.8	22.0	26.1	21.3	24.8	27.2
40-44	22.2	22.4	28.5	26.0	29.0	23.5	25.8	25.7	29.9	30.6
45-49	26.4	21.9	26.0	25.6	29.1	25.8	27.1	24.1	25.1	31.5

50-54	21.0	21.6	21.3	22.8	22.7	20.3	24.5	24.3	29.2	30.5
55-59	18.3	17.1	20.6	18.6	21.0	19.8	21.0	21.1	25.4	21.7
60-64	16.5	17.6	15.7	20.2	19.3	16.5	17.6	18.9	21.2	18.3
65-69	14.7	15.4	20.0	14.9	13.7	17.3	15.1	16.4	16.4	18.9
70-74	19.0	14.3	17.9	14.9	16.9	14.6	18.9	17.0	16.2	18.6
75-79	18.8	20.3	19.1	23.8	27.2	19.0	17.2	19.1	20.4	20.2
80-84	15.8	23.5	22.7	19.3	27.4	25.2	29.1	22.7	21.4	26.2
85 and over	39.7	29.8	28.1	32.3	25.8	35.2	37.6	38.3	37.6	39.3
All ages	16.0	16.4	17.3	16.5	17.5	16.3	17.1	16.7	18.5	19.4

Note: — nil or rounded to zero

Number of suicide deaths for males in Australia, by five year age groups, 2006 to 2015

Age group	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
0-14	7	8	8	0	8	7	6	16	6	6
15-19	81	84	73	77	91	81	72	112	92	89
20-24	149	150	155	133	135	161	145	152	174	192
25-29	124	160	165	167	144	177	170	161	171	207
30-34	153	181	189	169	173	170	181	161	230	216
35-39	185	209	207	201	229	172	202	165	193	214
40-44	167	167	212	195	221	185	209	212	247	251
45-49	193	164	198	197	224	197	206	183	192	244
50-54	141	147	148	162	164	150	185	186	225	235
55-59	115	107	130	119	136	131	142	145	179	155
60-64	81	93	88	117	115	101	107	116	132	116
65-69	56	61	82	64	62	82	77	88	91	108
70-74	57	44	57	49	58	52	70	65	65	78
75-79	47	51	48	60	69	49	46	53	59	61
80-84	26	40	40	35	51	48	56	44	42	52
85 and over	41	33	33	40	34	49	56	60	62	68
All ages	1,624	1,699	1,833	1,785	1,914	1,812	1,930	1,919	2,160	2,292

The following table presents age-specific suicide death rates per 100,000 by state/territory of usual residence from 2006 to 2015. Data are from the ABS *Causes of Death, Australia, 2015* released on 28 September 2016.

Age-standardised suicide death rates by state/territory of usual residence, 2006 to 2015

State/ Territory	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
NSW	8.4	8.9	8.8	8.7	9.3	8.4	9.8	9.4	10.3	10.6
Vic.	9.4	9.0	10.2	10.5	10.1	9.2	9.0	8.7	10.8	10.8
Qld	12.3	12.7	13.2	12.1	13.4	12.9	13.9	14.4	13.7	15.7
SA	11.4	12.8	11.0	11.5	11.8	12.9	11.7	11.6	14.2	13.4
WA	11.9	12.5	13.8	12.3	13.6	12.9	14.9	13.2	14.4	15.0
Tas.	14.6	13.5	15.0	15.4	13.0	14.1	13.7	13.8	12.7	16.3
NT	15.2	29.8	17.5	17.4	18.8	18.5	19.2	14.3	20.8	21.0
ACT	9.4	9.5	10.1	8.9	11.3	9.3	6.2	9.6	9.8	11.6
Australia	10.2	10.6	10.9	10.7	11.2	10.5	11.2	10.9	12.0	12.6