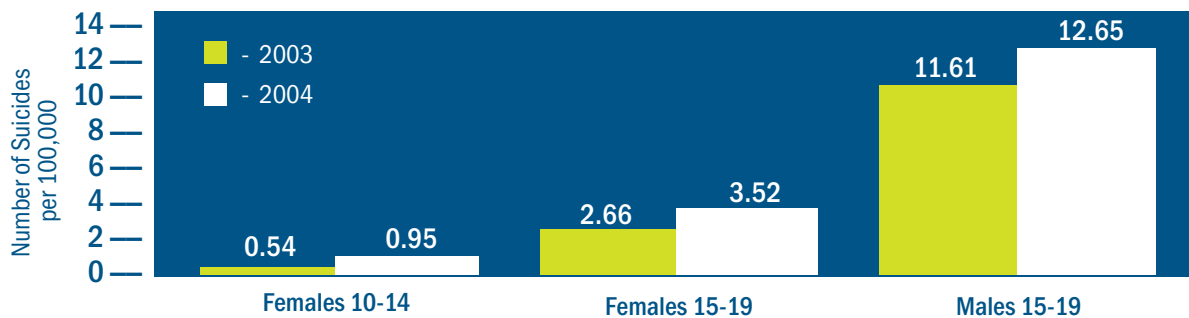




2004 Youth Suicide Rate Jump Is Biggest in 15 Years

A new report¹ from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reveals the largest single-year increase in the youth suicide rate in 15 years. Between 2003 and 2004, the suicide rate for 10–19-year-olds rose 14%, from 4.15 to 4.74 per 100,000 people. The rate increase follows a decline of more than 35% between 1990 and 2003, from 6.40 to 4.15 per 100,000 people. According to the report, the 2003–2004 increase is attributed to rate growth for three gender-age groups. The rate among females age 10–14 increased by 76% (from .54 to .95 per 100,000), among females age 15–19 by 32% (from 2.66 to 3.52 per 100,000), and among males age 15–19 by 9% (from 11.61 to 12.65 per 100,000).

Youth Suicide Rates, by Age-Gender Groups, 2003-2004



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