Suicide is the 2nd leading cause of death for persons age 15-34
the 3rd leading cause of death for persons age 10-14

Students in grades 9-12 during the school year 2013:
17% seriously considered attempting suicide
14% made a plan
8% attempted suicide

South Dakota ranked 18th out of 36 states that ask the question
“Have you seriously considered attempting suicide during the past 12 months.”
States with the highest rate: Wyoming, Alaska and Idaho
States with the lowest rate: Virginia, Florida and Connecticut
South Dakota Suicide Facts
Data from the SD Youth Risk Behavior Survey from 2005-2015 revealed

**HEROIN**
Of the students who reported they had ever used heroin
64% - indicated they had seriously considered attempting suicide

Of the students who reported they had never used heroin
17% - indicated they had seriously considered attempting suicide

**METH**
Of the students who reported they had ever used methamphetamine
49% - indicated they had seriously considered attempting suicide

Of the students who reported they had never used methamphetamine
16% - indicated they had seriously considered attempting suicide

**INJECTABLE ILLEGAL DRUGS**
Of the students who reported they had ever injected any illegal drugs
49% - indicated they had seriously considered attempting suicide

Of the students who reported they had never injected any illegal drugs
17% - indicated they had seriously considered attempting suicide

**INHALANTS**
Of the students who reported they had ever used inhalants
43% - indicated they had seriously considered attempting suicide

Of the students who reported they had never used inhalants
14% - indicated they had seriously considered attempting suicide

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