



1-800-273-TALK (8255)
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Suicide in Idaho

Idaho is consistently among the states with the highest suicide rates. In 2013 (the most recent year available) Idaho had the 7th highest suicide rate, 44% higher than the national average.

- Between 2010 and 2014, 96 Idaho school children (age 18 and under) died by suicide. Twenty of these were age 14 and under.
- In 2014, 320 people completed suicide in Idaho; a slight increase from 2013.
- Between 2010 and 2014, 78% of Idaho suicides were by men.
- In 2014, 60% of Idaho suicides involved a firearm. The national average is 51%.
- 5.8% (1 in 7) of Idaho youth attending regular public and charter high schools reported seriously considering suicide in 2013. 7.0% (1 in 14) reported making at least one attempt.

Staffing Information

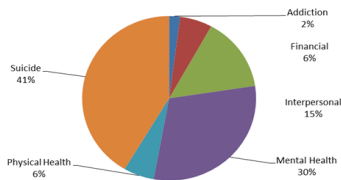
- ISPH currently has 85 trained volunteers. This quarter they contributed 3421 hours, an in-kind value \$59,062.
- Current staff consists of one full time Project Director, a part time Volunteer Coordinator, a full time phone room supervisor, 8 part time phone room supervisors and an Americorp Volunteer (6.1 FTE).

2015 Program Goals

- Incremental implementation of text/ chat response in addition to existing phone response.
- Increase level of volunteer staffing and statewide launch of Hotline Ambassador Program.
- Continue to implement sustainable funding strategies.
- Continue to increase statewide awareness of Hotline.

Caller Issues

3rd Quarter 2015 Caller Issues



Call Statistics

Idaho Suicide Prevention Hotline

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July 1 to September 30, 2015

	3rd Quarter	2015
Total Calls Received	1378	3648
Military Members / Families	126	489
Rescue Calls (approximate)	24	87
Follow Up Activities Completed	160	527
Percentage of Calls Receiving Follow Up Activities	7%	10%
Caller Age:		
10 - 14	23	104
15 - 19	115	353
20 - 24	103	297
25 - 34	190	460
35 - 44	175	320
45 - 54	126	332
55 - 64	176	556
65 - 74	27	83
75 - 84	6	17
85+	1	4
Didn't Report	436	1142
Total Calls Received	1378	3668

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Calls by County

July 1 to September 30, 2015

County	3rd Quarter	2015
Ada	284	921
Adams		15
Bannock	59	184
Bear Lake		4
Benewah		17
Bingham	18	40
Blaine	15	48
Boise	9	23
Bonner	25	98
Bonneville	39	161
Boundary	5	9
Butte		
Camas		
Canyon	180	415
Caribou	1	5
Cassia	61	82
Clearwater		7
Clark		
Custer	2	6
Elmore	14	52
Franklin	4	5
Fremont	33	37
Gem	5	36

County	3rd Quarter	2015
Gooding	4	10
Idaho	1	24
Jefferson	4	7
Jerome	8	24
Kootenai	61	348
Latah	8	33
Lemhi	2	20
Lewis	1	4
Lincoln		1
Madison	4	18
Minidoka	3	17
Nez Perce	41	101
Oneida	1	2
Owyhee	4	22
Payette	4	13
Power	1	8
Shoshone	4	25
Teton	1	1
Twin Falls	39	173
Valley	2	15
Washington		1
Caller Refused / Unable to Collect Data	382	420
* Other	49	216
Total Calls Received	1378	3668

* Calls received by out of state callers with 208 area code cell phone numbers

"So many lives are touched by suicide, including mine. But I have long believed that we are given adversity as a teacher, as a path toward empathy, and as a tool. So I didn't hesitate to sign up as a volunteer for the new Idaho Suicide Prevention Hotline. It was a huge relief to learn that we would be properly trained; that we would have professional supervisors to guide us as needed; that there would be support on the hotline calls and their after-effects. And none of this went undone. I feel cradled by my peers and especially by the Hotline staff!"
— ISPH Volunteer

