

Suicide prevention efforts tend to focus on “at-risk” groups (rates greater than general population)

White Males 65+ 3-4x



Veterans/Military 2-4x



Alaskan Natives/
American Indians (AN/AI) 2-4x



Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual,
Transgender (LGBT) Youth 2-3x



We should focus intervention on those at highest risk



Individuals with Serious Mental Illness (SMI) 6-12x

White Males 65+

The American Association of Suicidology reports the 2006 suicide rate for elderly white males was 31 per 100,000, but 48 per 100,000 for those over 85. <http://bit.ly/men-s>

Veterans/Military

In 2010, *USA Today* reported the current U.S. Army suicide rate at 22 per 100,000 (<http://usat.ly/army-s>), but the Fort Hood rate was 47 per 100,000. <http://bit.ly/ft-s>

AN/AI

In the Suicide Prevention Resource Center (SPRC) library, Alaskan Native/American Indian males ages 15 to 24 had the highest rate at 28 per 100,000. *USA Today* reported in 2010 a suicide rate for those AN living in Alaska of 42 per 100,000. <http://usat.ly/an-ak>

LGBT Youth

The SPRC library says little can be said with certainty about death rates. However, other research suggests two to three times the national rate. <http://bit.ly/wik-lgbt>

Individuals with SMI

In 2008, a UK study by Osborn et al. found the hazard ratio for individuals with SMI, including schizophrenia, to be nearly 13 times the general population. In Dec. 2010, King's Health Partners found the risk to be 12 times greater during the first year following diagnosis of a serious mental illness. <http://bit.ly/SMI-suicide-12x>

Note: The suicide rate in the general population was 11.5 per 100,000 in 2007.