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**PQ 32128/24**

**To ask the Minister for Health the number of suicides in Ireland up to the age of 18 years in the past ten years; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy,

The HSE National Office for Suicide Prevention (NOSP) has been requested to respond to your question above.

In Ireland, the Central Statistics Office (CSO) provides mortality data including deaths by suicide, not the HSE. The CSO is Ireland's national statistical office and its purpose is to impartially collect, analyse and make available statistics about Ireland's people, society and economy. It is attached to the Department of the Taoiseach.

Information is publicly available from the CSO ([www.cso.ie](http://www.cso.ie)) and in their main data dissemination service (<https://data.cso.ie/#>).

You can contact the CSO (<https://www.cso.ie/en/aboutus/contactus/>) or their Vital Statistics department directly (<https://www.cso.ie/en/releasesandpublications/ep/p-vsar/vitalstatisticsannualreport2020/contactdetails/>).

**Information requested**

The information you have requested is not consistently available across the CSO tables, and you may like to contact the CSO with your specific enquiry.

However, the following information extracted from various CSO sources may assist you.

## 2014 to 2020, Number of deaths by suicide

These figures **have been revised to include late registered deaths.**

- Source CSO table [VSA35 Deaths Occurring](#), accessed 22/07/2024
- Table Last Updated: 14/11/2023

Year	Age	All	Number	Male	Number	Female	Number
2014	Under 1 year	All		Male		Female	
2014	1 - 4 years	All		Male		Female	
2014	5 - 9 years	All		Male		Female	
2014	10 - 14 years	All	3	Male	2	Female	1
2014	15 - 19 years	All	17	Male	14	Female	3
2014	<b>All ages</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>578</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>472</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>106</b>
2015	Under 1 year	All		Male		Female	
2015	1 - 4 years	All		Male		Female	
2015	5 - 9 years	All		Male		Female	
2015	10 - 14 years	All		Male		Female	
2015	15 - 19 years	All	22	Male	20	Female	2
2015	<b>All ages</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>393</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>107</b>
2016	Under 1 year	All		Male		Female	
2016	1 - 4 years	All		Male		Female	
2016	5 - 9 years	All		Male		Female	
2016	10 - 14 years	All	6	Male	4	Female	2
2016	15 - 19 years	All	35	Male	20	Female	15
2016	<b>All ages</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>531</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>429</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>102</b>
2017	Under 1 year	All		Male		Female	
2017	1 - 4 years	All		Male		Female	
2017	5 - 9 years	All		Male		Female	
2017	10 - 14 years	All	5	Male	2	Female	3
2017	15 - 19 years	All	28	Male	21	Female	7
2017	<b>All ages</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>512</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>112</b>
2018	Under 1 year	All		Male		Female	
2018	1 - 4 years	All		Male		Female	
2018	5 - 9 years	All		Male		Female	
2018	10 - 14 years	All	3	Male	2	Female	1
2018	15 - 19 years	All	19	Male	11	Female	8
2018	<b>All ages</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>548</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>407</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>141</b>

2019	Under 1 year	All		Male		Female	
2019	1 - 4 years	All		Male		Female	
2019	5 - 9 years	All		Male		Female	
2019	10 - 14 years	All	2	Male	1	Female	1
2019	15 - 19 years	All	29	Male	20	Female	9
2019	<b>All ages</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>538</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>419</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>119</b>
2020	Under 1 year	All		Male		Female	
2020	1 - 4 years	All		Male		Female	
2020	5 - 9 years	All		Male		Female	
2020	10 - 14 years	All	3	Male	1	Female	2
2020	15 - 19 years	All	26	Male	15	Female	11
2020	<b>All ages</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>504</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>366</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>138</b>

## 2021, Number of deaths by suicide

These figures have not yet been revised to include late registered deaths.

- Source CSO table [VSA39 Deaths Occurring](#) accessed 22/07/2024
- Table Last Updated: 31/10/2023

Year	Age	All	Number	Male	Number	Female	Number
2021	Under 1 year	All		Male		Female	
2021	1 - 4 years	All		Male		Female	
2021	5 - 9 years	All		Male		Female	
2021	10 - 14 years	All	1	Male	1	Female	
2021	15 - 19 years	All	22	Male	17	Female	5
2021	<b>All ages</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>449</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>90</b>

## 2022 - 2023, Number of deaths by suicide

These figures have not yet been revised to include late registered deaths.

- Source CSO table [VSD30 Suicides](#) accessed 22/07/2024
- Table Last Updated: 24/05/2024
- Age breakdowns not available in this table

Year	Age	All	Number	Male	Number	Female	Number
2022	<b>All ages</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>412</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>331</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>81</b>
2023	<b>All ages</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>70</b>

I trust this information is useful for you. Please do revert if you require anything further.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Meehan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "M".

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