

**TABLE 3-1 (correction)
NUMBER OF SUICIDES AND AGE-ADJUSTED SUICIDE MORTALITY RATES^a BY GENDER AND YEAR,
ARIZONA RESIDENTS, 2001-2011**

| GENDER | 2001 | | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 |
|--|------------|----------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|
| | unmodified | modified | | | | | | | | | | |
| MALE | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| --Number | 485 | 622 | 692 | 647 | 674 | 723 | 743 | 773 | 737 | 792 | 846 | 866 |
| --Rate | 19.1 | 24.6 | 26.4 | 24.0 | 24.1 | 24.9 | 24.7 | 24.4 | 23.0 | 24.6 | 27.1 | 27.4 |
| FEMALE | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| --Number | 115 | 145 | 163 | 160 | 180 | 192 | 205 | 213 | 231 | 268 | 224 | 247 |
| --Rate | 4.4 | 5.6 | 6.0 | 5.8 | 6.3 | 6.5 | 6.6 | 6.7 | 7.0 | 8.1 | 6.7 | 7.5 |
| TOTAL | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| --Number | 600 | 767 | 855 | 807 | 854 | 915 | 948 | 986 | 968 | 1,060 | 1,070 | 1,113 |
| --Rate | 11.5 | 14.9 | 15.9 | 14.6 | 14.9 | 15.4 | 15.4 | 15.4 | 14.8 | 16.1 | 16.7 | 17.2 |
| Rate ratio, M:F | 4.3 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 4.0 | 3.8 | 3.8 | 3.7 | 3.6 | 3.2 | 3.0 | 3.8 | 3.5 |
| Percent MALE suicides^b | 80.8 | 81.1 | 80.9 | 80.2 | 78.9 | 79.3 | 78.4 | 78.4 | 76.1 | 74.7 | 79.1 | 77.8 |

Notes: ^a number of suicides per 100,000 population in specified group age-adjusted to the 2000 U.S. standard; the age-adjusted mortality rates in this report, based on the (new) 2000 standard, CANNOT BE compared to previously published rates which use the 1940 standard population; ^b TOTAL suicides = 100 percent.

| Cause of death | 2001 | | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 |
|---|------------|----------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|
| | unmodified | modified | | | | | | | | | | |
| Suicide | 600 | 767 | 855 | 807 | 854 | 915 | 948 | 986 | 968 | 1,060 | 1,070 | 1,113 |
| Suicide by drugs | 76 | 113 | 100 | 93 | 115 | 108 | 122 | 173 | 163 | 180 | 152 | 162 |
| Suicide by firearms | 358 | 468 | 544 | 476 | 498 | 507 | 554 | 541 | 529 | 596 | 602 | 669 |
| Accidental discharge of firearms | 114 | 6 | 26 | 13 | 13 | 15 | 9 | 13 | 9 | 7 | 11 | 8 |

Unprecedented decline in 2001 in the number of suicides and the equally unprecedented increase in the number of firearm deaths classified as accidental obviously are associated. Some of the firearm fatalities (as well as drug poisonings) that would have been classified as suicides had the manual coding system been in place were classified as accidents in 2001 because the "manner of death" was not indicated and the automated coding system defaulted to accidental injury. Table 3-1 provides two data columns for 2001: unmodified and modified for the misclassification of the underlying cause of death. The numbers and rates used in the "modified" column for 2001 are from the WISQARS site at:

http://www.cdc.gov/injury/wisqars/fatal_injury_reports.html