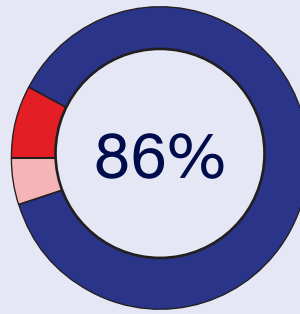




SUICIDE DEATHS IN TENNESSEE 2021

About **56%** of the 2,235 violent deaths in TN in 2021 were suicides

About four out of five (81%)
suicide deaths were among males



Most suicide
deaths were
in the non-
Hispanic white
population

Method of Death



Among
poisoning
deaths:



- » 49% involved antidepressants
- » 23% involved prescription opioids
- » 37% involved benzodiazepines

Circumstances Surrounding Death

- » **54%** were identified as currently having a mental health problem
- » **15%** had a history of prior suicide attempts
- » **27%** indicated that problems with an intimate partner contributed to the incident
- » In **19%** of incidents, an argument or conflict led to death
 - » In **52%** of these cases, injury occurred within 24 hours of the argument

**45 (3.6%) decedents did not have sufficient available information to collect circumstances variables. Percentages are calculated using the 1,202 decedents with known circumstances. If a circumstance is not endorsed, this may indicate either that the circumstance is known not to have occurred OR that it is unknown whether the circumstance has occurred.

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