



FAST FACTS

A message for health care providers



SUICIDE

2012 Erie County, NY Statistics for Individuals Ages 14 – 94

Source: Erie County Medical Examiner's Office

Total Number of Suicides = 79

Gender

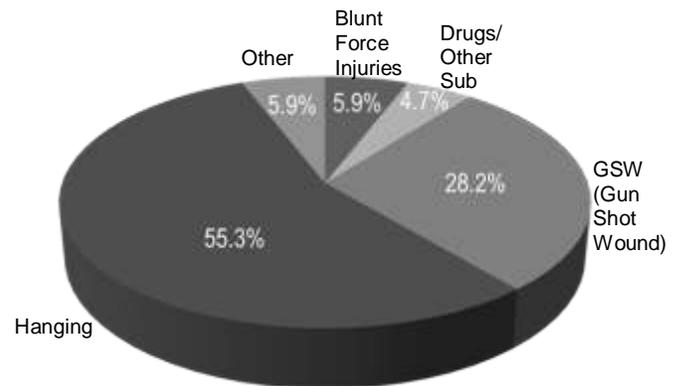
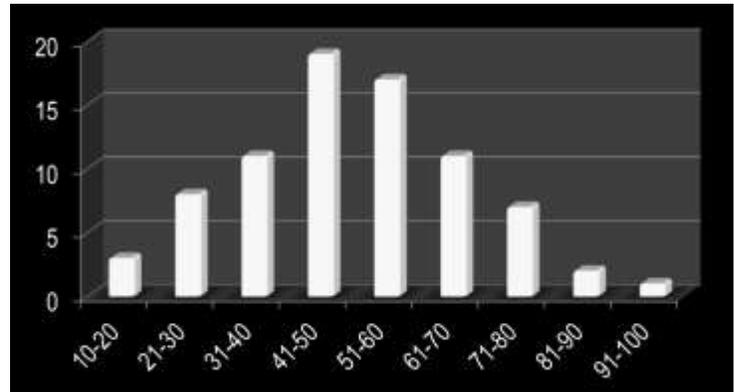
- Female = 27
- Male = 52

Race

- Asian = 1
- Black = 5
- Hispanic = 5
- White = 68

Mode

- Blunt Force Injuries = 5.9%
- Drugs/ Other Substances = 4.7%
- GSW (Gun Shot Wound)= 28.2%
- Hanging = 55.3%
- Other = 5.9%
- Hanging and GSW account for 83.5% of all suicides



Depression Screening Tools:

Patient Health Questionnaire (PHQ-9)

- Brief, powerful tool for assisting clinicians in diagnosing depression as well as selecting and monitoring treatment. After the patient has completed the PHQ-9 questionnaire, it is scored by the clinician or office staff.
- Go to http://www.depression-primarycare.org/images/pdf/phq_9_eng.pdf for instructions & tool

The Hamilton Rating Scale for Depression (HRSD)

- A test measuring the severity of depressive symptoms in individuals, often those who have already been diagnosed as having a depressive disorder
- Should not be used as a diagnostic instrument
- For tool go to <http://healthnet.umassmed.edu/mhealth/HAMD.pdf>

Resources:

- MacArthur Initiative on Depression & Primary Care <http://www.depression-primarycare.org/clinicians/toolkits/materials/forms/phq9/>
- CDC Mental Illness <http://www.cdc.gov/mentalhealth/basics/mental-illness.htm>
- Crisis Services 24 Hour Hotline 716-834-3131 <http://crisisservices.org/content/index.php/about-crisis-services/>