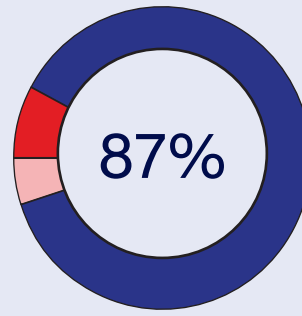




SUICIDE DEATHS IN TENNESSEE 2020

About **55%** of the 2,209 violent deaths in TN in 2020 were suicides

Four out of five (80%) suicide deaths were among males



Most suicide deaths were in the non-Hispanic white population

Method of Death



Among poisoning deaths:



- » 37% involved antidepressants
- » 33% involved opiates
- » 23% involved benzodiazepines

Circumstances Surrounding Death

- » **49%** 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 **20%** of incidents, an argument or conflict led to death
 - » In **61%** of these cases, injury occurred within 24 hours of the argument

**58 (4.8%) decedents did not have sufficient available information to collect circumstances variables. Percentages are calculated using the 1,162 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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