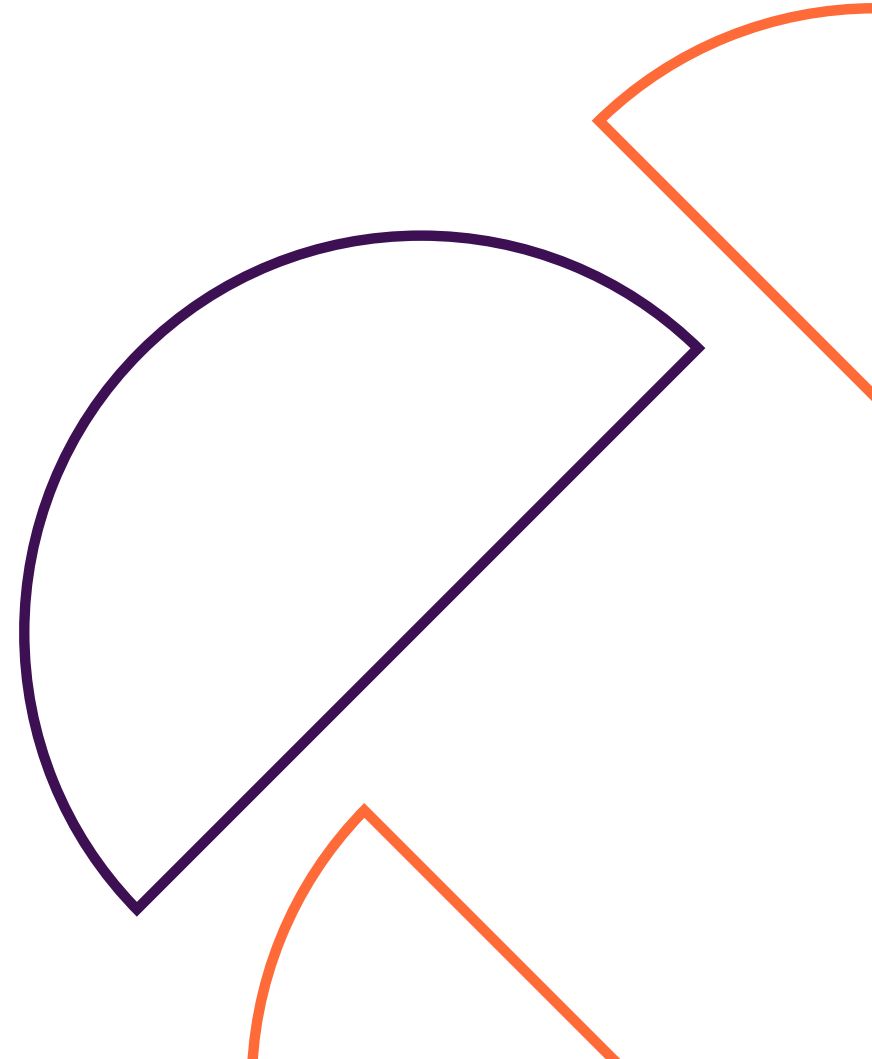


**Aboriginal and Torres Strait  
Islander peoples  
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# Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples

## Nationally in 2018:

- **169\*** (129 male, 40 female) Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples died by suicide.
- Suicide was the 5<sup>th</sup> leading cause of death for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in Australia, compared to the 12<sup>th</sup> leading cause of death for non-Indigenous.
- The standardised death rate for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples (**24.1 per 100, 000**) was higher than the non-Indigenous rate (12.4 per 100, 000).

*\*Note this total includes data from NSW, Qld, WA, SA and NT only. Data was not available for Vic, Tas, or ACT.*



# Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples

## Limitations within data:

- Data for Victoria, Tasmania and the Australian Capital Territory have been excluded in line with national reporting guidelines.
- There are inconsistencies across states/territories in the way individuals are identified as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander at time of death, or during coronal processes. This may lead to underreporting.

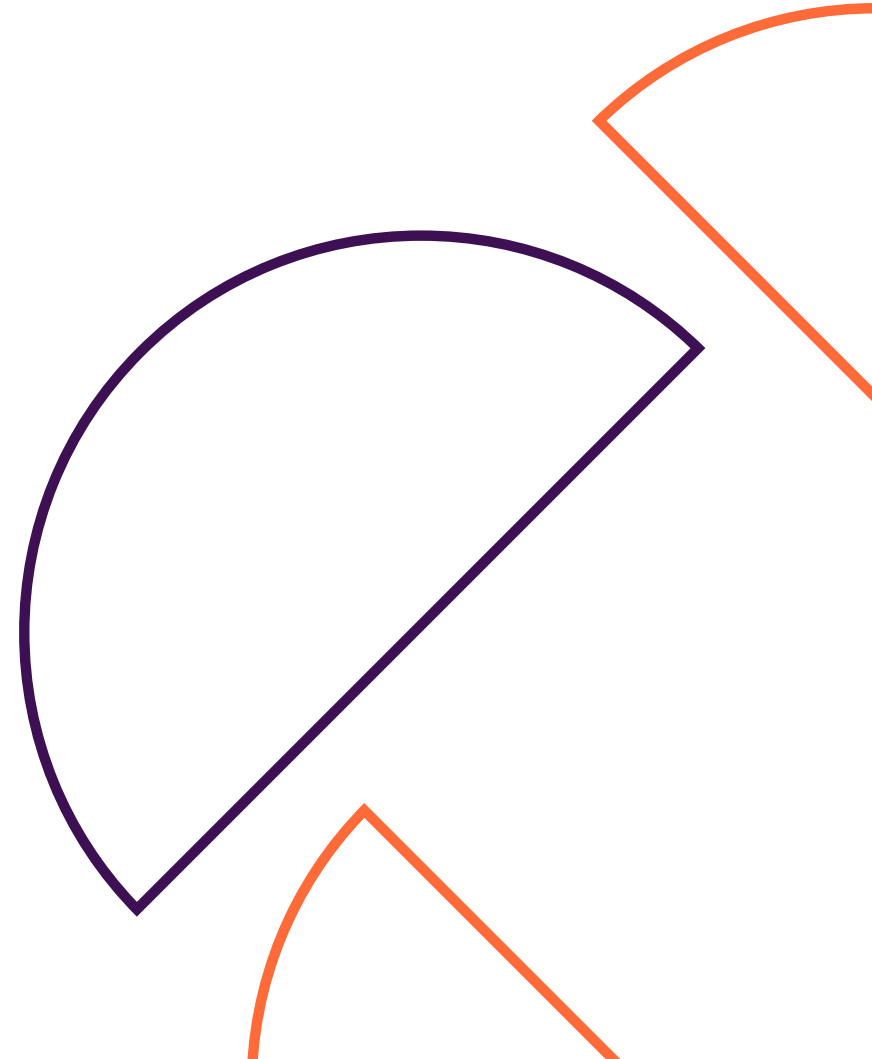




# New South Wales suicide data 2018

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# Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples

## New South Wales in 2018:

- **46** (34 male, 12 female) Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples died by suicide.
- Suicide was the 4<sup>th</sup> leading cause of death for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the state, compared to the 17<sup>th</sup> leading cause of death for non-Indigenous.
- The standardised death rate for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples (**19.6 per 100, 000**) was higher than the non-Indigenous rate (10.5 per 100, 000).



# Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples

## Between 2014-2018 in New South Wales:

- **193** Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples deaths have been attributed to suicide.
- The standardised death rate for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples (**17.1 per 100, 000**) was higher than the non-Indigenous rate (10.5 per 100, 000).

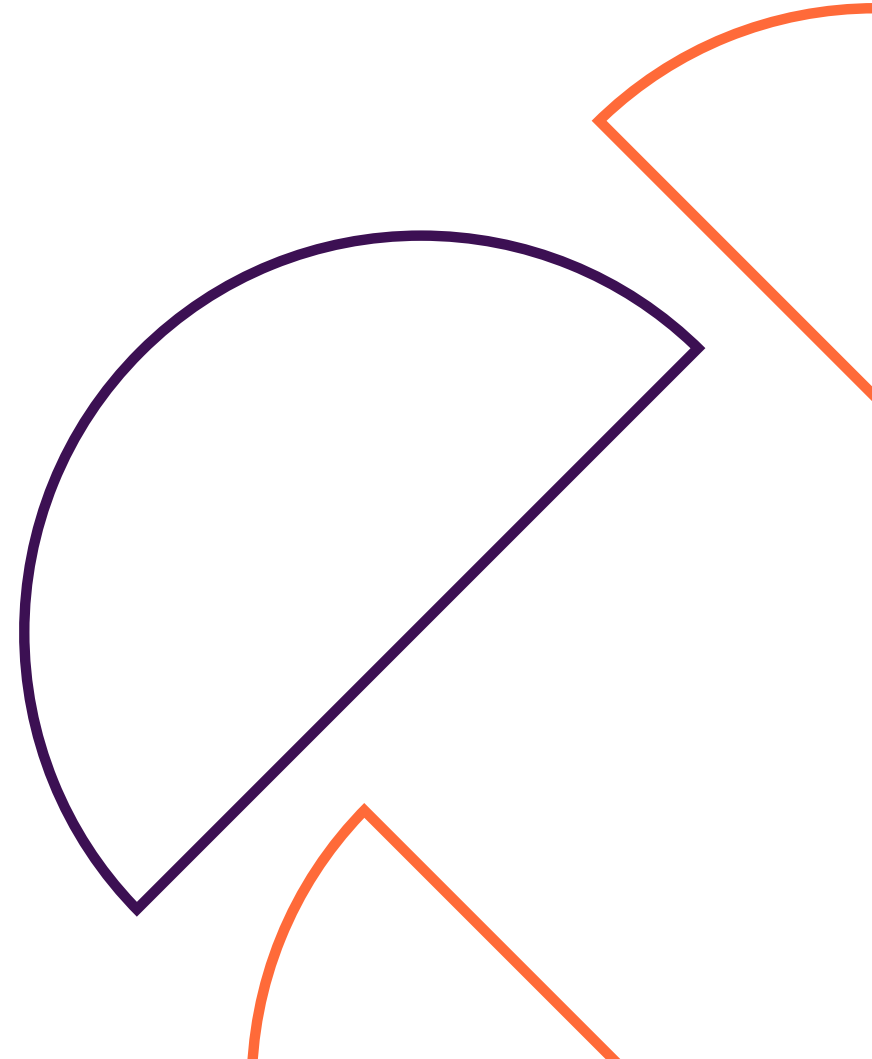




# Northern Territory suicide data 2018

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# Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples

## Northern Territory in 2018:

- **21** Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples died by suicide.
- Suicide was the 7<sup>th</sup> leading cause of death for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the NT, compared to the 6<sup>th</sup> leading cause of death for non-Indigenous in NT.
- The standardised death rate for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples (**24.7 per 100, 000**) was higher than the non-Indigenous rate (15.3 per 100, 000).

Note: Male and female data was not reported due to the small number.





# Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples

## Between 2014-2018 in Northern Territory:

- **109** Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples deaths have been attributed to intentional self-harm.
- The standardised death rate for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples (**26.2 per 100, 000**) was higher than the non-Indigenous rate (16.3 per 100, 000).

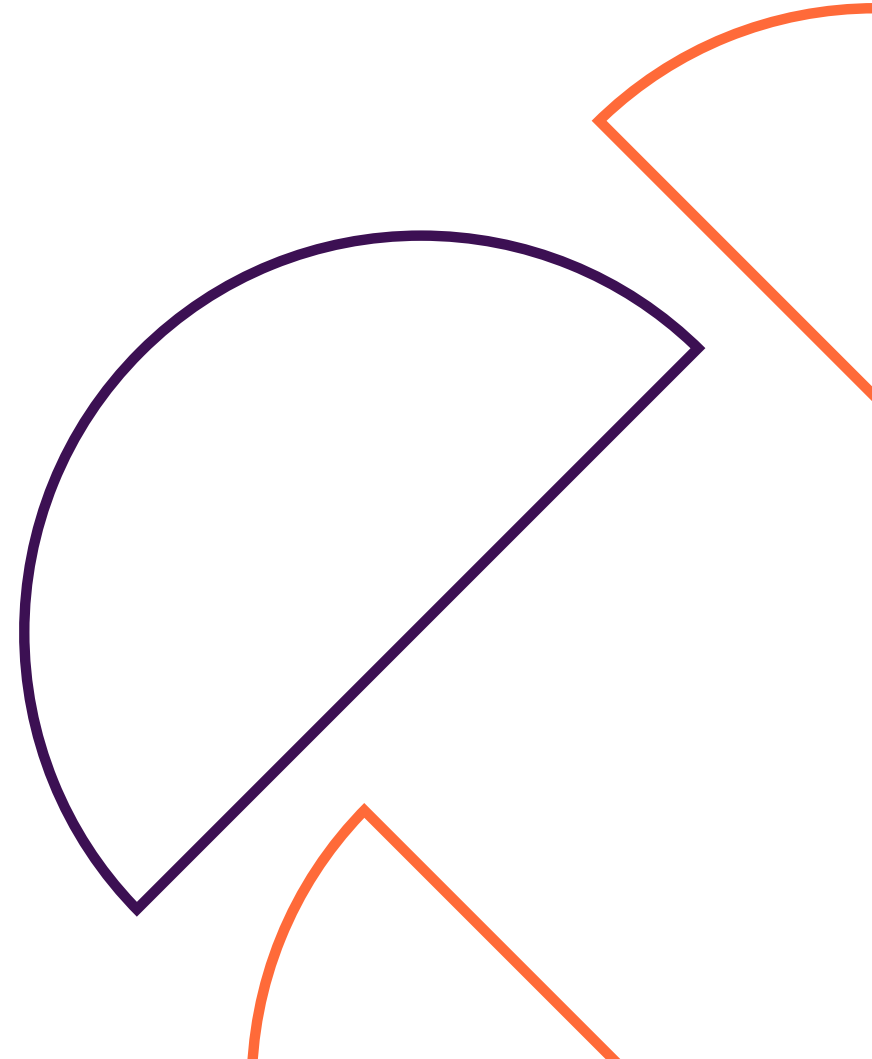




# Queensland suicide data 2018

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# Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples

## Queensland in 2018:

- **61** (45 male, 16 female) Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples died by suicide in QLD.
- Suicide was the 4<sup>th</sup> leading cause of death for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the state, compared to the 9<sup>th</sup> leading cause of death for non-Indigenous.
- The standardised death rate for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples (**26.4 per 100, 000**) was considerably higher than the non-Indigenous rate (15.0 per 100, 000).



# Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples

## Between 2014-2018 in Queensland:

- **259** Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples deaths have been attributed to intentional self-harm.
- The standardised death rate for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples (**24.0 per 100, 000**) in QLD was considerably higher than the non-Indigenous rate (14.6 per 100, 000).

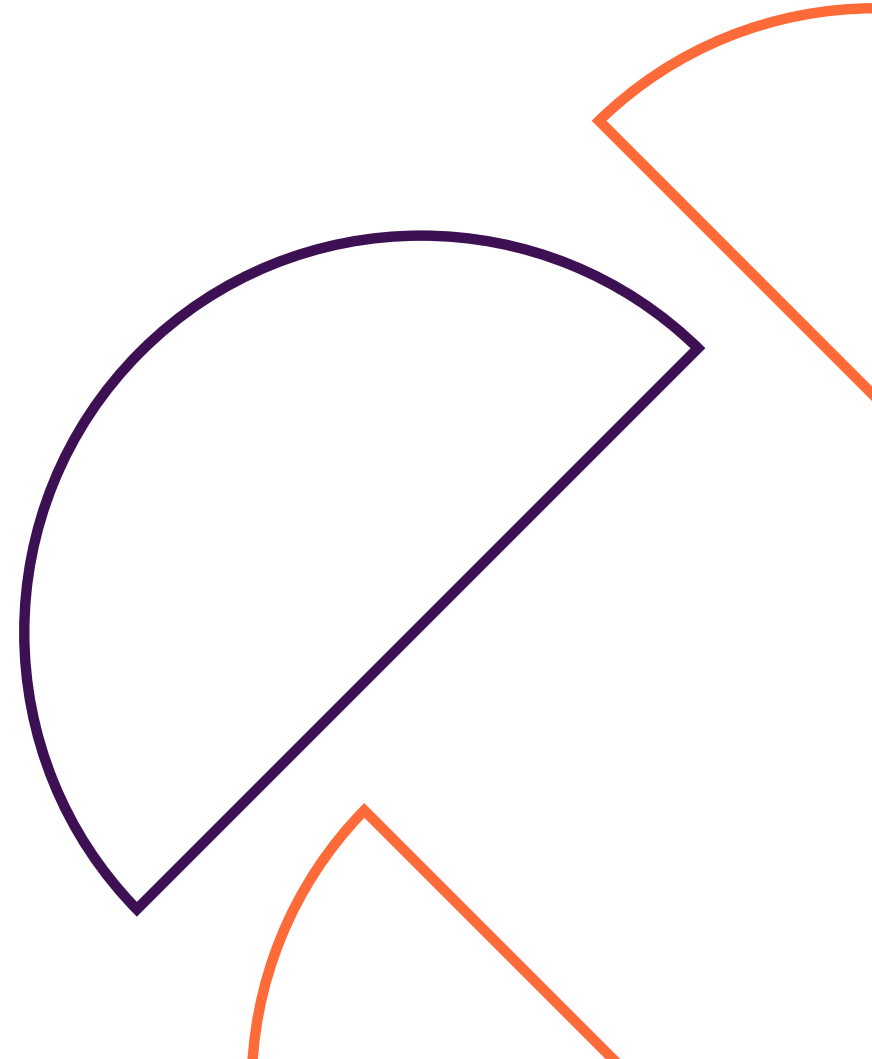




# South Australia suicide data 2018

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# Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples

## Between 2014-2018 in South Australia:

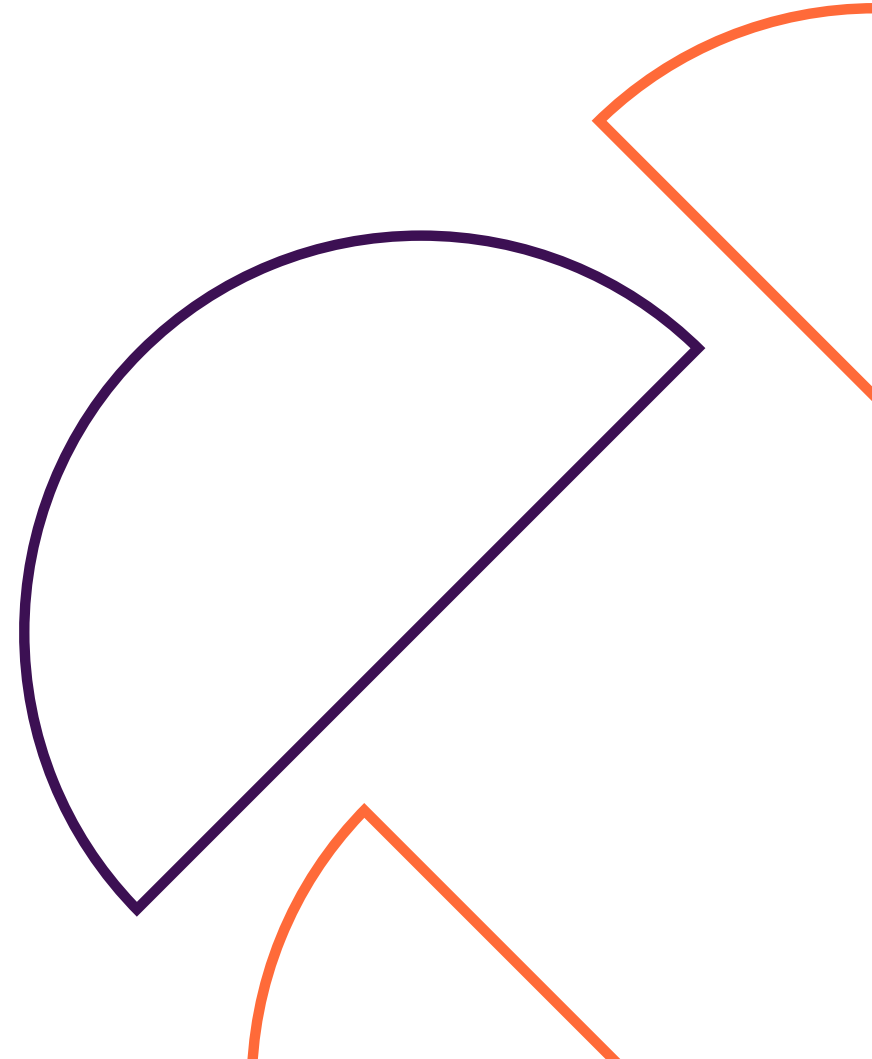
- **37** Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples deaths have been attributed to intentional self-harm.
- The standardised death rate for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples (**21.2 per 100, 000**) was higher than the non-Indigenous rate (12.9 per 100, 000).



**Victoria**  
**suicide data 2018**

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# Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples

## Victoria in 2018:

- No further data was provided

## Between 2014-2018 in Victoria:

- **37** Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples deaths have been attributed to suicide.
- The standardised death rate for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander is not available for publication.

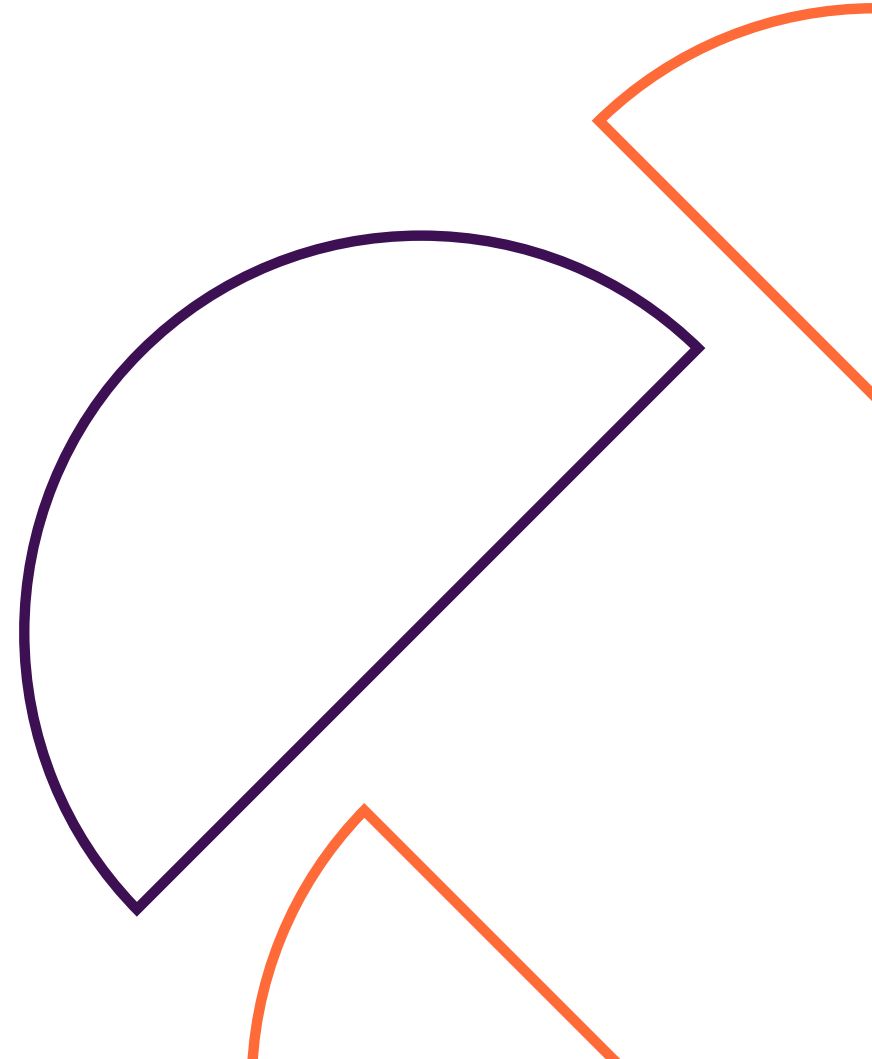




# Western Australia suicide data 2018

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# Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples

## Western Australia in 2018:

- **39** (30 male, 9 female) Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples died by suicide.
- Suicide was the 3<sup>rd</sup> leading cause of death for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the state, compared to the 12<sup>th</sup> leading cause of death for non-Indigenous.
- The standardised death rate for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples (**36 per 100, 000**) was higher than the non-Indigenous rate (13.1 per 100, 000).



# Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples

## Between 2014-2018 in Western Australia:

- **198** Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples deaths have been attributed to suicide.
- The standardised death rate for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples (**37.9 per 100, 000**) was higher than the non-Indigenous rate (13.1 per 100, 000).





# Support services

## Adult

**Lifeline:** [13 11 14](tel:131114)

[lifeline.org.au](http://lifeline.org.au)

**Suicide Call Back Service:** [1300 659 467](tel:1300659467)

[suicidecallbackservice.org.au](http://suicidecallbackservice.org.au)

**Beyond Blue:** [1300 224 636](tel:1300224636)

[beyondblue.org.au/forums](http://beyondblue.org.au/forums)

**MensLine Australia:** [1300 789 978](tel:1300789978)

[mensline.org.au](http://mensline.org.au)

## Youth

**Kids Helpline:** [1800 551 800](tel:1800551800)

[kidshelpline.com.au](http://kidshelpline.com.au)

**headspace:** [1800 650 890](tel:1800650890)

[headspace.org.au](http://headspace.org.au)

**ReachOut:** [ReachOut.com](http://ReachOut.com)

## Other resources

**Head to Health:** mental health portal

[headtohealth.gov.au](http://headtohealth.gov.au)

**Life in Mind:** suicide prevention portal

[lifeinmindaustralia.com.au](http://lifeinmindaustralia.com.au)

**SANE:** online forums [saneforums.org](http://saneforums.org)

[healthinonet.ecu.edu.au](http://healthinonet.ecu.edu.au) - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander

[1800 184 527](tel:1800184527) [qlife.org.au](http://qlife.org.au) - Lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, and/or intersex

[mhima.org.au](http://mhima.org.au) - Culturally and linguistically diverse



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