

Suicide in Kings County



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Overview

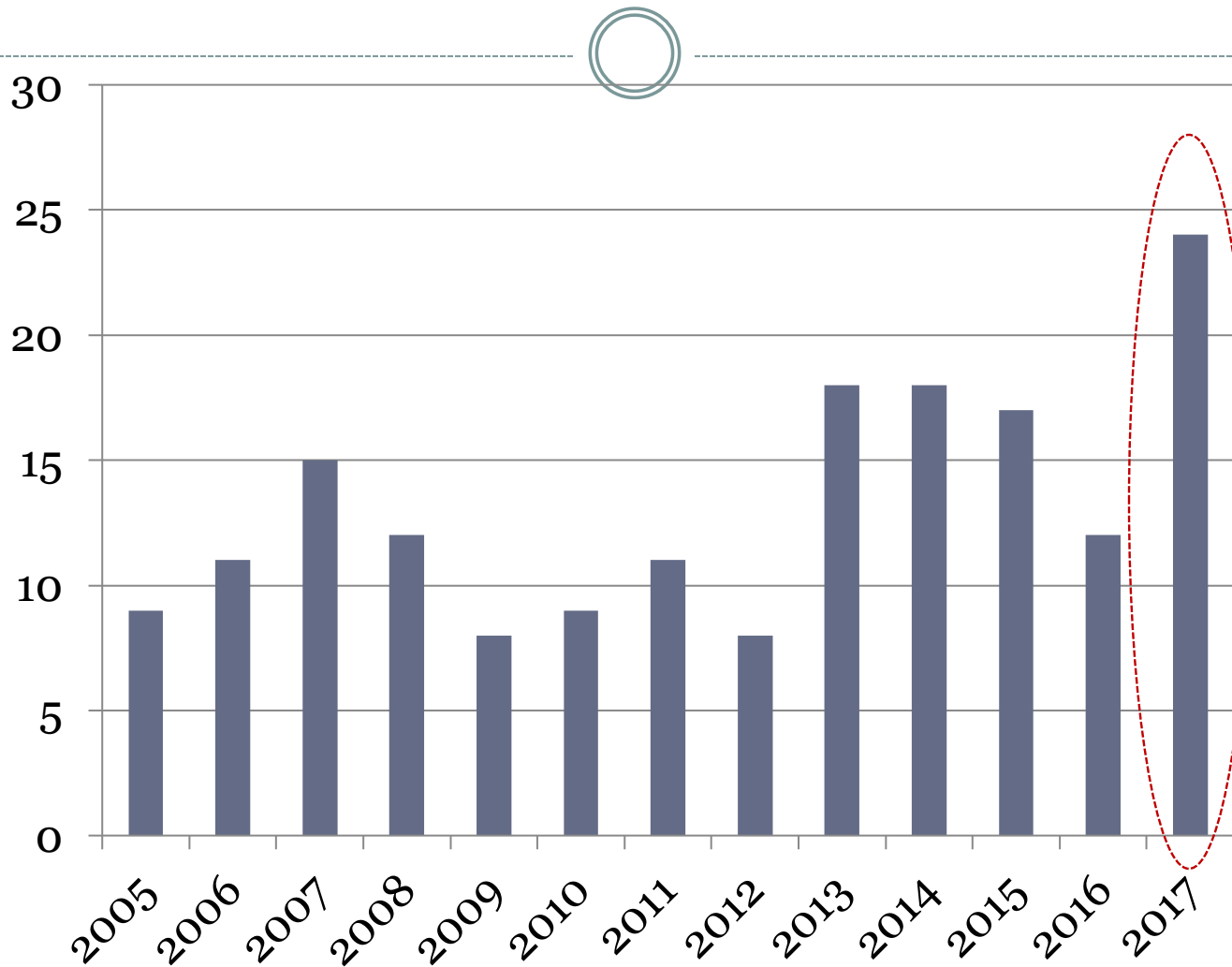


- **Tulare-Kings Counties Suicide Prevention Task Force maintains complete data from 2005.**
 - Kings County coroner records date back to 1901
- **SPTF began suicide prevention activities in 2008.**
 - Decreased regional suicide death rates through 2016
 - Large upswing in deaths in 2017

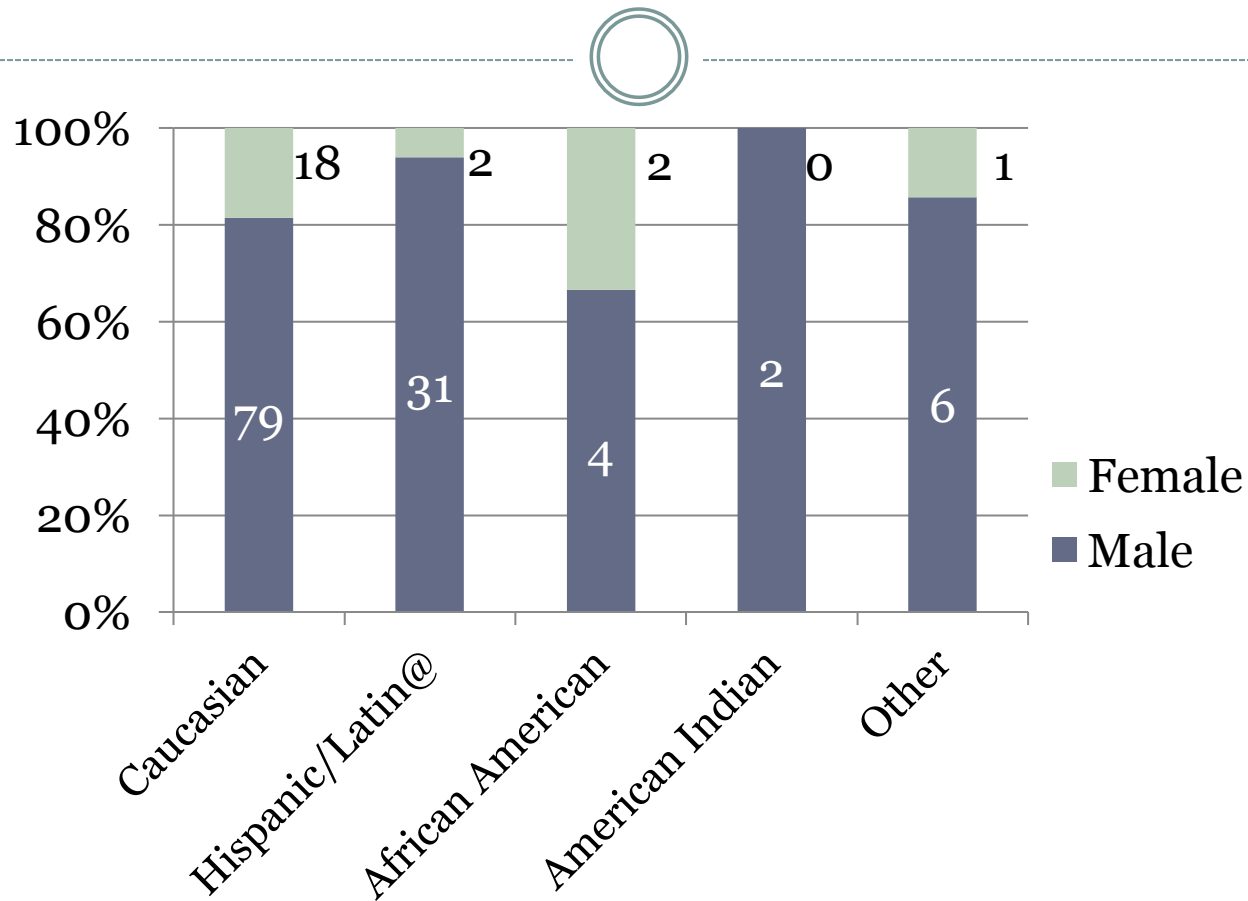


- 2017 saw Kings County's suicide numbers double.
 - California crude rate: 10.94 deaths per 100,000
 - Kings County crude rate: 15.89 deaths per 100,000
- Based on population alone, we would expect Kings County to have 1/3 of the number of deaths of Tulare County
 - For most age groups, we have 1/2 the deaths
 - For certain age groups, we have equal numbers

Suicide Deaths by Year



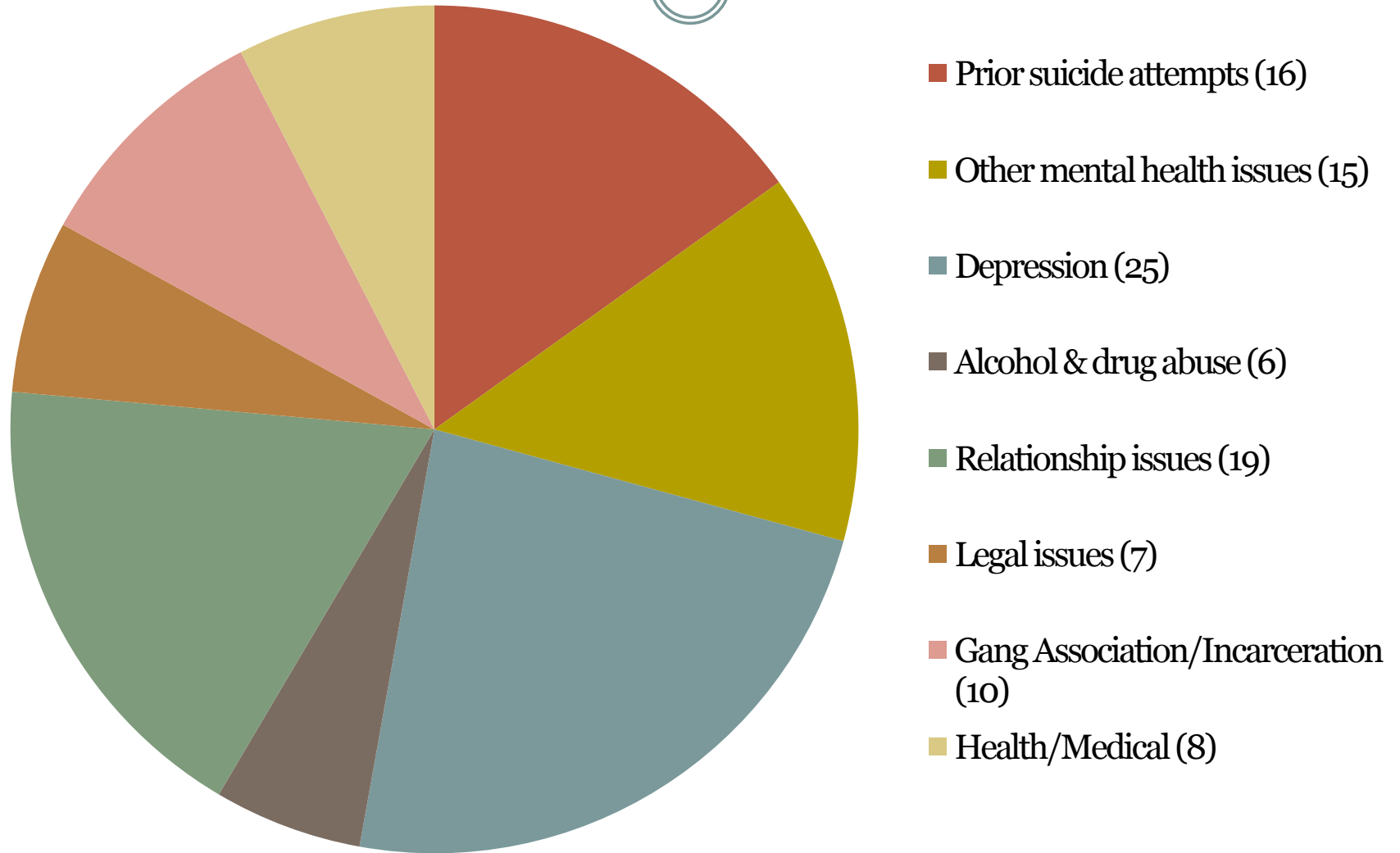
Deaths by Gender (2005-2016)



Total number of deaths 2005-2016 = 145

In 2017, 20 males and 4 females died by suicide. Race/ethnicity are not yet available.

Known Motivating Factors (2005-2016)



2017 Kings County Suicide Data



	Males	Females
Under 16	0	0
Ages 16-24	5	0
Ages 25-35	5	1
Ages 36-50	3	0
51 and older	7	2
Total: 24	20	4

2016 US Census Bureau Population estimate: 149,785

<https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/table/kingscountycalifornia,tularecountycalifornia/PST045216>

Populations of Concern



- **Caucasian men, across the lifespan**
 - Men ages 50 and older
 - Number of deaths is 3x what we'd expect
 - Men ages 16-35
 - Nearly half of the county's suicide deaths
- **Individuals with a history of mental health problems**
 - Known motivating factor in 56 deaths
- **Hispanic and Latino men**
 - Next largest group affected

Moving Forward



- **SPTF Strategic Planning on 3/15/2018**
 - Woodland Drive Baptist Church
 - ✦ 1436 S Woodland St, Visalia, CA 93277
 - 9:00am-4:00pm

- **Suicide Prevention Hotlines**
 - Central Valley Hotline: 1-888-506-5991
 - National Lifeline: 1-800-273-TALK (8255)
 - National Text Line: 741741