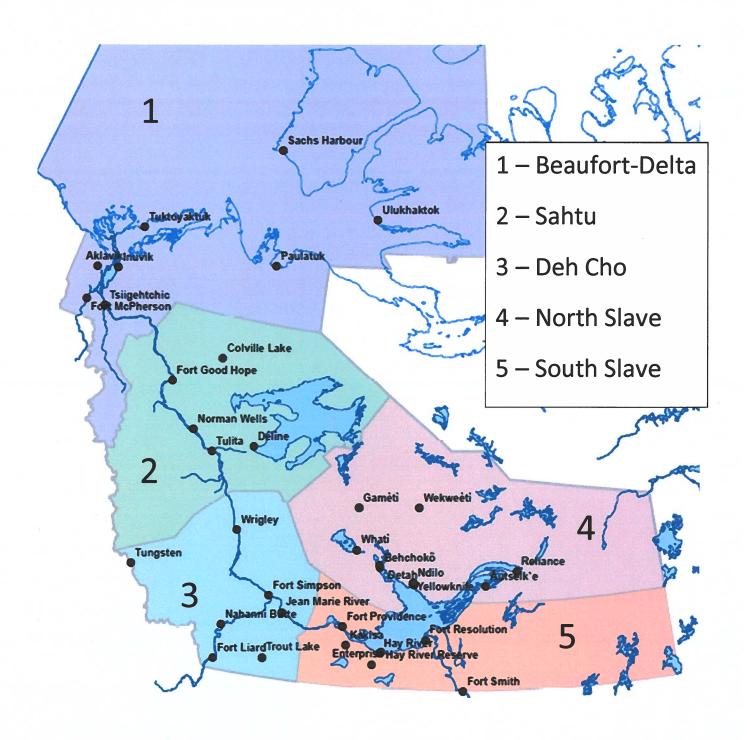


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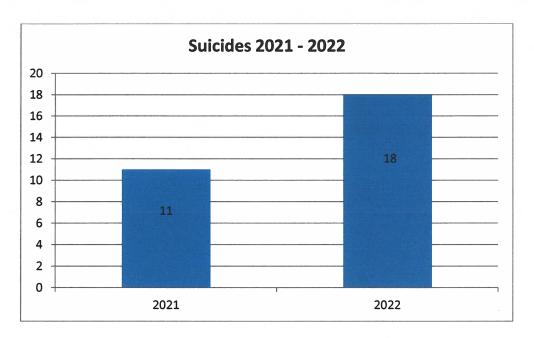
# NORTHWEST TERRITORIES CORONER SERVICE

2021- 2022
EARLY RELEASE OF SUICIDE DATA

#### **NWT REGIONS**



**2021 - 2022 Suicide Deaths** 



SUICIDE refers to any death from a self-inflicted injury where there is apparent intent to cause death. In 2021 there were a total of 11 suicides out of a total of 145 deaths, accounting for 8% of deaths that year. There have already been a total of 18 suicides by the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2022 with a total of 106 deaths so far.

#### Warning

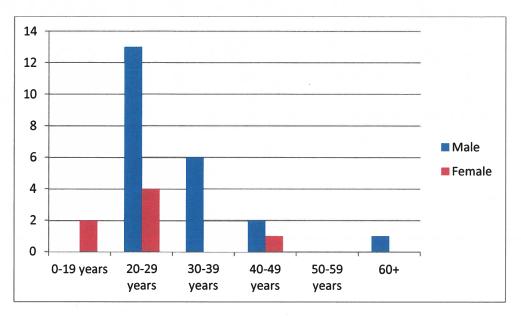
\*To date not all potential suicide death investigations in 2022 have been completed. More cases could be reported in the final quarter of 2022.

#### **Suicides by Method**

| Method               | 2021 | 2022 |
|----------------------|------|------|
| Hanging              | 7    | 16   |
| Gunshot Wound        | 1    | 2    |
| Drowning             | 1    |      |
| Drug Overdose        | 1    |      |
| Multiple Blunt Force | 1    |      |
| Trauma               | 1    |      |
| Total                | 11   | 18   |

The most common method is hanging followed by gunshot wounds.

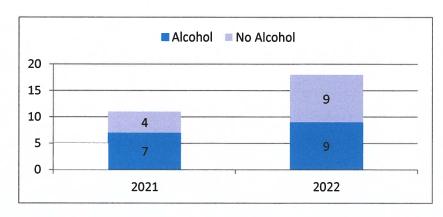
#### Suicides by Age and Gender



| Age Group   | Male | Female | Total |
|-------------|------|--------|-------|
| 0-19 years  | 0    | 2      | 2     |
| 20-29 years | 13   | 4      | 17    |
| 30-39 years | 6    | 0      | 6     |
| 40-49 years | 2    | 1      | 3     |
| 50-59 years | 0    | 0      | 0     |
| 60+         | 1    | 0      | 1     |
| Total       | 22   | 7      | 29    |

The majority of suicide deaths were males between the ages of 20-29.

#### **Suicide Deaths Involving Alcohol**

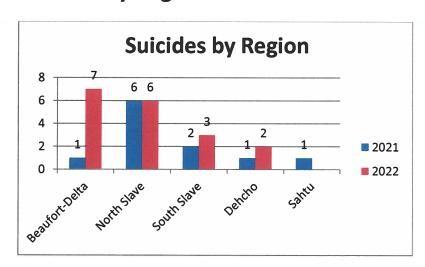


In 2021, 7 out of the 11 suicides had alcohol as a contributing factor (64%). To date in 2022, some alcohol results are still pending.

#### **Suicides by Month**

| Month     | 2021 | 2022 | Total |
|-----------|------|------|-------|
| January   | 1    | 3    | 4     |
| February  | 3    | 2    | 5     |
| March     | 1    |      | 1     |
| April     |      | 1    | 1     |
| May       | 1    | 2    | 3     |
| June      | 2    | 2    | 4     |
| July      | 1    | 3    | 4     |
| August    |      | 1    | 1     |
| September |      | 4    | 4     |
| October   |      |      | 0     |
| November  | 1    |      | 1     |
| December  | 1    |      | 1     |
| Total     | 11   | 18   | 29    |

### **Suicides by Region**



| Region         | 2021 | 2022 |
|----------------|------|------|
| Beaufort-Delta | 1    | 7    |
| North Slave    | 6    | 6    |
| South Slave    | 2    | 3    |
| Dehcho         | 1    | 2    |
| Sahtu          | 1    |      |
| Total          | 11   | 18   |

The majority of suicides in 2021 occurred in the North Slave region. In 2022 the majority of suicides have occurred in the Beaufort-Delta.