Suicide Mortality Trends in Jamaica From 2010 to 2019

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OBJECTIVE

Describe changes in suicide mortality and the demographic characteristics of those who died.

METHODS

The researchers analysed police records and used the 2011 census population to calculate age-adjusted rates.

RESULTS

The study identified 459 deaths. Mean annual age-adjusted incidence was 1.80 per 100,000 overall, 3.13 among men and 0.48 among women. Adults aged 18–35 accounted for 40.5% of deaths.

CONCLUSION

The authors identified men and younger adults as priorities for national suicide prevention.