



Suicide Among Latina And Black Male Youth

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From 2008 to 2015 the number of children aged 5-17 admitted to children's hospitals for thoughts of suicide or self-harm more than doubled

Plemmons et al. (2017). "Trends in Suicidality and Serious Self-Harm for Children 5-17 Years at 32 U.S. Children's Hospitals, 2008-2015." Presented at the Pediatric Academic Societies Meeting in San Francisco.

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Females attempt suicide three times more often than males

Males are 4 times more likely than females to die by suicide

American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.

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Suicide is the third leading cause of death among Black males, ages 15-24, in the US

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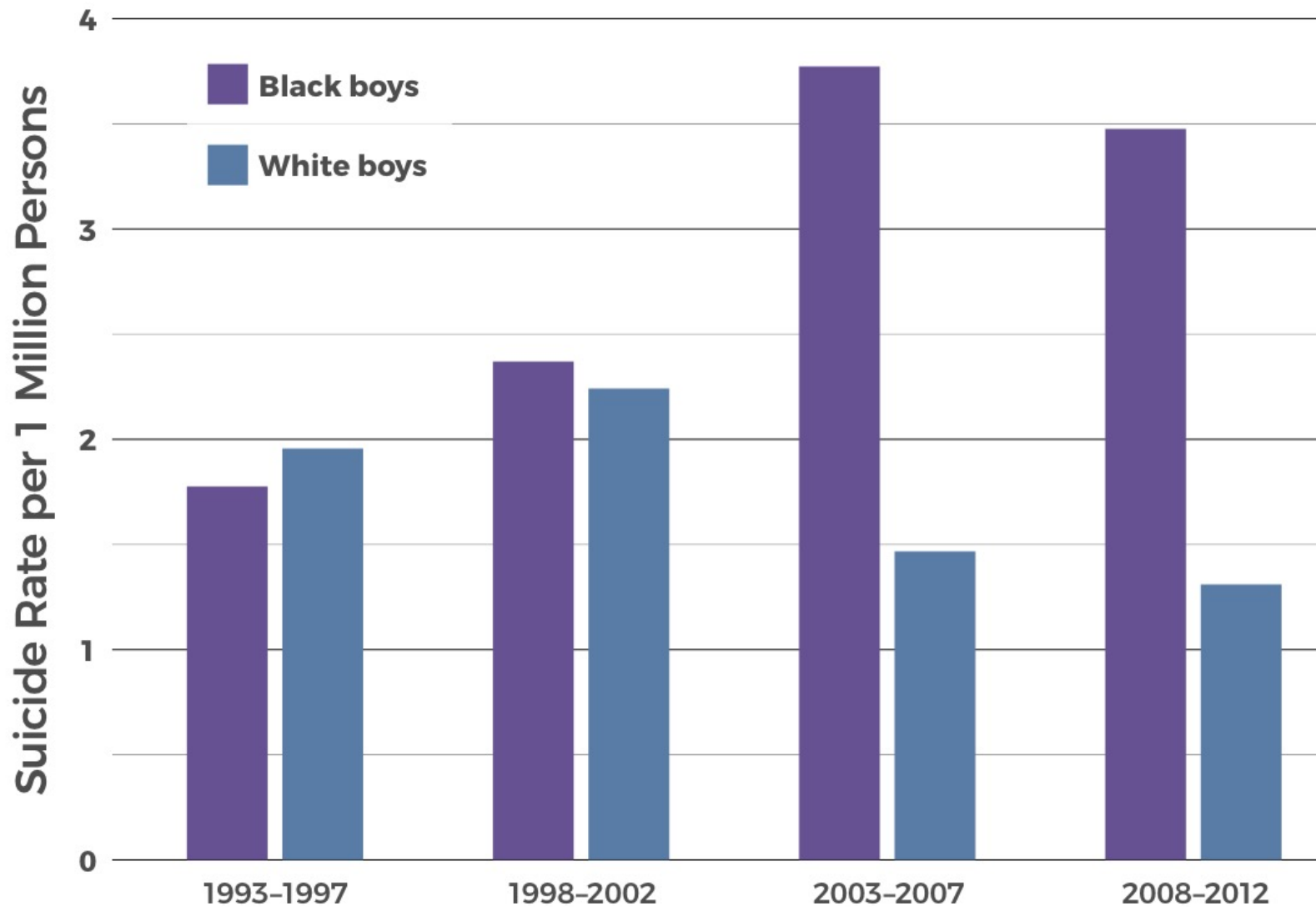
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From 1993-2012, there has been an 86% increase in suicide among Black children, principally males


Black boys ages 5-11 are the only age group where the rates of suicide among Blacks are actually higher than rates among all youth racial and ethnic groups

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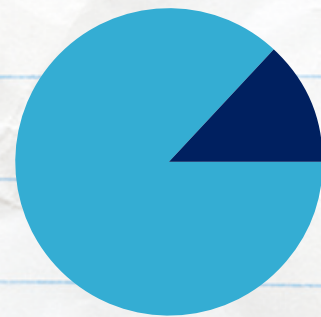


**Suicide is the second leading
cause of death, in New York
State, for Latina adolescents**

New York State Office of Mental Health.

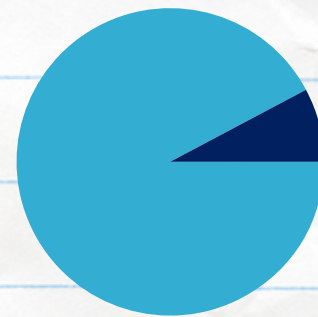
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In New York City, Latina teens attempt suicide at more than twice the rate of white youths



13.2%

LATINA/HISPANIC GIRLS,
GRADES 9-12



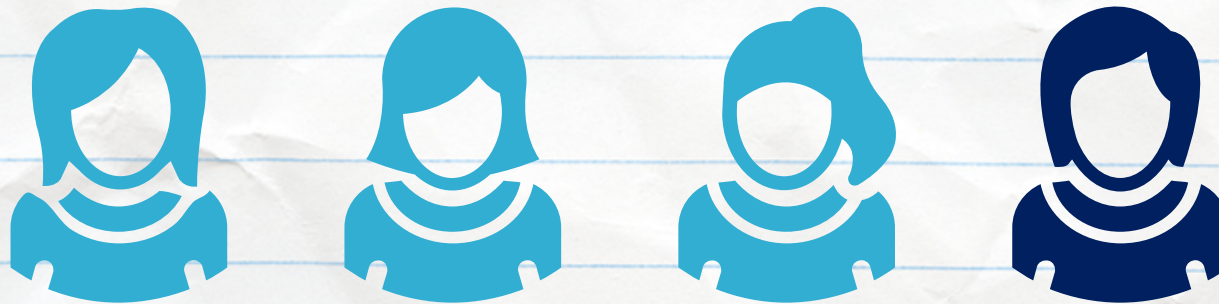
7.8%

WHITE (NON-HISPANIC)
GIRLS, GRADES 9-12

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. (2015). *High School Youth High Risk Behavior Survey*.

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In 2015, one in four female Hispanic or Latina high school students reported seriously considering suicide



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Latina teens currently have the highest rate of suicide attempts among all adolescent groups in the U.S.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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