

Suicide: A Leading Killer in America

Test Yourself – The following answers about the nature and prevalence of suicide in America may surprise you. Answer the following multiple-choice questions as best you can.

1. Suicide claims the lives of this number of people annually in the U.S.
a. 5,000 b. 10,000 c. 20,000 d. over 35,000
2. More people kill themselves than kill each other
a. True b. False
3. An average of one person kills him/her self every:
a. 16 minutes b. 20 minutes c. one-hour d. two hours
4. This is the estimated number of suicide attempts in the U.S. each year
a. 100,000 b. 200,000 c. 500,000 d. 750,000
5. It is estimated that this number of living Americans have made a **serious** suicide attempt
a. one million b. two million c. three million d. five million
6. Most suicidal people communicate their intent to kill themselves before they attempt to do so
a. True b. false
7. Each suicide ***intimately*** affects this number of people
a. Six b. five c. three d. two
8. The following is the of living survivors of a suicide victim
a. One million b. two million c. three million d. over 5 million
9. The number of surviving victims of a loved one's suicide grows this much each year
a. 50,000 b. 185,000 c. 100,000 d. 150,000
10. Suicide among young people since the 1950's has
a. Doubled b. triples c. quadruples d. stayed the same
11. The highest average number of teen suicides per day is during the summer months
a. True b. false

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