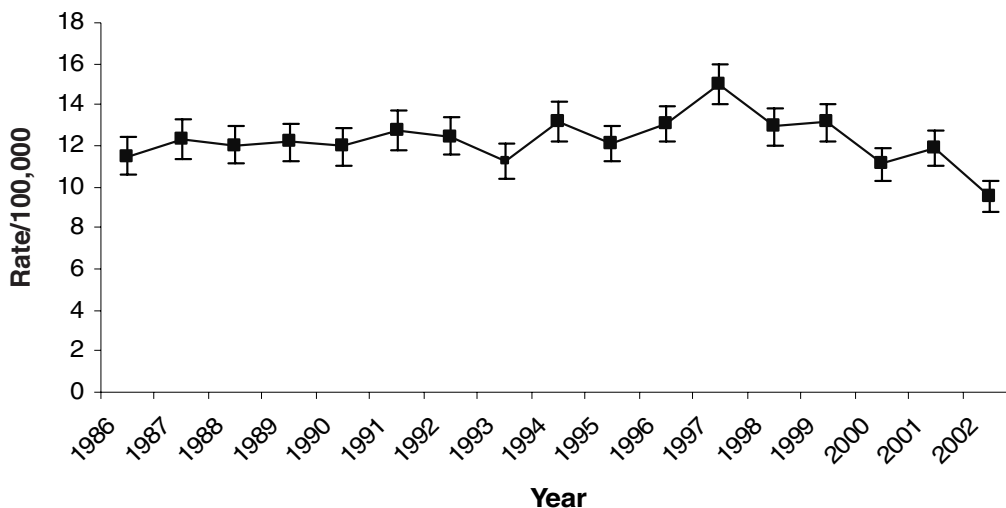


# TRENDS IN SUICIDE IN NEW SOUTH WALES

- Suicide was the leading cause of injury death in NSW from 1998 to 2002.
- Between 1998 and 2002, 3822 people died as a result of suicide in NSW.
- There was no statistically significant trend in suicide rates in NSW from 1986 to 2002.

## Yearly trend in death rates for suicide: NSW, 1986-2002



- People aged 30-39 years and 85+ years had the highest rates of death due to suicide in NSW from 1998 to 2002.
- Males accounted for 80% of all suicides in NSW from 1998 to 2002.
- From 1998 to 2002, *hanging, strangulation and suffocation* (44%) and *poisoning* (30%) were the most common methods of suicide in NSW.



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