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.


▶ 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.